
The Old Texas Rose

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Texas Rose Rustler's Spring Symposium, held in Bay City, TX on April 29, 2006

TRR's annual Spring Symposium will be held this year at the Matagorda County Birding Nature Center in Bay City on Saturday, April 29th. Our speakers will be Myra Mayo from Myra's Garden, a wonderful nursery in Bay City, and our own Ray Ponton who will speak about the new misting propagation system that so many of us are anxious to try this summer. The symposium will start at 10 with speakers and lotto alternating until around 12:30. Bring your own lunch and, if you wish, a dessert to share as we will picnic on the grounds (bring your own chairs). You will have time after lunch to explore the various gardens and trails. At 2:00, we will visit Myra's Garden, and the garden of one of our own members, Joy Hairston.

A block of rooms has been reserved April 28th and 29th for TRR under the name of Faith Bickley at the Bay City Holiday Inn Express (979) 323-9500 at the rate of \$75.60 + tax. Ask for Arlene and be sure to mention the name under which the rooms are reserved.

These will be held until April 21st so be sure to call if you are interested in one of these rooms. We will have supper Saturday night at K-2. Details on the restaurant will be announced at the meeting.

Sunday morning the Vintage Rosery in Needville has graciously agreed to open for us at 11:00. They have wonderful display gardens with old garden roses. Their compost tea concentrate is a healthful treat for roses and will be available for you to buy. Be sure to check out their website (vintagerosery.com) as they are having speakers throughout the month of April. They have a lifetime guarantee on their roses.

DIRECTIONS: The MCBNC is located west of Bay City on Highway 35 on the west banks of the Colorado River. If you are coming from Houston, take 59 to Wharton and follow the signs that lead you through Wharton to highway 60, which is a direct shot to Bay City. The Holiday Inn Express where we will have a block of rooms is on the right before you get to the center of town. At the center of town turn right on Highway 35, and the Nature

Center is a couple miles on the left (it will be at the first left turn lane after the Colorado River).

Please sign in at the kiosk as their attendance numbers help them receive grants to keep the place going. There will be no entrance fee, but you will need to identify yourself as part of the TRR group. Keep driving straight ahead from the kiosk, and you will eventually turn to the left at the park hosts' RVs and will see the pavilion where we will meet. You can park down in that area but try to leave a lane for cars to get through.

We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Our rosy neighbors in New Orleans need our help...

Dear Candy,

Hope all is well with you and yours in Texas. I have begun to think of rose gardening again along with other members who lost all their roses and thought of contacting you to see if any cuttings were struck for us. I'll be waiting for your response.

*Sincerely,
Peggy Martin*

Calling all Cuttings!

The New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society is back in business! I got a message from Peggy Martin, and many of their members are in dire need of our cuttings. Please gather any rooted roses you would like to share with our rosy neighbors, and then bring them to our April event.

Back in the fall newsletter, (pg.6) I sent out a request to get busy rooting. I would like to try to arrange a drop off sometime the second week of May. Hopefully, someone from their organization can meet me half way.

If you do not have any already potted up, break out those clippers folks. There is no time like the present!

Thanks,
Candy

Did you know that in 1987, we officially became the Texas Rose Rustlers? That means that the Rustlers will have their 20th anniversary next year!

We would like to plan something special to help celebrate our 20 years. If you have any ideas, please feel free to email or call one of the Board members.

Did you know that Rustler, Candy Fite, is speaking for the Houston Rose Society at their monthly meeting on May 11th? She plans on speaking about rose rustling and propagating roses.

Did you know that the Texas Rose Rustler website has a forum page? Visit www.texasroserustlers.org, and sign up to chat on our rose forum. Currently, there has been communication from as far away as England and the hills of Italy! Of course, there are all of us "regular" Rustlers too!

Check out this site Rustler, Don Gerard, ran across...

Historic Rose Garden in Sacramento's Historic City Cemetery.

The Cemetery is located at 1000 Broadway in Sacramento, California.

The Historic Rose Garden is dedicated to the preservation of California's heritage roses. It contains nearly 500 antique and old garden roses with particular emphasis on those roses found in abandoned sites, homesteads, cemeteries, and roadsides throughout northern California.

<http://www.cemeteryrose.org/index.html>

I emailed them to let them know how much I enjoyed their website and received a nice reply.

Candy - Many thanks for you supportive comments. As you undoubtedly saw, it's still a work in progress, and I am glad to know that it's being seen. I'd be delighted if you mentioned it to your members and, of course when you all come to California, we'll be here to welcome you and show you the garden.

