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**Our Next Event**  
Fall Cutting Exchange  
October 5<sup>th</sup> 2:00 p.m.



## Rustlers Say THANKS!

This year we will have our annual cutting exchange at Kings Nursery in Tenaha, TX. We are meeting later in the day for those of you who have a long distance to drive. If you've never been to Kings before, it is definitely worth the drive! Kings has a great selection of Texas hardy plants & roses at a great \$\$\$.

If you plan on staying the night, Nacogdoches is only about 40 minutes away and there are plenty of hotels there. Stephen F. Austin University is also holding a plant sale, which starts at nine sharp. Don't be late, because you'd hate to miss out on all the goodies!

Kings Nursery is located on Hwy 84 about a quarter mile east of the Hwy 59 & Hwy 84 split. Tenaha is about this big, so it will be hard to miss! We always have lots of fun, great rose swapping, meet "rosy" people and have a good ole' time! See ya'll there!

I wanted to take this time and space to express our gratitude to a few people, on the behalf of the Rustlers.

First, a huge thanks goes out to Mike Shoup and the Antique Rose Emporium for allowing us to hold our Symposium out there in April. He always has that knack for making the Rustlers feel right at home!

Second, thank you to Glen Schroeter for taking the time to speak for us. We certainly enjoyed his presentation on propagation. Thanks also to our very own, Ray Ponton, for talking about his own hybridizing.

Third, we would like to once again, thank Mercer Arboretum for their hospitality. For years, they have graciously let us meet there for our meetings. And last, but not least, thanks to Greg Grant! He delivers a wealth of information, mixed with both humor and life experience. I just have one question, for Greg, when is he going to write a book?



## Did You Know???

The Houston Bulb Mart & Plant Sale is coming up. It will be held on October 3rd, 4th, & 5th, at Westminster United Methodist Church at Bering & San Felipe. There are two shifts on Thursday and Friday. The morning shift is 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and the afternoon shift is 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. On Saturday there is only one shift from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. They are looking for volunteers to sell roses. The plants this year will be from the Antique Rose Emporium. I hear it is loads of fun! Yes, this is the same weekend as our cutting exchange, but if you are staying in town and want to help out, please call Conrad Tips at 713-868-5606.



## Rose Request

I'm taking the opportunity to send you this e-mail to see if you or anyone in your group might know where Dr. Bill Welch could obtain cuttings of Rosa anemoneflora. It doesn't seem to be in any US catalog. At one time there was a stock plant at the Antique Rose Emporium that Pam ordered from England, and it was sold for a while. This plant is evidently dead. I hope you will put our your feelers for us. Anything you could find out would be appreciated.

Thanks,  
Cynthia W. Mueller

\*In an email from Pat McCain, she found Rosa anemoneflora in Vintage Roses. Thanks for your research Pat!

Class: Species	Color: white pink
Fragrance: Moderate Fragrance	Rebloom: Fair Rebloom
Date introduced: 1844 Introducer: Fortune	
Description: An odd but endearing rose whose tiny, densely double blooms unfurl for weeks, an endless layering of ribbon-like, white petals. Wirey, clambering growth with little thorns and small foliage, which after you have observed awhile begins to resemble the Banksias more than any other rose you know. Sweet, violet scent.	

## Update On Margaret's Memorial Garden

For those of you who have been wondering about the status of the Margaret Sharpe Memorial Garden, here is an update. It was one of four gardens that were approved by the committee overseeing the beautification of the University of Houston. Mike and Mary Herr worked with U.H. to break their landscape plan into phases. But before funds could be secured and work begun, Tropical Storm Allison damaged so much of the campus that any project that would take funds away from repairs was put on hold. Now that beautification is moving forward once again, just how that will proceed is being discussed. Other beautification plans are already beginning and we are waiting our turn "in line". Please continue to nurture whatever roses you have started for Margaret's Garden, and start roses if you haven't already. No rose will be a waste of time, even if it is not used directly in the garden. There are plenty of ways they will benefit the project overall. More on that later, though.

