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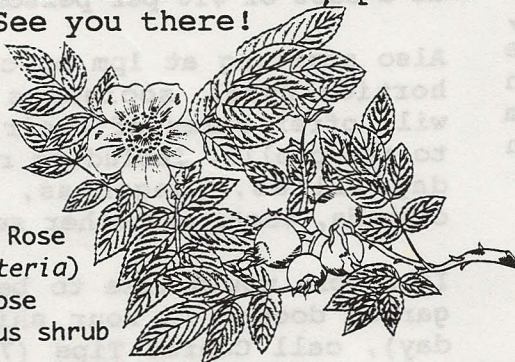
1998

Dinner at Hickory Hollow - February 8th at 5:00pm

Let's get together at one of our favorite spots for an evening of good barbecue and viewing slides of past rustles, interesting rose/companion plant finds, the 1996 Texas Rose Rustlers' Yard Tour or whatever else you would like to share.

For those of you who have never been to a gathering there, Hickory Hollow has delicious barbeque at reasonable prices. We meet in the back room where a projector and screen will be set up. Hickory Hollow is located at 101 Heights Blvd., on the corner of Heights Blvd. and Center Street in Houston.

This will be our last, scheduled get-together before the Symposium in May. See you there!



Sweet Briar Rose
(*Rosa eglanteria*)
Species rose
tall, vigorous shrub

PROJECT AT PIONEER MEMORIAL LOG CABIN,

TEXAS MEDICAL CENTER
HOUSTON, TX

by Earl Krause

On January 10, 1998, Esther Simons of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas called, asking for help with moving 50-plus OGR's because north Macgregor was going to be widened and take in the existing rose bed. I started calling and assembled together a group of Rustlers to respond to their call on this very short notice.

We started working at 9 o'clock Saturday morning, Jan. 24th. With no pre-existing beds to move into, we built beds, pruned and moved the 50-plus roses by late afternoon. It went very well.

Thanks to Ray Valigura and Santiago, Gaylan Haynes, James & Stephine Zucha, Eddie McCreary of Turkey Creek Farms, Donald Burger, Kim & Allen Lykins, Julia Cain, Robert & Leslie Reeves, Mark Roderick, Anita Patton-McHayney, James H. McHayney, for their hard work in saving all of those roses at the Daughters of the Texas Republic's Log Cabin.

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Did you know?...

🍷 Rustler Bobbie McKenna has been in the hospital since early January. She went in for breathing problems and was diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Unfortunately she took a sudden turn for the worse and became more and more ill until her daughter, Darla, moved her to a different hospital with a new doctor. It looks like the move saved Bobbie's life. She is recuperating steadily, though she is still a bit weak. If you would like to send her a card, Bobbie's address is Twelve Oaks Hospital, Room 620B, 4200 Portsmouth, Houston, TX 77027.

? A fellow Rustler asks a question for anyone out there who can answer: Just who was General Schablikine anyway? It seems he is taking over her garden and she would like to know if he was as aggressive in real life as his floral namesake. I told her I'd pass along the question.

♥ Next month you can wish Earl & Deanna Krause *Happy Anniversary*. On February 17th they will be married 30 years! May their love continue to blossom like their beautiful roses.

Our next event

After our gathering at Hickory Hollow for slides and good eats (see page 1), our next event will be the Texas Rose Rustler Spring Symposium in Brenham on May 9, 1998. We will set up at 9:30am and begin at 10:00am. More on this in our next newsletter.



Hermosa
3'-4'

Woodland Heights Civic Association House and Garden Tour to Benefit Travis Elementary School Garden

Conrad Tips has been hard at work for the past year, putting together a weekend of events to benefit the children's garden at Travis Elementary School, 3311 Beauchamp, Houston.

On Saturday, March 28th, starting at 10am on campus, there will be a free lecture series featuring Ray Valigura on Old Garden Roses, Camille Waters on Heirloom Plants, Mary Herr on Cottage Gardens, and Heidi Sheesley on Perennials and Decorative Grasses.

Following the lectures there will be a plant sale that will include old garden roses, cottage garden plants, heirloom seeds, native plants, herbs, salads, vegetables and bedding annuals. There will also be a book signing by prominent local authors.

From 1-5pm the Woodland Heights Civic Association will hold a self-guided House Tour to showcase historic homes in the area.

On Sunday, March 29th the House Tour will again be held from 1-5pm. A separate Garden Tour will cover interesting Woodland Heights gardens. Tickets and maps of both tours will be available on the campus of the school at a cost of \$10 per person per tour.

