

Winter Pruning Clinic

This winter's event will be a pruning clinic to be held at Serenity Pond, the bird sanctuary and private home of Texas Rose Rustler Mrs. Patricia McCain on February 12, 2005. Sign in will begin at 9:30am. If you have never been to Serenity Pond, I hope you will join us at this lovely venue for a day of fun and hands-on learning. Veteran rose rustlers will be present to teach proper pruning techniques in a small group setting. The materials pruned will be donated by Mrs. McCain for cutting propagation.

Please bring your pruning secateurs and any materials you prefer for transporting any cuttings you select. Plan to bring a picnic lunch and nonalcoholic beverages of your choice and stay to enjoy a peaceful afternoon visiting with our hostess and the group. See you there! See inside for map (pg. 6) & directions (pg. 8).

~Allison Strong

Fall Cutting Exchange

On October 9, 2004, the Texas Rose Rustlers gathered in Victoria, TX for our annual Cutting Exchange. Please join me, in thanking a city who welcomed us with open arms.

Beautiful floral arrangements, compliments of Earthworks Nursery, adorned our rooms at the Comfort Inn. Mark and Laurie Garretson of Earthworks were gracious to host our Cutting Exchange at their lovely nursery. Laurie was also kind enough to give us a wonderful cooking with roses demonstration, and she tempted our taste buds with "rosey" treats.

Thank you to the Rosebud Fountain and Grill for accommodating our huge bunch for lunch! After lunch, we toured gardens until we dropped! We visited the historical Victoria Rose Garden, a private home garden and the airport garden. All of which, were extremely beautiful!

Saturday evening Fossati's Restaurant, who is usually closed on Saturday nights,

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opened just for the Rose Rustlers. We wined (okay, so it was iced tea & sodas!) & dined and chatted rosily into the evening.

Sunday morning arrived and we Rustlers were off again! Our first stop was Fossati's Nursery, talk about a tropical paradise! They served us donuts and coffee in their charming store, decked with whimsical garden accessories. Everyone who worked for Mr. Fossati was very helpful, friendly and knowledgeable.

Before we ended our adventure, we made one last stop at the Northside Ranch, Pet & Garden Center. They gave us a brief intro into rose culture before we shopped. Northside was also a pet store. I got to hold the tiniest Tea Cup Chihuahua I have ever seen in my life. He was the color of light creamed coffee. It was love at first sight! I even named him "Pinto." I would have bought him, if it hadn't of been for my four 1,000 lbs. equine companions back home. Unfortunately, our love affair would have ended tragically I'm afraid. So they pried him from my fingers and I said a tearful goodbye to my tiny Pinto.

Now where was I...oh yes, our rose adventure! There at Northside, the Rose Rustlers parted ways. Our adventure had come to an end. We had loaded the bed of the truck with roses, plants and gardening goodies. We stuffed plants into places I never imagined inside the cab! Under seats, inside the cup holders, glove compartment and poor Carolyn Feinstein! She rode the two hour trip back to Houston, competing for her seat, and a couple of one gallon pots in her lap.

Last but not least, thank you Doana Fite, our Program Chairman, who did a tremendous job planning this event.

***I recently received a postcard from Mrs. Peggy Martin from the New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society. On the postcard she mentioned that she had ordered roses from Roses Unlimited. The "most beautiful, healthy, established roses" she's received. She also notes that they were well packed. Thank you Peggy for this useful information!

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TRR Upcoming EventsMark your calendars!

February 12, 2005: Winter Pruning Clinic-Serenity Pond, hosted by Patricia McCain, Bryan, TX.

April 16-17, 2005: Spring Symposium-Naconiche Gardens, Nach, TX.

July 9, 2005: Summer Rookie Meeting-Mercer Arboretum, Houston, TX.

October 22, 2005: Fall Cutting Exchange-Slowin' Down Ranch, hosted by Candy and Jesse Fite, Brenham, TX.