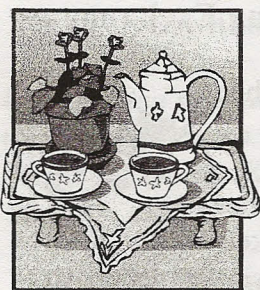


## Nights In Nacogdoches

Sounds like a Broadway play! Well friends, it looks like Shannon has done it again. We are in for a treat in October and if you want to make a weekend of it in Nacogdoches, you can join us at the Comfort Inn on South Street. We have reserved rooms under the Texas Rose Rustler name for \$50/night for two adults/two double beds or \$55/night for 3-4 adults/two double beds. If you don't mind having a roomie, that's \$25/night for your own bed or as little as \$13.75/night for a shared bed...cheap! Some of us will be staying both Friday and Saturday nights, others will be staying just Saturday night.

Audrey McMurray has agreed to be the contact concerning the hotel rooms so if you would like to be included in her emails, drop her a line by snail mail, email her at [jamac80@yahoo.com](mailto:jamac80@yahoo.com) or call her at 713-729-5307.



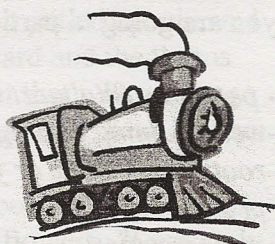


## Coffee With Auntie Lotte

The heck with coffee, it's too hot to drink! The roses sure look great after all the rain we've had. The kids have started back to school and always tell of their summer vacations. So I am going to share with you my summer adventures. I traveled to Europe this summer. I was given a list of gardens in Europe by Clyde, a Master Gardener from Harris County Extension Service, where I received my classes. My first stop was London where I missed out on seeing the queen. I took a 4-hour train ride to the Royal Botanic Garden in Kew. The Rhodendrums were spectacular! They ranged in color from orange, yellow, pinks and reds. Due to a very cold winter, there were no roses blooming. Next, I traveled to Holland to see the tulips, but I was too late. But I did find a nursery with acres of plants. It had a pond with a wonderful bridge across it. There was a small coffee house, so of course, I enjoyed a cup! There were beautiful hanging baskets, different varieties of cactuses and many roses in containers. There were Hybrids, antiques, most of the names I had never heard of before.

Back on the train we headed for Sangerhausen, Germany and the largest rose garden in the world. They had over 650 varieties of roses and were in the process of adding more! They were preparing for their 100<sup>th</sup> year Jubilee celebration for next year. I met a nice woman on the train, who was also a rose lover and quickly had her converted into a rustler! We arrived in the tiny village of Sangerhausen and were overwhelmed with the number of roses. There were hundreds of Hybrids and antiques but most were unfamiliar to me. Then I happened upon some Old Blush, just blooming up a storm! A few others were Blairii, Empress Josephine, Rosa Mundi and Schloss Seusslitz. There were many pillars with gorgeous roses trailing up.

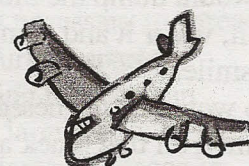
Suddenly, the rose rustler in me took over! They don't welcome people of our sorts in places like



that! So I enlisted the help of my newfound friend. She held her skirt up, while I did a little pruning for them!

Wanting to share the rose cuttings with the Rustlers back home, I packaged them up in a box and took them over to the post office. The Postmaster asked what the contents of the box were. Because of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, their security is high. I couldn't lie to him, so I told him they were rose cuttings. He then informed me that I could be fined \$200, if I was caught. So I decided not to take the chance.

The rose that impressed me the most was called the "Red Thorn Rose". It had double pink roses and red thorns all over the stems. I just had to bring back some cuttings of that one! That rose was so special; I thought I would keep it close to my heart. (So I tucked the cuttings in my bra!) Thank goodness they didn't pat me down at the airport! Unfortunately, after the thorny 12 hour flight, the cuttings didn't survive. Oh well, there is always next time!



Let me hear from ya'll!

My email address is [auntielotte93@yahoo.com](mailto:auntielotte93@yahoo.com)

(Note from the editor: I don't know about all of ya'll, but I would give anything to have seen Auntie Lotte taking those cuttings back in the rose garden of Sangerhausen, Germany!)