Again, my thanks,
Judy

Fight Mosquitoes

This is a reprint from an email—author unknown. These have not been tested by Texas Rose Rustlers. Please feel free to test these methods and let us know your results.

It is about that time folks—here come the bugs! OK, mosquitoes, prepare to be repelled!

Use Bounce Fabric Softener Sheets, best thing ever used in Louisiana. Just wipe on and go. Great for babies. I have heard that soldiers in Iraq are using these for mosquitoes. Does anyone know for sure?

Bob, a fisherman, takes one vitamin B-1 tablet a day April through October. He said it works. He says he has not had a mosquito bite in 33 years. Every one he has talked into trying it says it works on them. Vitamin B-1 (Thiamine Hydrochloride 100 mg.) Be sure to ask your pharmacist or doctor before taking.

If you eat bananas, the mosquitoes like you – something about the banana oil as your body processes it. Stop eating bananas for the summer and the mosquitoes will be much less interested.

This is going to floor you, but one of the best insect repellents someone found (who is in the woods every day) is Vick's Vaporub. (Treat your sore gardening muscles and repel mosquitoes at the same time?)

Plant marigolds around the yard, the flowers give off an aroma that bugs dislike. Planted in the garden, marigolds help ward off bugs without using insecticides. Copper Canyon Daisy is also thought to repel mosquitoes from the garden. What a treat!

Tough guy Marines who spend a great deal of time "camping out" say that the very best mosquito repellent you can use is Avon Skin-So-Soft bath oil mixed about half and half with alcohol.

It is said that one of the best natural insect repellants discovered is made from the clear real vanilla. Use pure Vanilla that is sold in Mexico (and Fiesta Stores). It works great for mosquitoes and ticks. Smells better than Vick's, too.

Be sure to dump out standing water from vessels within 7 days, or soon you will be a mosquito "farmer." When all else fails—get a frog, or several.

Editors Note: Carolyn Feinstein this one is for you! Gramma Greene always ate a clove of raw garlic daily to keep the mosquitoes away. The scent of garlic poured out of her skin, and the annoying insects never bothered her!

Notes from the Editor...

Hello Rustlers! Happy spring to you and your families! There is something about spring that stirs up my creative energies. We planted a "fairy" garden this week. We are hoping that our Rhode Island Reds will leave the fairies alone so that they may dance upon our petunias! We also put in about 15 hours last week into our veggie garden. (*Now, you all know why the newsletter is a wee bit behind schedule—oops!*)

Our roses are blooming beautifully! We could use more rain though. I have a sneaking suspicion we are in store for another dry summer. I hope I am wrong. Spring has had a difficult time arriving. That darn Punxsutawney Phil just had to see his shadow. After springing our clocks forward April 1, there will be no denying it then. Of course, that does happen to be April Fool's Day!

Most of you probably know by now that I have returned to school. My goal is to receive my teacher certification. I only have about, oh...four more years—yikes! Beginning next week, I will be substituting for the Brenham ISD one day a week. Going back after 17 years, I have a completely new perspective on my studies. I take it more seriously these days. I am not sure if it is my internal clock (that persistently keeps ticking away), or my parents no longer footing the bill. Jokes aside, I love it!

Please read on page two about the New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society. Folks, they really could use our support after last year's losses.

I hope all of your gardens are bursting with blooms. Remember to take some quiet time to sit amongst the roses—let their botanical energy help you recoup, reflect, and rejoice.

~Candy

***The Texas Rose Rustler Officers had a board meeting in January. We took the opportunity to look over our Bylaws and Constitution. The last revision had taken place in 1990. We are printing the revisions in this issue of the newsletter. Please read over this document. If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call on of the Board members. We will vote on the revisions to the Constitution at the 2006 fall Cutting Exchange.

2006 Constitution and Bylaws of The Texas Rose Rustlers

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be
The Texas Rose Rustlers.

ARTICLE II

Mission

This organization is dedicated to the location, preservation, and propagation of found roses of the old garden rose classes and similar types. Additionally, The Texas Rose Rustlers will promote the use of old garden roses in the landscape, and provide educational and recreational opportunities for its members and the public.

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1. This organization is open to anyone interested in old garden roses originating prior to 1867 A.D., their types, and any rose classes having been developed since then that are compatible with the earlier types.

Section 2. Members are considered in good standing upon payment of dues and are dropped from the roster upon expiration of dues.

Section 3. Members will receive a newsletter each three months to keep them informed of new information and items of interest regarding old garden roses. The newsletter runs concurrent with the membership and members will be notified of their membership expiration date on their address label on their newsletter as well as an invoice in the final newsletter prior to expiration of membership. Members will have a three month grace period following

such notification of expiration of membership in which they may renew their membership.