Antique Rose Emporium, Independence Rose Gardening Design Seminar Saturday, January 29, 2005

10:00am to 2:00 pm includes lunch & garden tour. Join Mike Shoup as he takes you through the steps necessary to create your own garden with antique roses, similar to those you see in the display gardens of the Antique Rose Emporium. Cost of seminar is \$35.00. Each registrant will receive a free rose and a box lunch. Call for reservations and payment (979) 836-5548 or mail to 9300 Lueckemeyer Rd. Brenham, Texas 77833. www.weAREroses.com

Antique Rose Emporium, San Antonio February 12, 2005

Rose Pruning Seminar and Demonstration 1:00 pm *Free For more information (210) 651-4565 7561 A East Evans Rd.

Antique Rose Emporium, Independence February 13, 2005 Rose Pruning Seminar and Demonstration 1:00 pm *Free For more information (979) 836-5548 10,000 Hwy. 50

"Florida Rose Recovery" - New Friends and Common Dreams

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to any of the Rustlers who may not know me, through this, my first article submitted to The Old Texas Rose. My name is

Allison Strong, and I have been enjoying membership in the Texas Rose Rustlers for about four years so far, albeit as a quiet observer for the first three years. During the past year, I have been more actively pursuing my interest in old roses, gardening in general, and making time to come to as many of the TRR events as possible. I have met some of the nicest, most knowledgeable gardening friends anywhere, through this organization. This is a journey of enlightenment for me, and I want to let everyone know how much I appreciate the information, wisdom, gardening lore, and humor that everyone shares within this group! If you are new to the TRR, I want to encourage you to get involved! Don't be shy, come join in our fun!

I have found a wonderful internet resource for gardeners all over the world. Perhaps you have heard of GardenWeb? There is a vast sea of knowledge and experience to be tapped on this website, and they have forums specific to antique rose gardening, mystery rose identification, lovely landscaping ideas, soil and vermiculture, organic gardening, butterfly gardening, and so many others I cannot remember. (Oh, yes, and even one specific for Gardening in Texas!)

Through the months of reading the posts on the various forum threads, I have come to feel that I know many of the "regulars" who post frequently. I have one new friend in the greater Houston area that I met, via GardenWeb, at a local nursery one day in June for a wonderful day of shopping and garden chat. I also went to a plant swap party in the DFW area recently, and met about twenty more GardenWebbers, and was able to share rose

cuttings, and bring home some special cuttings for myself as well, the best part though, is the camaraderie of making new friends who share a love of being out in the garden all day.

When you make new friends, even if they are so far away, around the globe in some instances, that they will remain "virtual" friends, there is bound to be some sorrow along with the joys of friendship. The hurricane season of 2004 has caused much devastation in the Caribbean and here in the U.S. The people of GardenWeb have really been burning up the cyber highway with concerned posts and emails flying about, checking on the status of our friends in those high risk areas. So far, no losses other than those material ones that can be repaired, rebuilt, or replaced. We breathe a collective sigh of thankful relief to hear from our fellow GW'ers once their power and phone lines are back in service.

Florida has been particularly hard hit, by the four hurricanes that have pounded her coasts in recent weeks. Because so many people cannot get flood or hurricane insurance in that state, many folks are finding themselves financially strapped from the out of pocket repair expenses. Even if one is fortunate enough to have insurance that covers a dwelling, landscape losses are almost never covered, so budgets are tight, and hearts are heavy as they look around their storm-torn gardens.