Also starting at 1pm on campus, eight horticultural societies of Houston will offer sales of their specialties to the public, including roses, herbs, daylillies, begonias, plumerias, orchids, cacti and other succulents.

If anyone would like to be a house or garden docent (2 hour shifts, either day), call Conrad Tips (713-868-5606) or The Woodland Heights Association (713-683-5188). Docents will receive a free ticket to the tour.



The Heritage Rose Foundation cordially invites you to their 1998 Conference

April 24th - April 26th.

Texans are fortunate this year because the Heritage Rose Foundation conference will be held in our very own state! Below is an abbreviated list of their events. For those arriving early, there will be an all-day bus tour on Thursday to the Antique Rose Emporium, leaving at 7am from the Harvey Hotel in Addison, a suburb of Dallas.

Friday morning there will be a talk by Kathy Zuzek, entitled "Northern Roses for the South", which will be followed by a panel discussion on historical and shrub roses for Texas. In the afternoon, there will be a bus tour of private suburban gardens, followed by a wine and cheese reception.

Saturday morning, there will be the HRS business meeting, followed by a talk by Scott Kunst of Old House Gardens, entitled, "Antique Bulbs for Gardens Old and New". Afterward there will be a panel discussion on companion plants for Texas rose gardens. In the afternoon, there will be a bus tour of private suburban gardens ending at the Fort Worth Botanical Garden. Following a tour of the Republic of Texas Rose Garden in the Botanical Garden, there will be a wine and cheese reception, after which there there will be a banquet in the Pavilion of the Japanese Garden there.

Sunday there will be two tours to choose from: a full day tour to a wholesale grower outside of Dallas, to the Dallas Horticultural Center and then to the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden - or - a half-day tour, starting in the morning, touring private gardens in Dallas.

The Heritage Rose Foundation has

reserved a block of rooms for their conference participants and locked in a rate of \$79 per night at the Harvey Hotel in Addison, TX (Ph: 972-980-8877). To get this rate you must mention the Foundation and the conference.

For information and registration, write to the Heritage Rose Foundation, Attn: Charles Walker, 1512 Gorman St., Raleigh, NC 27606-2919 or you can e-mail him at rosefoun@aol.com, or call him at 919-834-2591.

●●● Almanac Dates ●●●

...from Blum's Farmer's and Planter's Almanacs for the Year 1998.

For rooting all cuttings

Feb.: 15-19, 22-23
Mar.: 14-18, 21-23, 26
Apr.: 12-14, 18-19, 22-23
May : 12, 15-16, 19-20, 23-24

For transplanting rooted cuttings and potted roses

Feb.: 27
Mar.: 2-4, 30-31
Apr.: 27
May : 1-2, 28-29

To prune roses for increased blooming

Feb.: 18-19
Mar.: 17-18
Apr.: 13-14
May : 12

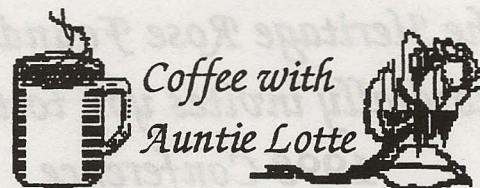


Take a look at your mailing label

Don't let your membership expire! If the date on your mailing label is highlighted, this is your last issue. If you have trouble remembering to renew every year, consider paying for two years at a time. \$14.00 will keep newsletters and notices of events coming for twice as long!

The Perfume of Roses

by
Cynthia Shope



Late December '97...

The PERFUME OF ROSES has been used to scent oils and waters since ancient Greek and Roman times. Attar of roses, a highly concentrated and prohibitively expensive distillation of Gallica roses, is used in tiny quantities in many preparations, although it can be overwhelming on its own. Perfume is difficult to make, but the lighter and gentler rose waters, particularly those made from Noisette and Wichuraiana roses, and from the leaves of Sweet Briar, are easy to prepare. Bath oils, also, can be quite simple to make and the resulting fragrances are really heavenly.

ROSE COLOGNE - Steep 1 cup of very fragrant rose petals in 1/2 cup pure alcohol in a sealed jar for a week. Infuse 1/2 cup each of rose geranium leaves and lemon verbena leaves in 1/2 cup boiling water and leave to steep for two hours. Squeeze all the liquid out of the leaves and add this to the scented alcohol. Decant into a decorative bottle with a tight seal, ideally with a special sprayer attachment for quick and easy use.

ROSE BATH SALTS - Add several drops of rose oil to a jar of plain bath salts to give a floral scent to your bath water.

ROSE BATH OIL - Mix 1/3 cup sunflower oil with 1 tablespoon of herbal shampoo and 2 tablespoons of rose oil in bottle. Add several blooms with a small amount of stem to the bottle. Pinks, yellows, and red blend blooms work best. Seal and shake well. Leave for two weeks, shaking daily.