## Rosey Facts



### Tea Roses *R. chinesis* x *R. gigantea*

They have a very distinctive fragrance that reminds many of tea leaves. They usually form into lush, full bushes with large full blooms. They do well in warm climates and are disease resistant. They bloom almost all year long and in abundance during the spring and fall. They make terrific specimen roses. Here are some examples:

Duchesse de Brabant	pink	4-6 ft.
Francis Dubreuil	red	4-6 ft.
Mrs. B.R. Cant	pink	5-8 ft.
Safrano	apricot	4-6 ft.
Madame Berkeley	salmon/apricot	4-6 ft.
Sombreuil (climber)	creamy white	8-12 ft.



## Back When Compost Wasn't Cool

My Grandma always kept a bucket in the kitchen for peelings, coffee grounds & egg shells. As a child, it seemed a bit strange, looked kind of gross and from the bucket came yucky smells.

If I close my eyes today, I can still see the bucket with a handle and smell the sweet rotting scent of its contents.



I was embarrassed when my friends came to visit, they would turn up their noses and whisper, "What is it???"

We would dump the muck into a pile. We would turn it, water it and then Grandma would sit back and smile.

Who would have guessed, that by the end of the summer, all that muck and spoil, Would magically turn into the most beautiful soil!

Now that I am older, everyone is composting, it's the "in" thing to do.

In the gardening world, even bagging up your lawn clippings can be a crime too!

Grandma always said, "Waste not, want not." I thought to myself, "How old school!" But now, I can say I knew the best composter, Back when composting wasn't cool.

Candy Fite

MOMMA LADYBUG TEACHING HER  
BABIES ABOUT APHIDS

BABIES: "WHAT DO THEY TASTE LIKE?"

MOMMA: "THEY TASTE LIKE CHICKEN!"



## What To Bring To A Cutting Exchange

Our annual cutting exchange is when we get together, bring lots of rose clippings and gather for some rosy fellowship. We set up tables and line them with labeled baggies or buckets of various rose cuttings. Meanwhile, enthusiastic rustlers sit on their hands, waiting until the count of 3! We bring to share, so only take 2-3 cuttings of each variety. That way there is enough to go around. Remember, there are always leftovers!



Here are a few items that you should bring to our cutting exchange. If you are new and don't have cuttings to bring, no need to worry, we've all been there!

- rose clippings
- baggies (1 gallon freezer Ziplocs work best)
- Sharpie to label baggies
- water

We will also be giving rooting demonstrations after the exchange. There will be tables set up for the demonstrations. Here is a list of supplies to bring if you are going to participate.

- peat pots (Walmart usually carries them)
- well draining potting soil or sand
- rooting hormone or your choice
- pruners
- more baggies
- exacto knife

I believe there will be at least 2-3 different people giving demonstrations. If you have any other questions, you can call one of the officers, our numbers are on the back page.

*Loveliest of lovely things are they,  
On earth, that soonest pass away.  
The rose that lives its little hour  
Is prized beyond the sculptured flower.*

Wm Cullen Bryant



## Unusual Gardening

*We have had several people write in about unusual tricks in the garden. I use the word "unusual" because, well, read for yourself!*

### My Dogs and My Roses By B. May Johnson

Recently I was working on an English type garden when someone said, "You don't need it...you already have an American jungle!" I thought, it just goes to show you; you can have dogs and flowers!



A few weeks ago working in Real Estate, afforded me the opportunity of showing a lady how to repair her yard for the sell of her home while keeping the dogs there, after rescued dogs had ravaged it over a period of years. She was amazed at this simple solution. Don't forget to leave a place that belongs to the pet. Decide what part of your yard belongs to your dog, to dig in the cool earth to cool the body.

A sandy place underneath a shady tree helps. I remember well the first rose I planted in the back. Only a few hours later, I found it pulled up, chewed up and spread across the back yard and the thorns didn't phase the dogs at all! But that was years ago and now people ask me how I have all these flowers with three Labs.

First, I noticed the dogs didn't bother things that came up from seed, such as sunflowers. It was only the new things I set out that got their attention. So all one really needs is something to discourage them from playing with a plant until they are accustomed to seeing it there. Actually the day the doggie toilet filled up and I needed to bury waste, I learned something about working with nature. I filled a nearby hole and covered it with loose soil. They never dug another hole there! Dogs

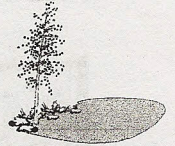


won't dig, play or lay in waste. I learned that not only does it cut down on the hole-digging problem to use dog waste as fill, but also plants benefit from it. When I set out roses or any other flowers in the back, I plant as normal to about 4 inches from the top. Then I deposit collected waste and cover with dirt. I use grass

clippings as mulch a lot, because they are abundant and they work for me. Once covered, humans can't smell a bad odor, but dogs won't play around the plants because they can smell through five feet of concrete and they certainly know the waste is there!

