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Everything You Wanted to Know about Gumbo But were Afraid to Ask

If you missed the summer program at Mercer, let's not hear any whining about problems with gumbo or tender plants not surviving.

Assisted by Francis Brandes, who gave a hands-on demonstration (literally) of the tenacity of our gumbo soils, Ray Valigura took us through the months and months of experimenting he had done with the beastly stuff, trying all of the suggestions that he had received on how to tame it (gypsum, sand, Soil-Pro, etc.). What worked best? Peat moss + Elbow grease + time! Ray found that the only way to turn gumbo into friable soil was to work in peat moss, and work in peat moss...

After the lively discussion that followed Ray's talk, our own Mary Herr of Herr's Lawn & Landscape gave an interesting talk on landscaping with OGR's and native plants. She and Eunice Roberts brought specimens to show the audience. After Mary's talk, most of her plants, plus others that were donated, were given away in the Lotto drawing. The meeting concluded with a demonstration on rooting cuttings by Eunice Roberts and Audrey McMurray.

1998 Fall Cutting Exchange

by Earl Krause

We will have our Fall Cutting Exchange at the Brenham Community Center from 2:00pm to 5:30pm on Saturday, October 10. Bring your cuttings to share and potted plants, if you have any, for our Lotto drawing. Don't forget any roses you would like identified.

We will also vote on new officers for 1999-2000 and discuss the November field trip to the cemetery where a fellow Rustler now rests.

Future Events

November 14, 1998 - We are going to plant roses in Pilgrim Cemetery. (See "Celebration of Roses" article on page 3.)


April 24, 1999 - The Spring Symposium will be held at the Antique Rose Emporium, Independence, TX from 9:00am-3:00pm.

July 24, 1999 - We will hold our summer Rookie Rustler meeting at Mercer Aboretum from 10:00am-3:00pm.

Oct 16, 1999 - We will meet at the Secret Gardens Plant Farm in Montgomery, Tx, just off FM 149, for the Fall Cutting Exchange.

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Did you know?...

 For all of you who have been asking about Margaret Sharpe and Pam Puryear, here's an update. After considerable thought and research, Margaret decided to forgo traditional cancer treatment and decided on a combination of natural remedies, including Cat's Claw, pycnogenol, and a mixture of vitamins and antioxidants.

Pam completed her radiation treatments last month and is at home recuperating. She no longer works at Courthouse Antiques in Anderson and hopes to be able to get another job as soon as her strength returns. Being out of work has drained her financially so the First Presbyterian Church of Navasota has set up an account to help Pam with her living expenses. If you would like to help, please write to Dr. Charles Seay, First Presbyterian Church of Navasota, P.O. Box 1269, Navasota, TX 77868. Be sure to mention Pam's name.

Please continue to keep both Margaret and Pam in your prayers.



Marion and Francis Brandes still have books for sale at prices well below retail. Check them out at the Cutting Exchange on October 10th. This is an inexpensive way to add to your collection.



Got a letter from Rustler Shannon Sherrod who wrote about an interesting rose from his mother-in-law's house in Waco: "It wants to make a large mounding shrub at her house despite her shearing it back to about 4' tall every year. It still grows up to the eaves of her house....I have read that "**Perle d'Or**" could be a seedling of "**Cecile Brunner**" and that there is a large shrub version of it called "**Spray Cecile Brunner**" so I'm wondering if mine could be a similar form of "**Perle d'Or**"; any information about a sport would be appreciated. Any information on where I could find a "**Francis Dubrieul**" or a "**Catherine Mermet**", or a "**Niles Cochet**" would also be appreciated." Shannon's address is Rt. 1, Box 1005, Chireno, TX 75937. He'll also be at the Cutting Exchange.



Pat McCain wrote from Serenity Pond, her home far from the madding crowd in Kurten, TX. Pat has turned her property into a sanctuary for local wildlife and wrote in response to Virginia Sissom's poetic plea for help with cats. Pat suggested trapping the cats and turning them over to Virginia's local animal shelter. Pat, too, has had problems with cats, mostly from people heartlessly dumping their pets in the country. These turn into "feral" cats, i.e., cats that are on their own and in the wild, that then breed more feral cats.

Pat also included a photograph of a gorgeous **Petite Pink Scotch** and passed along her solution to spider mite infestations: ladybugs!



Will the person who paid for a one year subscription for Kay Hardy please send Lucille Idom her address and phone number? (See bottom of front page.)



Mea culpa! Speaking of Lucille...I inadvertently left her and Mayo's names off of the list of Rustlers who pruned Bobbie's roses on May 23rd. Both Mayo and Lucille were busy showing newcomers how to prune OGR's before the sign-up sheet even made it to the table. Thanks for your hard work, guys! Lucille has been having a hard time with her knees lately and must wait patiently to see an orthopedist about them, so save a prayer for her too.