ARTICLE IV

Club Events and Communications

Section 1. This organization shall hold an annual meeting in the fall, known as the Fall Cutting Exchange, at which cuttings of non-patent protected roses and companion plants appropriate for growing with old garden roses will be exchanged. A Spring Symposium shall be held in which knowledge may be exchanged through forums, panels, lectures, exhibits, or tours. An annual summer Rookie Rustler event shall be held to provide initial education in basic rose care and propagation. The Winter Season event shall consist of a business meeting for Executive Board members and steering committee members as may be designated by the Board, for the purpose of planning and coordination of future events and business of the Executive Board.

Additionally, the Board may choose to hold impromptu events as deemed appropriate by a quorum of the board. Every effort shall be made to communicate such opportunities to the membership, however, there is no rule to prevent such a gathering, in the event there is insufficient time for communication with all members. Members shall be encouraged to provide telephonic or electronic means of communications to the board for just such opportunities.

Section 2. Members are not required to attend an annual meeting to remain in good standing. This organization is bound together primarily by the newsletter and website, to which any member may submit materials for consideration for publication. Organizational business meetings may be conducted with the general membership as deemed appropriate by the board at any of the three major annual events.

ARTICLE V

Officers

Section 1. **OFFICERS**

The officers of this organization shall consist of a Chairman, a Program Chairman, an Editor of *The Old Texas Rose* newsletter, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Hospitality Chairman,

and a Technology Chairman. Each office will be valued for one vote during the business of the Board. In the event that a Chair is shared by more than one individual, those individuals may determine one vote per Chair for any matter set before the board.

Section 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. A Nominating Committee shall consist of a chairman appointed by the current Chairman of The Texas Rose Rustlers, and shall include two other members of the Rustlers chosen by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who are members in good standing and who are not currently serving as officers of the organization.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall furnish a list of candidates, recommended by the Committee who have indicated a willingness to serve, to the Chairman/Editor of the newsletter to be published in the newsletter prior to the Fall Cutting Exchange of The Texas Rose Rustlers.
- C. Nominations for office shall be permitted from the floor during the Fall meeting. Those members nominating candidates shall check with their candidates prior to nominating them and shall determine their willingness to serve.
- D. Officers will be elected at the Annual Fall meeting of even-numbered years, and shall serve for two full years beginning on the first day of January following the election.
- E. In the event an officer cannot, does not, or will not act or continue to carry out the duties of the office, the Executive Board shall appoint a member to fill his/her unexpired term of office.

ARTICLE VI

Duties of Officers

Section 1. Chairman

- A. Shall preside at all meetings and serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- B. Shall, along with the Treasurer, be responsible for the finances of the organization.
- C. Shall appoint all necessary committee chairmen and shall appoint all committee vice-chairmen to assist any Chairman when deemed necessary, or when requested to do so by the Committee Chairman.
- D. Shall, together with the Program Chairman, approve of all proposed programs. In the unlikely event that the Chairman and the Program Chairman cannot agree on any aspect of a program proposed for a Texas Rose Rustlers event, then the Editor shall have the decisive vote on the proposed program of aspect thereof.
- E. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Program Chairman

- A. Preside at all meetings in absence of the Chairman.
- B. Shall prepare and coordinate all Texas Rose Rustler Programs, subject to the approval of the Chairman.
- C. Shall have authority, subject to the joinder by the Chairman, to set dates for the spring and fall functions of The Texas Rose Rustlers. In the event the Program Chairman and the Chairman cannot agree on dates for The Texas Rose Rustlers functions, then the Editor shall have the decisive vote as provided in Article VI, Sect. 1, D.

- D. Shall provide timely information regarding all events of The Texas Rose Rustlers to the Editor and Technology Chairman, for publication in The Old Texas Rose newsletter, and on the web presence (www.texasroserustlers.org).
- E. Shall provide timely announcements of all events to appropriate advertising media to facilitate public participation in Texas Rose Rustler event.
- F. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

Section 3. Editor of *The Old Texas Rose*

- A. The Editor shall see that the newsletter, *The Old Texas Rose*, is published and mailed once each Quarter to each member of The Texas Rose Rustlers, and to the publishers of related information sources with whom this organization exchanges publications.
- B. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.
- C. Shall have the deciding vote in all stalemates between the Chairman and the Program Chairman.