ROSE WATER - Scald 4 cups fragrant rose petals in 1/2 cup boiling water for two minutes. Strain the water through fine muslin and squeeze out all the liquid. Discard the petals. Store the cooled rose water in securely sealed bottles.

Brrrrr, it's cold outside, so I'm going to take a quick walk through the yard with my coffee in hand. Got plenty of roses blooming - it's amazing how these are blooming all year round. **Belinda's Dream, Eutin, Old Blush, Mutabilis, Annie's Red, the Duchesse de Brabant, Souvenir de la Malmaison and Katy Road Pink...** it's amazing how they bloom even through this cold weather.

Soon it will be time to feed the roses. A friend who maintains our church grounds has beautiful roses which bloomed all summer long. He gave me this recipe for fertilizer:

In a five-gallon can of water, put a few handfuls of cow manure, 5-6 handfuls of alfalfa meal and 1/2 gallon of Epsom salts. Let it stand for four or five days, then pour on bushes, one scoop per bush. I use a small coffee can for my scoop. Repeat about once a month.

Folks, I still haven't heard from you with suggestions like this to pass on. Let me hear from you! Auntie Lotte, c/o Old Texas Rose, 11031 Dunlap Drive, Houston, TX 77096-5853.

[Editor's note: I have seen the results of the fertilizer above. Her bushes' blooms are outstanding! Even when not in bloom, the bushes are green, healthy and filled out.]

THE NEXT PAGE IS FOR YOU TO
PULL OUT AND USE AS A
MASTER TO MAKE COPIES

Marion Brandes sent this to share with fellow Rustlers. It is a worksheet we can use to help identify a rose. Do you carry a pair of rose snippers, plastic bags and paper towels in your car, just in case you stumble upon a find? Well, fold up one or two of these sheets and carry them along too!

ROSE DESCRIPTION WORKSHEET

Site Specimen Collected _____

Study Name _____

Date _____

Description of Leaves (serrations, prickles on bottom, color, glossy/dull)

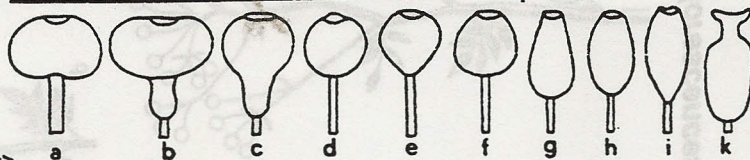
Description of Fragrance

Hip Color _____

Form of Rose Fruits (hips)

Form of rose fruits: a. subglobose; b. subglobose with fleshy stalk; c. pear-shaped; d. globose; e. obovate; f. elongated-obovate; g. rose-shaped; h. ellipsoid; i. spindle-shaped; k. flask-shaped.

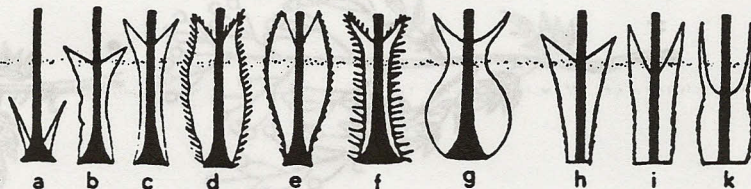
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Types of Stipules

