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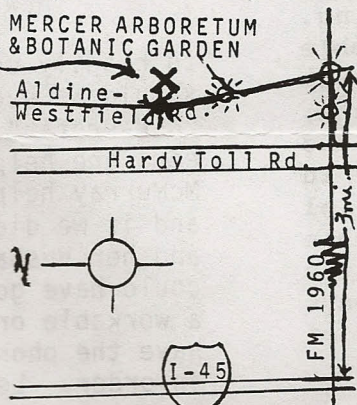
SPRING SYMPOSIUM TO BE AT MERCER ARBORETUM MAIN HALL 11 AM - 5 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 8th

Bring your lunch if you wish, and **PLEASE** bring your own container of your own old roses to display. Program begins at 1 pm, so you will have time to set up your own rose exhibits. Also furnish a card with your roses names written in pencil that won't run if water spills on them.

We will have a demonstration-talk on Old Rose displays by Deanna Krause; a talk by Stan Franks who is a expert on soils from Old South Gardens. Deanna will show some slides of old roses she recommends for our area and tips on growing them. There will be a table at the side for those who are interested in starting cuttings. Our Program Chairman has many interesting rose topics for us.

The Spring Symposium is the meet where we hope to give new rose information and new books and sources to find old roses, new tips to grow them, and lots more geared to new members and to experienced rosers to share with us.



NEW CHAIRMEN ELECTED AT OCTOBER ANNUAL MEETING

BYLAWS CHANGES VOTED APPROVED AND IT WAS VOTED TO FOLLOW OLD BYLAWS THROUGH 1997

Since we have a Constitution and Bylaws that were approved when we actually organized in 1988 we have an established way that we are to change our methods of procedures when we wish to alter our methods. There have been several expressions of desire to change some methods of program planning, for example. The changed desired did not work very well since the Bylaws were not consulted and confusion resulted. It was necessary to return to them and properly change them to conform to our desired wishes. The addition of a Program Chairman separate from a Rose Rustle Chairman is the main change, coupled with the chairmen's duties. Since our Bylaws state that the only meeting we have in which business may be conducted is the last meeting of the year, and that was past when all these changes came up, those present and voting at the October 1996 one voted to approve the changes but continue as far as possible under the old Bylaws, putting the new changes into effect as necessary. The new changes officially take effect at the last meeting (Rustle) in 1997.

By the end of this year we will be sending you an official copy of our new C & B changes. Originally they were drawn up to
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Roses, By the Way

by Mary Herr

Herr's Lawn & Landscape

The look of climbing roses cascading over a fence is one everybody loves. Today there are many varieties available, well suited to today's smaller and usually fenced yards. The climbers add an important aspect to all gardens, adding a vertical feature. And they are an essential part of the appealing cottage garden look that we are asked to design more and more.

Climbing roses aren't as difficult to use as most people think. One of the easiest ways to attach them to a wooden fence is to use the stretchy 'Miracle Garden' tie. Tie it around the cane you wish to support and staple the tie (NOT THE ROSE) to the fence.

Climbers bloom best on year-old wood, so it is never recommended to prune them hard. We only remove the dead canes and wayward branches. They are truly plants that get better with age - most of them need 2-3 years' growth to realize their full potential.

In our southern gardens, there are many large-flowered, repeat bloomers that we find especially rewarding. One of them is the incomparable **Sombrueil**, with its large, white blooms. I also love the noisette, **Crepuscule**, because it blooms all the time, as many of the noisettes do in our zone. **Reve d'Or**, **Marechal Niel** and **La Marque** are other dependable bloomers of this class. And the hybrid musk, '**Buff Beauty**', is always adorned with breathtaking trusses of apricot blooms.

Another large-flowered favorite is **Parade**, a seedling of **New Dawn**. It is a healthy performer with big, dark magenta flowers. It is as vigorous as **New Dawn** and looks great planted with it.

Compassion is a greatly satisfying apricot bloomer, constantly producing

clusters of three to five perfect flowers. An added bonus is the dark olive foliage that persists in winter

And what would a garden be without some dark red climbing roses (planted with **Sombrueil**, perhaps?). Some of these that have done well for us are **Altissimo**, **Red Fountain**, and **Dublin Bay**. **Altissimo** is striking because it is single and elegantly simple. Large, velvety red, semi-double flowers and decorative rose hips are some of the qualities we enjoy with **Red Fountain** and **Dublin Bay**. These three are not truly antique roses, but on their own roots, as we use them, they get bigger and better every year.

I hope you all reward yourself with some climbing roses this year. Plant varieties that are well suited to our zone and enjoy the view of them cascading over your fence for years to come.

Rustlers Mike & Mary Herr own and operate Herr's Lawn & Landscape, specializing in unique garden design incorporating roses, perennials and flowering plants. They also propagate and sell own-root roses, both wholesale and retail, with emphasis on plants that are exceptional performers. They are a nursery by appointment. Their phone number is (281) 689-7776.