Happy Gardening From Alabama!

### Notes from Serenity Pond Patricia J. McCain



Want to get rid of those pesky bugs in your potted plants? Try cigarette butts. I have used them for years, but as my friends give up smoking, their health improves, but I have more difficulty filling my collection cans. When we lived in Florida, I purchased chewing tobacco for flower and veggie gardens. In Texas it is necessary to spread some plants, example roses, further apart for moisture intake. Using chewing tobacco can become costly for me in such large areas, so I am concentrating on my potted plants. Tobacco is poisonous to bugs, even termites. The plants love it!

To kill snails and slugs, I use beer. Dig a hole in the garden to place a small plastic container, making sure the edges are level with the ground. Fill 1/4 full with beer, and then cut a small hole in the lid and place on the container. The not-so-fun part is cleaning out to refill, but this is a safe and successful method.

My dear friend, and Texas Rose Rustler, Ellen Vickers from south Texas shared some useful information today. To treat Black Spot on the roses, sprinkle whole grain corn meal on the ground under the roses. Black Spot is a fungus and the whole grain corn meal kills fungus. My old treatment had been mixing urine and water in a bucket to throw over the rose. That is when I treated, which was seldom to any. My main theory had been to let the leaves fall to be replaced by new ones, and then if the roses died, it was not suitable to be grown here. Realizing Black Spot is a fungus and can be treated though the ground, I feel this is definitely worthwhile. While on the subject of the corn meal, she also mentioned putting a little in the dog's water prevents fungus growth on the bucket.

The next surprise was her new treatment for fire ants: Grits. Yes, plain grits. Put grits on the top of



the mound, may need to repeat. She has been using it on her ranch and says it works the same as Amdro. The ants take the grits down into the mound, and then apparently the grits kill a fungus the ants need. Since she shared this information I have tried it. It has worked, not just for the fire ants, but also for all ants.

Have a rosy fall!!!

The most "unusual" gardening tip I have ever heard is next. I actually read it in one of our old newsletters back from the spring of 1989, Vol. VII, no. 4.

### Pages From The Past



*"With nature's total conservation in mind, I must say that the nitrogen we waste by not recycling urine is staggering. Urine is the aristocrat of organic nirtogens, a product carrying urea metabolized from used protein."*

*"But the trick for us is to use it without seeming to use it. The neighbors do not know that when I make my rounds on chilly spring mornings, after frost danger has passed, all is not water in my watering can. That more than half of it is urine."*

*"Yet they marvel at the growth my plants make, at their health and the earliness and abundance of their bloom. They also marvel at the size of my roses, and the glow on their blooms and the gloss on their leaves. Then I think how strange it is that in these frank times we shy off the subject of urine when the Victorians used it openly and discussed it freely among them and in print. In Aunt Judy's Magazine of the early 1880's is The Little Gardener's Alphabet of Proverbs for English Children. The twenty-third proverb directs the young beginner to, "Water your rose with a slop-pail when it's in bud and you'll be asked to name of it when in flower."*

*Florence Bellis Gardening and Beyond  
Thricker Press, 1986*

Well, to each his own! I have heard that idea many times before. Even if I gathered the gumption to try it, I would never be able to admit it! So for those of

you who try it, I hope your roses are healthy, you have beautiful foliage and may your roses bloom in abundance!



### Almanac Dates

...from Blum's Farmer's and Planter's Almanacs for the Year 2002

#### For rooting all cuttings:

Sept: 3, 4, 22, 25, 26, 27 & 30

Oct: 1, 23, 24, 27 & 28

Nov: 2, 3, 20, 23, 24, 25 & 30

#### For transplanting rooted cuttings & potted roses

Sept: 9, 10, 11 & 12

Oct: 6, 7, 8, 9 & 13

Nov: 4, 5, 6, 9 & 10

#### Pruning for increased blooming

Sept: 3, 4, 22 & 30

Oct: 1, 23, 24, 27 & 28

*\*After October, we should let our roses rest for the winter. They will usually continue to bloom throughout the fall into early winter. You can fertilize from the end of August into the latter part of September. Late in the fall, is good time to clean out the beds, lay fresh mulch, move plants and make plans for the spring.*

### A Book Review

By **Maureen Reed Detweiler**

The Rose Grower by Michelle De Kretster  
(1999 Carroll & Graf)

A friend recently loaned this book to me and predicted: "You will love this book. It is filled with rose history and rose passion."