Patterns of Branching

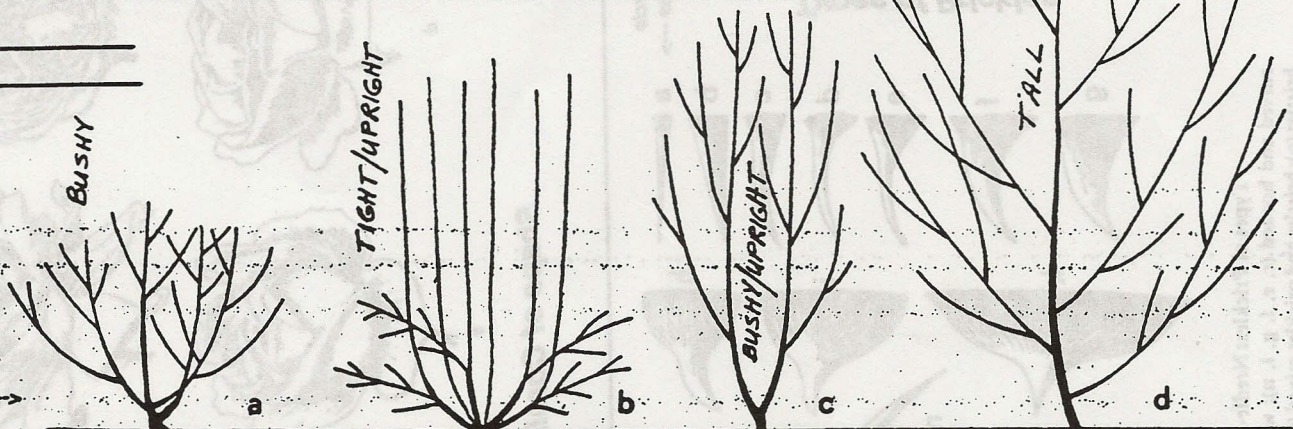
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Types of Stipules: a. completely free; b-k. adnate; a. sublate, free, early falling; b. parallel, auricle facing outward; c. parallel, auricle facing forward; d. similar to c., but with the middle part enlarged, margin fringed with hairs; e. enlarged in the upper part, margin denticulate; f. middle part narrowing downward, margin comb-shaped; g. lower half semi-circular, narrowing to the apex, auricle facing outward; h. and i. narrow triangular, auricle facing outward or forward; i. auricle very long and narrow, facing forward.

Height _____
Width _____

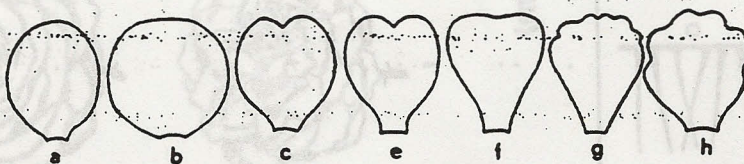
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Types of Rose Petals

Rose petals: a. elliptic; b. orbicular; c. elliptic with notch; d. heart-shaped; e. wedge-shaped; apex emarginated; f. wedge-shaped with curled apex; h. curled.

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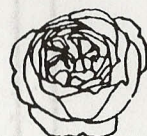