NEW CHAIRMEN Continued

to readily conform to IRS requirements should we ever be able to qualify for "Non-Profit" status. Several volunteers are helping; Mrs. Audrey Beust McMurray helps on the "Old Texas Rose" and if we did not have Frances Graves and her husband I don't know how we could have gotten our mailing list in a workable order. We still do not have the phone numbers and area codes in order. Let us know corrections so we can correct our lists. Frances is helping on the "OTR" by typing the mailing labels! Everyone has been very glad to help whenever asked and see a need. It has been a most trying experience to replace old, worn out members who have carried the load so long. Thank all of you! *

The Old Texas Rose has lost time, if you have missed! We have tried to get an issue to you in December but have seldom succeeded due to all the Christmas holidays interference. The mid January time passed us this time so we are just now getting out the Fall '96 issue. The next issue will be No. 4 which will arrive in April. It will announce a most delightful event that will take place on May 3rd, 1997. It is being scheduled to take place at "WELCOME HALL" at Industry, TX, near Bellville, where we had the 1991 Fall Rustle. If you have your Fall 1991 "OTR" you will find a map inside the back cover to remind you where "Welcome Hall" is located. It is about 1/2 mile north of Industry, TX, on TX 109. You will be receiving a new map in the May OTR.

Remember to keep your membership current so you get your OTR regularly. Dues are \$7 yearly. See your address label on your most recent issue to tell what your last issue will be at the end of your current membership.. On the top line following your name will be SP97 (Spring 1997), SI97 (Summer 1997), F97 (Fall 1997), W97 (Winter 1997). Each issue will also be numbered 1, 2, 3 or 4 just below the masthead on the top of the front page. You are to receive at least 4 issues of the OTRs annually. The issue on your label is the last one you will receive until your renewal is received by the Treasurer. Should you renew before your subscription expires your membership will be extended, and should it arrive after the current membership has expired for a week or so the lapsed issue may be sent to you. Please understand we cannot mail billing invoices as we do not have a mailing-billing service and all of our labor is by members who do it free for you and are as busy with their roses as are you. Your dues are spent only on materials used for services to you at no charge. Back issues may be bought for 50¢ each or \$1 each mailed. See back mailing cover for other services we try to serve you.

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PLEASE LET THE EDITOR KNOW IF YOUR PHONE NUMBER IS NOT CORRECT OR THE CORRECT NUMBER IF IT NEEDS TO BE ADDED. WE SELDOM NEED TO CALL ANYONE BUT IT HAS HAPPENED - EVEN LONG DISTANCE. MANY OF OUR MEMBERS WANT TO REACH YOU ABOUT ROSES, ETC.

Rustlers Ursula and Jack White ended '96 with a shock and began '97 with a miracle. Jack had two heart attacks just two days apart at Christmas Time and doctors were not optimistic about his survival. However, he proved to be just as tough as many of our Antique Roses and is home now under Ursula's vigilant care. We wish him Godspeed back to good health.

Two good friends of the Rose Rustlers have gardening publications that recognize the Upper Texas Gulf Coast; Brenda Beust Smith and Mike Peters. Brenda's 1997 **LAZY GARDENERS GUIDE** is full of sources for old rose growers' plants and materials, and Mike publishes a timely magazine for Gulf Coast gardeners. Everyone who lives on the Central Gulf Coast needs to keep up with the great information **Texas Gulf Coast GARDENING** offers. Call them in Missouri City at 1-800-310-7047 to order. Brenda's Lazy Gardener's Guide may be found at about any book or magazine store in or near Houston.

Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Garden is to have their annual **MARCH MART** where they have many young and unusual plants they have raised from seed or cuttings on March 21 & 22, at Mercer on Aldine Westfield Rd. These are the "best horticultural buys" on the Gulf Coast!

The easiest authoritative reference to the correct spelling of rose names and the descriptions may be found in the American Rose Society's "Modern Roses". (Please note that the correct spelling of the 1890 polyantha **Clotilde Soupert** should not have an "h" following the "t".) ARS is International Rose Registration Center and rose catalogs, books and authors, etc. often err. ARS Consulting Rosarians have copies.

You may purchase a copy of the newest "The Combined Rose List", from its only source, Peter Schneider, P.O.. Box 677, Mantua, OH 44255. \$18.+ p&h. Lists every rose known in commerce and their sources. Printed annually. This publication formerly compiled & edited by Bev Dobson. Printed annually. Early reservations for 1998 are requested by P. Schneider.

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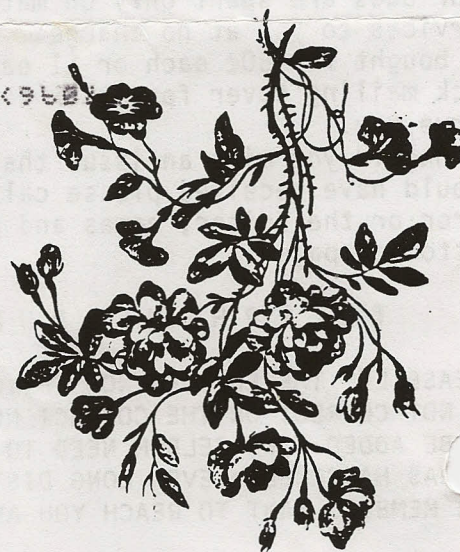
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