And since we have all learned that it's better to get apologies out early as opposed to late...ahem...

I'm sorry!

I have been carrying around in my purse for almost A YEAR a letter from our long-lost Jackie Fischer. She wrote "...my husband retired from the City of Houston after 26+ years and we have returned to our roots in the Hill Country...". She goes on to describe her new home and garden, which sound wonderful. For those of you who would like to write to Jackie (and please don't wait as long as I did!), her address is 1521 Daisy Lane, New Braunfels, TX 78130. More on JF later.

Pilgrim Cemetery's "Celebration of Roses" November 14th, 10:30am

I remember distinctly a programming meeting we had three or four years ago. We were brainstorming: let's do this, let's do that. When it was her turn, Bobbie said she felt that we had not been doing enough in the way of community service, that Texas' communities had been very generous with us and it was time for us to start paying Texas back. After all, wasn't one of the goals of the Rose Rustlers to share the joys of OGR's with others?

Someone Upstairs must have heard her as we have indeed been recruited for community projects since then. And now we have a chance to share our beautiful roses with another Texas community: Pilgrim. How fitting it is that Bobbie will "be there" to enjoy it.

Pilgrim Cemetery is a sweet, medium-sized cemetery in Gonzales County. The lady whose family donated the land is Marjorie Lee Burnett, a local historian and author who writes for the Gonzales Inquirer. Two of Mrs. Burnett's friends, Dorothy Cardwell and Willie Ann Canion, showed us six areas that would look nice with roses and Mary Herr agreed to design rose beds.

All Rose Rustlers and non-Rose Rustlers are cordially invited to a rose planting at Pilgrim Cemetery on November 14. If you have any roses to donate, please call or write to Mary and let her know what you will be bringing. Several Rustlers have asked what they can bring if they do not have rooted cuttings old enough to donate. The following is a list of items that can be purchased or culled from your garden that would be useful:

- *Bags of mulch, any kind but pine bark nuggets
- *Hardy plants, such as coneflowers, rudbeckia, verbena, salvias, yarrow, etc.
- *Permanent plant tags, the aluminum stake kind, and,
- *Green tie tape for plants.

Remember, plants will be unattended for long periods so they must be hardy.

Mary's phone number is 281-689-7776. Call during the day to leave your name, number and the names of the plants on her answering machine. If you need to talk with her, calling in the early evening is best. Mary's address is 16030 Westgate, Splendora, TX 77372.

Supplies that we will need to borrow for the event:

- *5 gallon buckets
- *Card tables and lawn chairs
- *Shovels
- *Garden hoses (labeled with your name) to help us get water to the plants
- *Wheelbarrows

And, of course, don't forget your lunch! We hope to see you there!

A Special Thank You...

Dear Rose Rustlers,

My sister and I want to thank all of you who have called, sent cards or just generally supported our family this year during our mother's (Bobbie McKenna) illness. Special thanks to Jack & Ursula White and Audrey McMurray for their visits to the hospital.

Special thanks also to each of you who helped prune the roses in Splendora. She really loved her "garden" and it meant a lot to have you there with her. We've been mulching, weeding and watering regularly these past two months and you wouldn't recognize the roses now. Thanks also go to Mike Herr for the water timer and to his wife, Mary, for helping identify all the unmarked roses as they've bloomed. Almost all are tagged now and I'm making plans to fill in the bare spots starting this fall.

Mother was buried in Pilgrim Cemetery, Pilgrim, Texas, in June. The cemetery is a historical one, and you might be interested to know that our mother propagated and planted all of the roses presently growing there. Her favorite (Old Blush) is still the biggest bush and is planted next to where my mother's best friend is buried. The Cemetery Committee at Pilgrim thinks it is wonderful the Rustlers want to remember our mother by planting some Old Roses. Those are the kind of activities our mother supported and loved to be involved in. There are restrooms at the cemetery, and plenty of room to set up tables beneath all the trees. I'm enclosing a map for any of you who would like to come (see pg. 9).

Thank you all - Darla Gips and Delynn Bouchillon

What is the Cutting Exchange?

Several new Rustlers have mentioned how "lost" they were the first time they attended a Cutting Exchange. They didn't know they had to bring supplies, or the procedure for getting cuttings. We have had quite a few new Rustlers join up recently so perhaps a few words about our Cutting Exchange are in order.

Once a year, usually in the Fall, the Texas Rose Rustlers meet to exchange rose cuttings. If you would like to try your hand at rooting rose cuttings, come to the Cutting Exchange with the following:

- A roll of paper towels
- Plastic bags (1/2 gal. to 1 gal. or used veggie bags from the store)
- A marker that will write on plastic
- Snippers
- A small bottle of water, and,
- A cooler in which to store your cuttings for the ride home.