The story is set in Gascony, France in 1789. It begins with the storming of the Bastille and unfolds through the Reign of Terror and its aftermath. We grow to care deeply for the family of a Gascony magistrate. We especially grow fond of his daughter, Sophie, who



spends her days studying, cultivating and crossbreeding her beloved roses using the newly imported, everblooming China roses. "Tragedy looms over Sophie's extraordinary rose garden, but still she refuses to relinquish a dream more compelling than the blood-stained politics of revolution as she strives to realize the miracle of breeding an original, repeat-flowering, crimson rose." The author cites in her bibliography *The Old Shrub Roses* by Graham Stuart Thomas. Her research into rose history and cultivation is evident as Sophie describes her work and relates her progress to her family and friends in this beautiful tale. This well written story of love and tragedy contains wit and human interest to entertain all readers. But the "turning point of rose history" which is woven throughout, is the icing on the cake for old rose gardeners. My friend was right! I loved this book and rushed out to buy a copy for myself. I can't wait to read it again.

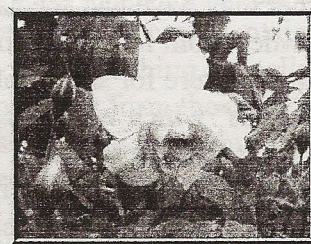
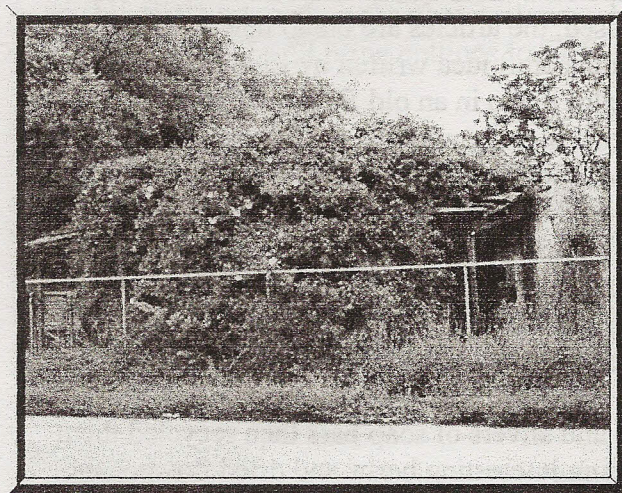
### Someone Is Rustling Around Out There More by Joe Cooper "Gilbert's Rose"

I became Gilbert Langbein's neighbor over 30 years ago, and I counted him among my friends. According to Gilbert, his family came to Kendall County around 1850 in a covered wagon, and so did a particularly beautiful, dark-red, rose, the origin of which is not fully known. "Gilbert's Rose" graced his family's home for about 140 years before that summer day, when Gilbert stopped by my place with some cuttings. He was almost embarrassed to give them to me, but he said that they might look "pretty" in my garden. With persistence, patience, and "luck" I managed to root a few of those cuttings. So, I now have a wonderful specimen of "Gilbert's Rose" - a living memorial to my friend. Last summer, a well-respected rosarian saw "Gilbert's Rose" in my garden. He suggested that it might be the original 'Cramoisi Superieur', a seedling of 'Salter's Crimson China' that was introduced in France in 1832. After comparing the blooms of "Gilbert's Rose" with another very, very old rose from the Evergreen Cemetery in Victoria --- we concluded that they were identical. I guess that is not too surprising when you consider the stories about the German settlers passing through the Gulf Coast ports on



their way to the Hill Country in the 1840's. But no matter what this rose was originally called, or where it came from, it will always be "Gilbert's Rose" to me.