Section 4. Secretary

- A. Shall write all correspondence of The Texas Rose Rustlers in cooperation with the Chairman.
- B. Shall record the minutes of all business meetings, as provided in Article IV, Section 1.
- C. Shall maintain all archived written correspondence, minutes of annual business meetings, and any organizational literature or records deemed appropriate by the Executive Board.
- D. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

Section 5. Treasurer

- A. Shall handle the funds of the organization in cooperation with the Chairman. Both the Treasurer

and the Chairman shall be able to sign checks on the bank account of The Texas Rose Rustlers; there being at least two approved signatures on the bank signature card at all times to provide that one of the two officers are available for signing checks and for conducting the banking needs of The Texas Rose Rustlers. The fiscal year for this organization shall be January 1 through December 31.

- B. Shall deposit all funds received by The Texas Rose Rustlers or *The Old Texas Rose* into the organization's bank account and shall pay all bills presented for payment after approval by the Chairman. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records in a clearly understandable fashion.
- C. Shall render any information required by the Internal Revenue Service relating to this organization.
- D. The Treasurer's books shall be reviewed annually by a Committee appointed by the Chairman.
- E. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

Section 6. Hospitality Chairman

- A. Shall greet all arriving members and guests at all events of The Texas Rose Rustlers. This greeting shall include a welcoming statement, request of participants to sign in on a registration form, and provision of nametags, and tickets for any drawings which may apply to each event.
- B. Shall arrange for set up of Welcome Station prior to expected arrival of event participants.
- C. Shall arrange for set up of a refreshments area prior to the expected arrival of event

participants, and provide for appropriate refreshments.

D. Shall provide receipts for all materials purchased for the Hospitality Chair function to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

E. May designate/recruit an assistant(s), or delegate these functions as necessary and appropriate to ensure the comfort and convenience of the arriving participants.

F. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

Section 7. Technology Chairman

A. The duties of the Technology Chairman shall include the creation, maintenance, modification, storage and backup of the web presence of The Texas Rose Rustlers, i.e., www.texasroserustlers.org web site and all electronic media belonging to The Texas Rose Rustlers. These duties shall be performed with the approval of the Executive Board.

B. Shall provide the Treasurer with all information pertaining to the financial responsibility of the hosting of the website.

C. Shall provide timely postings to the website of all dated or time sensitive materials for the benefit of The Texas Rose Rustlers members and site visitors.

D. Shall work closely with the Editor and all other Executive Board members to coordinate the inclusions and/or exclusions of materials submitted for publication on the web presence of The Texas Rose Rustlers.

E. Shall stand as the party responsible for all communications involving The Texas Rose Rustlers website forums. In the event of a misuse of the forums, the Technology Chairman will consult with all members of the Executive Board,

and will take action to remedy any misuses, according to the directive of the Executive Board.

F. Shall have one vote in all business of the Executive Board.

Section 8. The Executive Board

A. The Executive Board of The Texas Rose Rustlers shall consist of the Chairman, the Program Chairman, the Editor, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Hospitality Chairman, and the Technology Chairman.

B. The Executive Board shall have the authority to act when a quorum of 60% of the Executive Board officers shall be present, after notice of the Executive Board Meeting has been given to all Executive Board Members. Voting shall be by simple majority.

C. Shall appoint an officer to replace any officer who resigns, or who cannot or does not perform the acts charged to that office.

ARTICLE VII

Dues

Section 1. Dues of this organization shall be stated in the Standing Rules and shall be approved by the membership attending the annual business meeting for the ensuing year.

Section 2. Members shall send their dues to the Treasurer for deposit and recording in the financial ledger.

ARTICLE VIII

Dissolution

Section 1. This organization may be dissolved at any time with the written consent of no less than two-thirds of the members in good standing.

Section 2. After payment of all debts and liabilities of this organization, its properties, financial ledgers, records, and any old garden roses belonging to the organization, as well as any monies, shall become the property of an

organization, or organizations, approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members in good standing at that time.

ARTICLE IX

Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution and Bylaws may be changed by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting, provided the proposed changes have been published in *The Old Texas Rose*, the official publication of this organization, at least two months prior to the meeting at which the voting takes place.

Revised January, 2006

STANDING RULES of the TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS

These Rules shall be approved by the membership each year. They may be changed at any time by such change being presented to the membership in *The Old Texas Rose* newsletter, if done so at least two months prior to a vote at such meeting or a poll of the membership by mail. Such vote shall require a simple majority of votes to carry.