I received a request via GardenWeb from Amanda Church of Homosassa, Florida, She requested cuttings of roses to replace many of hers that were killed by fallen oak trees and flooding in her yard. This experienced gardener really knows how to economize by growing her antique roses from cuttings. She was willing to sponsor as many cuttings as we could send. She would pot them, get them through the critical first few weeks, and then share them with other bereft gardeners at the October meeting of the Central Florida Heritage Rose Society. (The speaker for their October meeting will be Dr. Malcolm Manners, esteemed professor, author, and rosarian. How I would love to wiggle my nose, land in their conference hall on that evening and get to listen

to his presentation!) Ms. Church's request seemed a perfect opportunity to share the bounty of our Texas gardens with our friends in Florida. I obtained her mailing address, put out the word through the Texas Rose Rustlers... then stood back!

The generosity of gardeners universal, but we do it WELL here in Texas! Three days later, I had cuttings running out of my ears, and I had to buy a shipping box to mail them in. The smaller box I had planned was just not big enough! I had investigated the best way to ship roses was by second day mail, USPS. I planned to mail the package on a Monday, so it would not wind up sitting in some hot holding center over a weekend before arriving to its destination. The donors all provided their cuttings in gallon sized zipped plastic baggies. The cuttings were wrapped in dampened paper towels and sprayed lightly fungicide/ with Consan, a miticide/ bactericide, to prevent the fresh cuttings from spoiling in transit. The individual baggies were labeled with the cultivar name. In some instances, the donors put their own names/ addresses for follow-up communications if questions or comments arose in Florida.

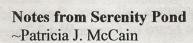
Here is a sampling of the varieties we were able to send to Florida: San Felipe Noisette, Mutabilis, Spice, Jean Bach Sisley, Zephirine Drouhin, Madame Antoine Mari, Caldwell Pink, Annie's Red, Souvenir de la Malmaison, Cecile Brunner, Duchesse de Brabant, Safrano, Smith's Parish, Sombreuil (aka Colonial White), Cramoisi Superieur, Lamarque, Cl. Old Blush, Marie Pavie, Carefree Beauty, and The Green Rose. Another box will also be shipped later in the fall, with more varieties.

I have received several emails from Amanda Church already, letting me know that the cuttings arrived safely. She has them potted and is watching over them daily with joy and excitement! She has expressed to me that she is so very appreciative of the kindness of the Texas Rose Rustlers for these gifts, but she did not stop there. She has an elderly neighbor lady who was hit particularly hard by the storms, and she went to check on her the day

after 'Ivan the Terrible' passed through for the second time. By that time, she had already received the cuttings from us, and the little pots weathered the rest of the storms inside with Amanda and her cat, who thought a rose cutting might be as good as catnip. (Another story!) This elderly lady has lost a barn, her goats, her chickens, and all her plants that she sells from her yard for supplemental income as a consequence of the storms. Amanda took a few potted cuttings to her neighbor, and told her about the Texas Rose Rustler's gifts to help with the Florida Rose Recovery. Her neighbor became tearful. somewhat and gratefully said she will use her cuttings to start a new garden. She asked Amanda to tell us that we have a new friend in Florida!

I want to thank all the Rustlers who participated in this impromptu project with me! This is but one example of the good that we can do through our organization that makes being a Texas Rose Rustler worthwhile! Look for future articles in The Old Texas Rose, chronicling additional service projects.

~Allison Strong





Is it a Rose?

Some years back I was given a small plant of a thorn less rose that I was told to be a noninvasive multiflora rose. A graduate student gave the tiny plant to me, from Texas A&M University. It had been rooted as a result of some kind of horticulture project at the University. After I planted it, the growth was rapid. Knowing it was a multiflora, I planted it where it could get as large as it wanted and hopefully it would grow into a hedge. At that time I had no name for the rose. By taking more cuttings and starting more plants, I have been able to create a large hedge.

A few years later, I was given some cuttings of a rose found at the Boyd Ranch in

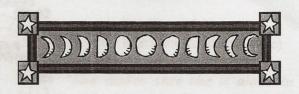
Falls County. That was about 12 years ago when Norman Beal from Bryan, TX, a Land Appraiser for the State of Texas, found the rose growing in front of the old homestead. The state was planning to take over the ranch to build a prison. I found the cuttings to be easy to root. They grew and grew, bloomed just like the multiflora rose given to me by the Grad student. It too had small, white single blooms in clusters. In the fall, very large rose hips developed; this rose was also thorn less. It did not take long to identify this rose, as the same multiflora rose, I that had been given a few years earlier.