Here is a picture of the Flores Street House Eater from Joe's article in the summer issue:



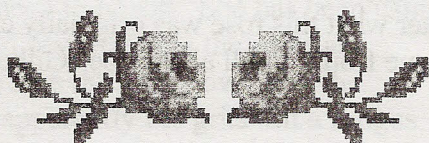
Well, I am getting a little long winded, but it serves you right for asking me about roses! But please remember ---should you hear a strange "rustling" out in the bushes, ---or at the far corner of your rose garden---please check to see if it is me before you shoot or call the Sheriff.





## CRAFTY IDEAS

by V. Sissom



Do you save old gardening magazines? I do. Much of the information they hold doesn't go out of style. I simply love to drag them back out from time to time and read them again. Shoot, if enough time has lapsed, the articles are brand new to me again!

I found a craft idea written by Eleni Colter of Pocatello, Idaho in an old *Birds and Blooms* magazine that I would like to share with you. It is entitled, "Sentimental Soaps". Eleni wrote that she discovered a useful way to preserve the wonderful, scented rose petals from her spring and summer garden and extend her enjoyment of them throughout the year.

Scented soap balls were first created in this country by thrifty New Englanders. They saved scraps and slivers of soap bars then recycled them by adding interesting herbs and dried flowers and shaping them into decorative, usable soap balls. Your grandmother may have had special soap dishes in her powder room for just such specialty soaps. But alas, they were for show only. Sort of like the "guest towels" which were not to be used for drying hands, but for decoration!

If you don't have a lot of soap slivers hanging around, you could still make these lovely, rose-scented soap balls by using purchased bars of soap. Here are Eleni's directions taken from the article:

### Start with Shavings:

To begin, I use a coarse grater to make shavings from 12 ounces of a gentle *unscented* soap, such as Ivory or Jergens Naturals. (A food processor with a coarse grater attachment works, too.)

Place the grated soap in a bowl and sprinkle with about ¼ cup of warm water. Stir until all the shavings are moistened, and then allow it to sit for about 10 minutes. During this time, you can prepare the additional ingredients to be added at the end of the 10 minutes. The recipes will follow at the end of the directions.

### Have a Ball:

Once you've added your final ingredients from one of the recipes below, use your hands to mix the scented oil, flowers, or spices into the soap until evenly distributed. Then begin forming a ball shape

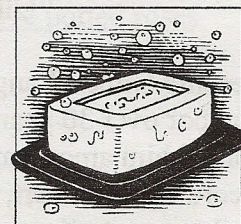
from each handful. Squeeze each ball firmly to remove air pockets. (If left in, they will make the balls crumble once dry.) For an attractive finishing touch, roll each ball in leftover soap shavings and more crushed flowers or herbs. Each batch yields about a dozen 1 ½ inch balls.

### Recipes:

*Rose Water (an important ingredient)*

*To make rose water, gather and rinse 1 cup organic, fragrant rose petals. Drain and put into a bowl. Pour 3 cups of boiled, distilled water over them. Steep for several hours. Strain out the rose petals and stir 4 drops of rose essential oil into the rose water. Store in tightly closed jars in the refrigerator.*

[This recipe comes from the lovely book *Roses for the Scented Room* by Barbara M. Ohrbach. It gives these sources for essential rose oil: Kiehl's, 109 Third Ave., New York, NY 10003, Tel. 800-543-4571 (offers free catalog) and Cherchez Mail Order, P.O. Box 550, Milbrook, NY 12545, Tel. 800-422-1744.]



*Rose Petal Soap-* Use ¼ cup warmed rose water in place of the water mentioned earlier. Add ½ cup dried rose petals, crushed, and 15 drops of rose oil. If rose water is not available, use plain distilled water and increase rose oil to 1 tsp.

*Holiday Soap-* Add 2 tsp. grated orange peel, 2 tsp. ground cinnamon, ½ tsp. ginger and 15 drops cinnamon oil.

*Lavender Soap-* Add ½ cup dried lavender flowers, crushed, and 15 drops lavender oil.

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**From the editor:** I found this in the *Pageant Of The Rose* by Jean Gordon (Studio Publications, 1953)

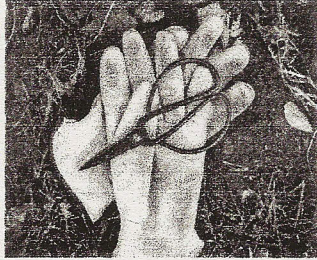
In the ancient world, before the invention of soap, saponaceous clay was used. Sadi, a great Persian poet, wrote: "Twas in the bath, a piece of perfumed clay, came from my loved one's hand to mine, one day. Art thou, then, musk or ambergris, I said; that by thy scent my soul is ravished? Not so, it answered, worthless on earth was I, but long I kept the roses company; Thus near, its perfect fragrance to me came, else I'm but earth, the worthless and the same." The clay was made of crushed leaves from a rose bush.