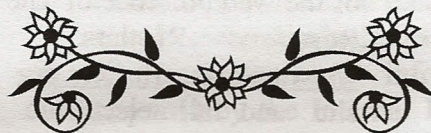
1. The annual dues of this organization, required of all members without exception, shall be \$10.00 for a 12 month period of membership.
2. An annual Treasurer's statement of financial status shall be presented at an annual business meeting of this organization.
3. Club membership in non-profit organizations embracing the same objects and interests of this organization shall be permitted. Such decision shall be that of the officers, who will report to the membership of any such decision.
4. Payment of expenses involving the official publication, *The Old Texas Rose*, and the official web presence (www.texasroserustlers.org) shall be the first use of dues money collected. Remaining funds may be used to defray any expenses of annual meetings and programs,

and services to benefit the general membership.

5. No officer or member shall receive financial profits from this organization for either goods or services rendered.

The Arbor Gate Tomball, TX

On March 11, the Rose Rustlers were invited to join their rose celebration. We set up a booth with a beautiful bloom display, compliments of Rustler Doana Fite, and Rustler, Virginia Sissom, lent us a wonderful board she had made for visual aid purposes. We had a lot of interest in the group and had a few new members join that day. Our appreciation goes out to The Arbor Gate for the invitation.



The Quotable Gardener...

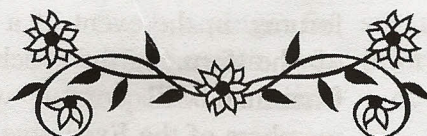
*I have found, through years of practice, that
people garden in order to make
something grow; to interact with nature; to
share, to find sanctuary, to heal,
to honor the earth, to leave a mark. Through
gardening, we feel whole
as we make our personal work of art upon our
land.*

- Julie Moir Messervy, *The Inward Garden*

*The lesson I have thoroughly learnt, and wish
to pass on
to others, is to know the enduring happiness
that*

the love of a garden gives.

- Gertrude Jekyll



Matagorda County Birding Nature Center

(Reprint from *The Old Texas Rose*
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Here again is the background information for the Matagorda County Birding Nature Center (MCBNC). I thought you might like to learn a little about this neat place before you visit.

The Bay City Nature Club started fulfilling a dream of a local nature center in the fall of 1996. It is amazing to read the time line of events as this has most definitely been a labor of love. The purchase of the land on the Colorado River occurred in 1997, and the application for and acceptance for numerous grants along with a lot of hard work culminated in the official opening in the fall of 2002. The remarkable mixture of gardens, wetlands, and physical structures provides such an enjoyable and educational area. Matagorda County is noted for its birding opportunities and the Nature Center is a magnet for many species of birds. All the plants in the gardens have been donated with the work in those gardens done by volunteers. In fact, MCBNC presently operates solely with volunteer help, including two host couples who live in RV's there at the Nature Center.

I became aware of the facility through my Master Gardener class, as Wharton County and Matagorda County were combined. Several of the participants were very active in the start of the Nature Center. The Nature Center opened while we were taking our class, and we even had a field trip to the site for our insect class. Three of us in the class started volunteering on Friday mornings to do what needed to be done in several of the gardens. We subsequently have taken over the rose garden. The deer about brought us to our knees last spring, but with the use of some deer repellent, the roses that survived are bouncing back.

I think you will enjoy exploring the MCBNC and all the different gardens (rose, butterfly, hummingbird, palm, cactus, shade and grass). The trails meander through huge trees and along several water features including the Colorado River.

Look for directions on page one and two of this issue. See you there! ~Faith Bickley



*If you are able to bring rooted roses for the New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society, please make sure to label them well.

If the rose is uncommon, please be sure to include:

- Name
- Size (height & width)
- Color
- Class (or if unknown—where the cutting / rose came from)
- Any other characteristic you feel is important to include.

Please attach the rose's indemnification to the rose securely.

Rose Rustler Interview

On March 29, Freelance writer, Hilda J. Brucker, will interview Rustler, Candy Fite. Hilda plans to write an article about antique roses. The article will appear in Audubon, the Magazine of the National Audubon Society

The National Audubon Society's mission is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife, and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity. You can find out more at their web link, <http://www.audubon.org>.

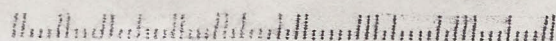
Thanks to Mike Shoup of the ARE for referring Ms. Brucker to the TRR. Look for further details about this article in a future newsletter.

TRR Mentioned in Article

Look in the Better Homes and Gardens County Gardens spring 2006 issue on pages 43-51. Thanks again Mike for your perpetual support of the TRR! We appreciate it!



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Is this your last issue???

***Please take a moment to look at your label. In the lower right-hand corner of your mailing label is the last issue you will receive with your current membership. Do not forget to renew your membership so you will continue to receive this informative and fun newsletter! Mail your \$10 to Don and Pat Gerard at 114 Buttercup Ln., Lake Jackson, TX 77566

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