My good friend, Bobbie McKenna of Houston, a devoted Texas Rose Rustler, gave me another rose just like the two above. She called it the "Blackberry Rose." The blooms in the spring look just like the blooms on a Blackberry bush. The controversy began. Others stated that it was not even a rose. Bobbie, bless her heart, would reply, "If it looks like a rose, grows like a rose, gets rose hips like a rose, it is a rose." That was always her only reply, over and over, no matter who challenged her. I supported her, as I was convinced it to truly be a rose, in fact, I had also been giving the same response. Bobbie was known to only like the repeat bloomers, but what a lot of people didn't realize, was that she had a love for the spring bloomers as well. I know that first hand, as I have roses that came from cuttings from her spring blooming roses. I also, well remember some of her favorite spring bloomers, and one of them is the Blackberry Rose. She had a real fascination for the rose and was quick in defense.

Since then, often and recent, I have had controversy concerning this rose. I have been told that it definitely is NOT a rose. I still argued that it had to be a rose. I was also positive it had to be a species rose and probably had been used as rootstock for hybrid roses. I'm sure that is why it was snuggled up against an old homestead. It was struggling to survive in the shade of huge trees that had grown in front of the house. Nothing would change my mind, I was still convinced it to be a species.

Recently, I have done some research on several roses. At that time, I found Blackberry Rose listed, as R. rubus, and it is listed as a species rose, blooms single, white and is thorn less. I am relieved and happy to have this resolved.

Have a rosy day!



Planting by the Moon

(Source: The Old Farmer's Almanac)

Best days to...

Strike (try to root) cuttings:

January: 5-6, 28-29

February: 1-2, 28

March: 1-2, 28-29

April: 5-6, 25

Plant/transplant roses:

January: 13-14, 22-23

February: 10-11

March: 18-19

April: 14-16

Prune roses to encourage growth:

January: 15-16

February: 12-13

March: 11-12

April: 17-18

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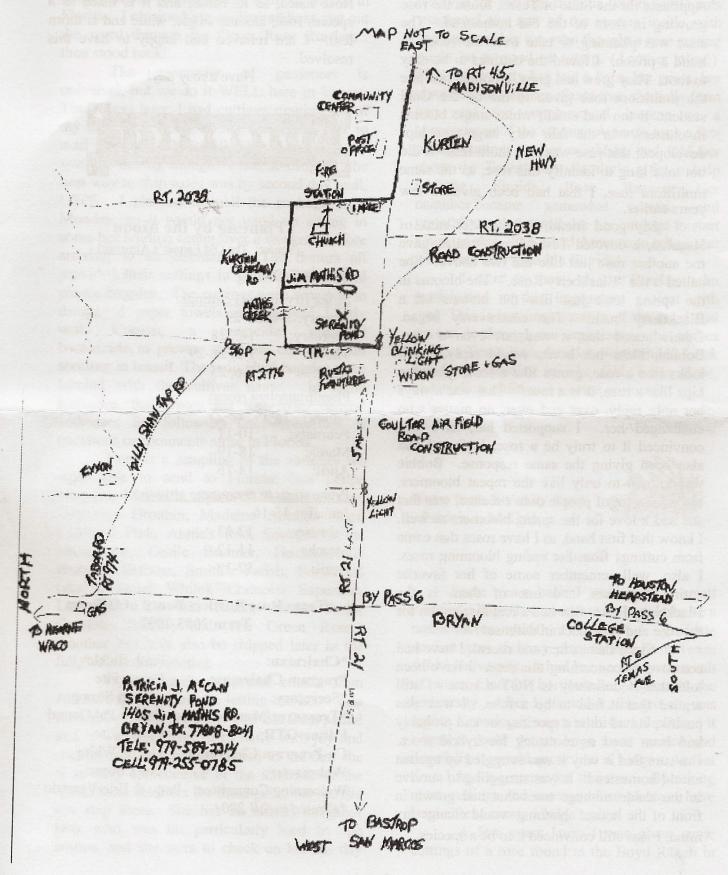
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Ophelia's Use of the Language of Flowers