## Roses I Have Rustled

By Sylvia Harrington

I thought it might be fun to reminisce over some of the roses I have rustled here and there in the Waco area.



### 'White Post Office'

This is one that was growing across the street from my local post office. It was on either side of a business driveway, surrounded by black asphalt. Its care consisted of clipping with a hedge trimmer when the crew came, and I think there was a sprinkler in the parkway. It responded by blooming ALL the time, beautiful white blooms in clusters, not much fragrance but the bush was sometimes covered. It bloomed all the way to Christmas some years. I don't know what this one is, it looks a lot like Ducher but side-by-side they are different. 'White Post Office' has much longer sepals, and its leaflets are thinner.

Here's the sad part: last time I went to the post office, these two roses were gone. Replaced by meatball dwarf nandinas. Luckily, my bush of it is thriving and I will have to start some cuttings to bring to the Rose Lotto.

### 'West Texas Pretty Poly'

I cruised up west one morning just to see what I could find. There was an empty lot in a neighborhood that looked to date from the 20's. Just a fence and a foundation, the house had been removed. There was a very healthy rose bush next to the fence, about 3' tall by 3' wide. Just healthy, bushy, pretty leaves. I took a cutting. The next spring (2001), I went back to the lot to see if I could see it in bloom. The lot had been sold, the new owners were building a new house, and the momma bush was gone. My cutting is blooming this spring, and I think it is really International Herald Tribune after all. Very pretty, even if it is modern.

### 'April Charms'

There is a boarded up turquoise house on the way to Rosemound Cemetery, one of my regular "haunts".

One day in April a flash of dark bright pink caught my eye, and I stopped to check it out. A beautiful little rose, not 1 ½ ft. tall, with big clusters of blooms. My guess, it was a polyantha. I took a couple cuttings, one of which is now in a 1 gallon pot (but it has not bloomed for me yet). Luckily, I took photos too. I took some other rose lovers to see it recently and the bush was gone. Don't know whether it died from thirst or was dug up. I haven't been able to ID it based on the photos alone; when it gets big enough I will bring cuttings to TRR.

### 'Gunter Gallica'

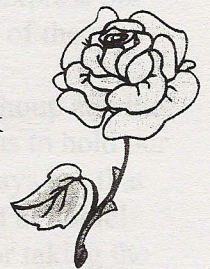
This one is from Oakwood Cemetery in Waco; the name is from the stone. It is a lavender gallica that blooms so profusely the air is scented. I have been unsuccessful trying to identify it. Thanks to the wonderful care and watering provided at Oakwood, this rose is probably destined to be there a good long while.

### 'Rosemound Blush'

I puzzled over this one a long time because every time I went to visit, it had a different appearance. Sometimes it would be a big, fountainy, archy bush; sometimes a squat little thing. I finally realized it was the pruning it got from the cemetery crews. It blooms in clusters, very round buds, and slight blush in the center fading to white. Very beautiful. I finally ID'd it as Prosperity. It is one of my favorite roses.

### 'Lucy'

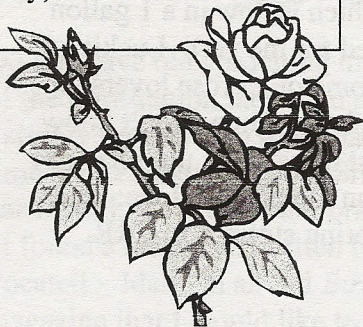
My daughter went on a mission trip to San Antonio and was assigned to work clearing an elderly woman's yard named Lucy. She had a climbing white rose in her front yard that my daughter admired, and she asked for a cutting. Lucy told the story how she had received that rose in 1950 as a birthday gift from her mother. She and her mother had both worked doing ceramics at the nearby San Jose Mission. Both cuttings that my daughter brought home rooted. (I've trained her well!) It is Prosperity as well. Lovely thing.





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