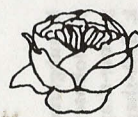
Types of Inflorescences

Flower Description

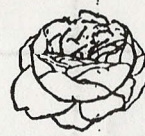
Color(s) _____



Deep Cup



Open Cup



Shallow Cup



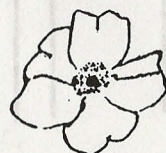
Rosette



Quartered Rosette



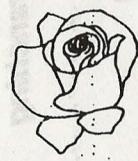
Pom-pom



Single

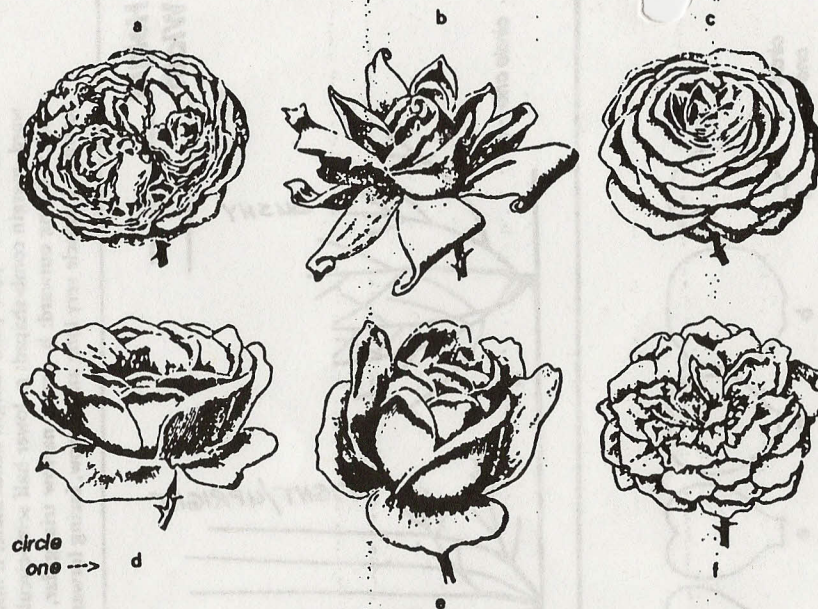


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Tea Rose Type

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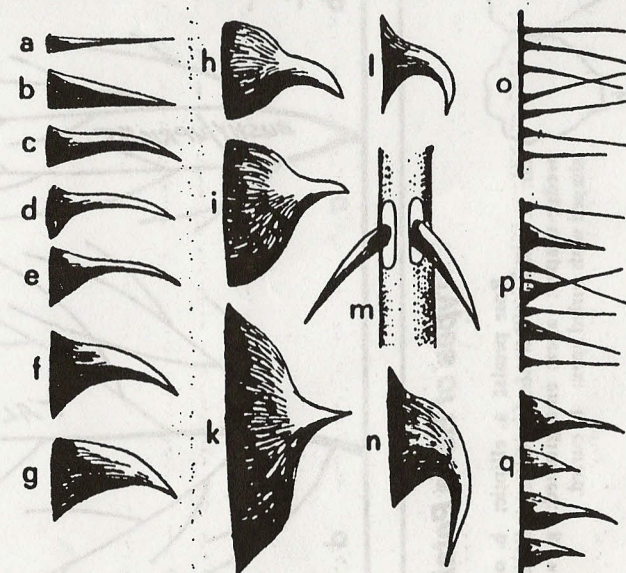


Shape of Corolla (bloom)

Color of Prickles

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Types of Prickles



Types of Prickles: Needle-shaped (a, b, d); more or less curved and hooked (c, e, f, g, i, n); wing-shaped dilated (h, i, k); bristles (o); bristles and prickles mixed (p); prickles of different size on the same stem (q). (Original)

Rustler's Favorites

"Nature's Air Fresheners"

by Audrey McMurray

It was wonderful to see so many newcomers at our '97 Spring Symposium. Rustlers answered question after question about old garden roses and companion plants, and certainly one of the most oft-asked was "Does it smell?". It's the same question I ask when someone suggests a rose I might like.

I cannot use most air fresheners, carpet powders, etc., in my home, due to allergies. So any plant that "throws" its scent into the air is a winner in my book. I thought perhaps you would like to know my ten favorites. Keep in mind, though, that smell is a very personalized sense. A plant that one person may describe as heavily perfumed may be almost unscented to another person.

1. The number one spot has to go to **Madame Isaac Perreire**. She is planted around my bedroom window along with a new **Madame Alfred Carriere**. Since she's so thorny, her branches double as bio-burglar bars and when she flushes, the whole room is filled with her perfume. She is the only rose I use for natural potpourri that doesn't need a touch of rose oil to give its scent a boost. (8' climber)

2. Night blooming jessamine (*Cestrum nocturnum*) is my second favorite plant. When this flower is in bloom, we can smell it through a closed window. In fact, the Rustler who gave me a cutting had to move the original bush to a far corner to tame its perfume a bit! (6' x 5' bush)

3. 'Dwarf Snowflake' Mock Orange (*Philadelphus x virginialis*) was a surprise gift from my sister who bought it off a clearance table for a buck. It took about a year to regain its vigor and this Spring it thanked us with white blooms that scented my whole patio. It looks great in a vase with roses, too. (2 1/2' x 1')

4. If **Bishop Darlington** is in a flush when it rains, I smell it all over the patio after the rain ends. I find this strange because I don't find it very fragrant when I smell a bloom directly! I grow this rose as a

climber under the eaves and consider it a good "shade" rose. This is my husband's favorite.

5. Cape jasmine (*Gardenia jasminoides*) is a slow-growing but very reliable bush that scents my front yard. I thought it interesting that both Greg Grant and Felder Rushing mentioned cape jasmine in their talks on plants we should grow. Seven years ago I could not find one of these to buy. My are rooted cuttings from a fellow who lived in Spring, Texas. (4' x 4')

6. **Felicia** is a rose I swear I can smell over cut grass. I'd list her in the top three if she was a bit more filled out. Lately my Felicia has looked wan. But that scent - wow! (4' x 2')

7. **Maggie** is not a rose that scents the air outdoors, but a bouquet with a couple of her blooms will scent my kitchen and my hands retain that peppery, sweet smell while I do my housework. (5' x 4 1/2')

8. Moonflower (*Ipomoea alba*) scents the air as much as Night blooming jessamine, but I list it eighth because its scent is not as appealing to me. Still, its flowers really stand out in the moonlight and it's nice to walk out after the kids are in bed and smell perfumed night air.

9. Mexican Mint Marigold (*Tagetes lucida*) became a new addition to my garden after I smelled licorice waft through the air at the Rose Emporium. (2')

10. My **Monsieur Tillier's** blooms, like Maggie's, only emit their perfume after they've been brought inside. Oddly, they have only started to do that this year, and the bushes are seven years old! Before now I considered Monsieur Tillier fairly unscented. I also like the fact that his blooms last a bit longer in a vase than some of my other OGR's. (8' x 5').

Do you grow a rose that "throws" its scent? Or would you be willing to write about your ten, favorite roses? Write them out and send to the Old Texas Rose, 11031 Dunlap Dr., Houston, TX 77096-5853.

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