by Stuart and Audrey McMurray

In Shakespearean times there were situations in which it was not socially acceptable for two lovers to directly communicate, and there were also situations in which verbal or written communication was simply impossible. In those cases, lovers resorted to communicating via the "Language of Flowers." A gentleman would send his lady a bouquet, or perhaps a single rose, and by "decoding" the gift, there would be little doubt in her mind as to what he was trying to say.

Shakespeare was no stranger to the language of flowers. In Hamlet, for example, one finds many examples of flowers being used to clandestinely communicate, even conveying sarcasm and irony. The leading lady, Ophelia, first gives her brother, Laertes, rosemary for remembrance, reminding him that Hamlet killing Polonius was accidental, then pansies, which say, "you're in my thoughts" as he is preparing to leave.

She then turns to Claudius, Hamlet's uncle, and first gives him fennel, which normally conveys "worthy of all praise" but in this case is sarcastic, as evinced by the next floral gift: columbines, a "bad luck gift to a man", symbolizing faithlessness, foolishness and adultery. She here is being sarcastic, saying that he is a fool for getting them into this mess. The columbines which follow, serve not only to underline the fennel, but also to express her dislike and hope that the king, the intended target of Hamlet's sword, might receive his just desserts, perhaps in the form of poisoned ice cream (it's just dessert, really).

Later on, after most of the principle players are dead, Ophelia bestows upon the queen and herself rue, signifying sorrow, for the queen's loss of her son and her loss of her love, in both cases: Hamlet. The queen's rue however, has another level of meaning. It can mean repentance of her liaison with Claudius if worn with a "difference." She also almost presents a single daisy to the queen, symbolizing innocence of murder, but puts it

back — a rather bold slap in the face to the queen. And finally, when Ophelia said that she would have preferred to give the queen violets, the flowers of faithfulness and integrity, but that they had withered when her father died, the Elizabethan audience certainly understood the metaphor, accusing the Queen of a lack of both.

My Secret Life by Candy Fite (aka Roadside Rose)

"She makes sure she is alone in the house, as she turns on the monitor. Signing in with the alias, "Roadside Rose" she searches through the many threads of the forum. She finds one of interest and reads the postings. Finding her courage, she types in a reply and hits 'submit.' She is forever hooked."

I have never been one for Internet chat rooms or gossipy forums. I've even went as far as ridiculing those who participate on them. My point being; instead of "chatting" about your hobby, get out there and do it!

That was before I stumbled upon the Antique Rose Forum on Garden Web. Uncontrollably, I was gripped from the get go. At first, I would just visit the forum and read the various posted threads. There are folks from all different "walks of life" who participate, and I enjoyed hearing the experiences of gardeners from around the globe. You've got your "first-timers", your nurserymen & nurserywomen, gardening book authors / column writers, "know-it-alls", lazy gardeners, part-time / full-time gardeners and then there are those who have nothing better to do, than tap away on the computer all day.

As I was reading through some of the posts, I decided to post a response. I quickly signed up and choose my secret name. I loved the fact that you can respond and post without anyone really knowing your true identity. Of course, I was quickly identified by a fellow Rustler and my cover was blown! I've since discovered, many Rustlers who visit the Antique Rose Forum, some more often than others.

The real secret life comes into play with my husband. I've been Garden Webbing for almost two months now and he hasn't a clue. Well, at least I don't think he does! He thinks I spend entirely too much time on the computer. He says if I spent as much time in the yard, as I do on the computer, I'd have the loveliest roses in all Washington County!

Garden Webbing has become a "secret" part of my daily life. I post early in the mornings or late at night, *always* when no one else is around. I'd rather avoid the sarcastic button-pushing that would accompany my husband's discovery.

I have learned a thing or two participating on this particular chat forum. Most "chatters" are eager to answer your questions, offer friendly advice and are very knowledgeable. But a word to the wise; be careful "how" you respond to others.



(Especially, if you're an outspoken soul, such as myself.) I have found, many of them are extremely opinionated, and they won't hesitate to tell you what they think. On a more positive note, there are many

gardeners out there, who share with me, a passion for antique roses. There are some fantastic gardeners out there on the world-wide web. I had the pleasure of meeting some of these nice folks at the ARE's Fall Festival of Roses in November.

Alright, so I'm not an International spy! But I can still have a secret life, even though, it is only chatting about antique roses. This is Roadside Road, over and out...

DIRECTIONS TO SERENITY POND 979-589-2314 or 979-255-0785

If coming from SOUTH to North, Hempstead, get on Hwy 6 to College Station, Stay on 6 to Bryan, At Intersection of RT 21, go east, toward Madisonville for about 5 miles. The road is still under construction. You will pass a blinking yellow light; pass Coulter Air Field, 2 bridges, then another blinking yellow light. You will see Wixon store and gas on the

right, a Rustic Furniture Store on the left. Turn Left, onto RT 2776, go 1mile. Turn Right onto Kurten Cemetery Road, go 1.5 miles. Will go over Mathis Creek wooden bridge, after the bridge turn Right onto Jim Mathis Road, for 1/2Mile, I am at the DEAD END 1405 Jim Mathis Rd. (The numbers are mixed up).

If coming from RT 45, Madisonville, from the EAST, RT, 21 to Kurten. As approach Kurten, DO NOT go on the new Hwy, stay on old Road. See Community Center on the Right, then the Post Office. Just past the Post Office, turn right onto Rt. 2038, go 1mile, turn Left onto Kurten Cemetery Road. Go a couple of miles, the first road to the left (before the Mathis Creek Bridge, wooden) turn Left onto Jim Mathis Rd. which is 1/2 mile, I am at the DEAD End. 1405 Jim Mathis Rd. (The numbers are mixed up).

If coming from the NORTH, Waco to Hearne, Stay on Hwy 6 to Bryan, stay on By Pass 6 to Second exit after Bryan Business Road. Second Exit is RT 974, Tabor Road, at gas station and stop sign turn Left, go under the Hwy, onto RT 974, Tabor Road. short distance, Pass Exxon on the Left, then as road curves to the left, see Dilly Shaw Tap Road to the Right. Turn Right onto Dilly Shaw Tap Road. Go several miles to STOP sign, turn Right, that is RT 2776. Go about 1 mile, then turn Left onto Kurten Cemetery Road. Go 1.5miles, cross wooden bridge for Mathis Creek and on the other side, turn Right onto Jim Mathis Road. This road is 1/2 mile long and I am at the DEAD END. 1405 Jim Mathis Rd. (The numbers are mixed up)

If coming from the WEST, San Marcos, Bastrop, stay on RT 21 going east to Bryan. Stay on RT 21 through Bryan, cross Texas Ave, Cross By Pass 6. After By Pass 6 go about 5 miles. Road construction, pass Coulter Air Field, cross 2 bridges and at yellow blinking light turn left onto RT 2776. You will see at the light on the right Wixon store and gas, on the left Rustic Furniture. Go 1 mile on Rt. 2776, turn Right onto Kurten Cemetery Rd. Go 1.5miles, cross wooden bridge for Mathis Creek and on other side turn Right onto Jim Mathis Road. Go 1/2Mile I am at the dead END. 1405 Jim Mathis Rd.

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