At the Brenham Community Center there will be tables set up to hold the bags of cuttings Rustlers have brought. Sift through the bags until you see a rose you would like to try. If you have a question about a particular rose, or would like suggestions on a good one to try, look for a Rustler with a green "Hospitality Chairman" name tag and he/she will be happy to help you.

Once you have found a rose that you would like, open that bag, remove two or three cuttings (depending on how many are in the bag), wrap them in a paper towel, put them in one of your own bags, label your bag, squirt a little water in the bag to soak the paper towel, then continue your search for more cuttings.

As at every meeting, if you have a rose that you would like a veteran Rustler to try to identify, bring it along. It is also helpful if you have a photo of the bush. If possible, cut a fresh bloom just before leaving for the event. If you must cut the bloom earlier, store it in the refrigerator until you leave.

In even-numbered years, we also elect new Officers at the Fall Cutting Exchange to serve for the next two years. This year's slate of nominees are listed on page 2.

And, of course, we always have a drawing for free plants. Rustlers who have extra potted roses donate them as Lotto roses to share with members and guests. This is a great way to start or add to your collection of Old Garden Roses.

So now you have the skinny on our Fall Cutting Exchange. You do not have to be a member to attend - all are welcome!

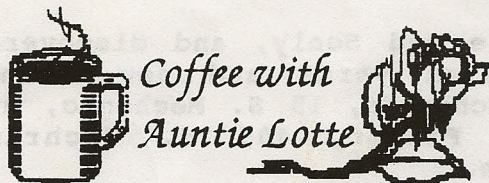
The Great, the Grand, the Absolutely Essential Bulb Mart!

by Conrad Tips

Now in its 56th year - not too shabby - and offering everything to excite the greed of Gulf Coast gardeners, the Mart this year will return to Westminster United Methodist Church, Bering at San Felipe in very west Houston, October 1, 2, and 3.

So who wants to sell roses? Morning and afternoon shifts are available on Thursday (10/1) and Friday (10/2). Saturday we close early - one shift only. If you can help, call me - 713-868-5606 -- we get lunch, to say nothing of breakfast and afternoon tea, and it's such fun.

This year our roses will come from Mary Herr, who wrote that she had lots of fascinating new things in her collection and had been propagating furiously, so I think we will have a good selection. My impression is that Mary's been doing a bit of shopping at Vintage Gardens lately. I hope to see the Griffith Buck shrubs again this year - Mary thinks highly of them - and of course Austin's English roses, and I expect we all know that Mary has some distinguished foundlings, "Rock Hill Peach Tea" "San Felipe Noisette", and "Schulenburg Apricot", amongst others. If you prefer to be a consumer only, remember that the bulbs go fast and that rare plants and new introductions are staged Saturday only.



It's a hot and humid morning. While walking through the yard, I notice ten rose bushes that survived the long, hot summer:

1) Duchesse de Brabant - A tea rose introduced in 1857 and one of my favorites. With little care, she bloomed all summer long, and had at one time twenty-four roses on the bush.

2) Belinda's Dream (1992) - A cross between Tiffany and Jersey Beauty. This fast-growing shrub is upright and sturdy with few disease problems.

3) Eutin (1940) - Marketed in the past as Rustler's Skyrocket. A very hardy shrub. One cluster is enough to fill a vase.

4) Prosperity (1919) - Very fragrant. I have a swing set in the back yard and it has just about covered the swing with beautiful clusters of pale, pink flowers.

5) Madame Berkeley - A tea rose introduced in 1899. It is one of my favorites. She has been blooming all summer long. She is a big, healthy bush with salmon pink blooms and dark green foliage.

6) Abraham Darby - An English rose by David Austin. The blossoms weren't as big as they usually are but still a pretty rose.

7) General Schablikine (1878) - It bloomed all summer long. One long, tall stem grew from the side of the bush. I put a stake to the stem and it looks like a tree rose and has been blooming all summer.

8) Mutabilis (1894) - I think every garden should have one. Mutabilis' single petals open to sulfur yellow, changing through orange to a rich pink and finally, crimson. All of these

colors will often be on display at the same time. Very impressive.

9) Old Blush (1752) - Now that is one hardy bush. This bush has medium, semi-double, lilac pink flowers in clusters.

10) Souvenir de la Malmaison - This bourbon rose was introduced in 1843. Her quartered blossoms are large and flat with pale pink petals and a delightful scent.

Now there are your ten hardy bushes that bloomed all summer long with little care; of course, the flowers weren't very large.

Folks, now I could use some advice. I have a terra-cotta birdbath that has a black mold in the bowl. Scrubbing doesn't get rid of it all and I don't want to bleach the terra-cotta with Chlorox. Let me hear from you if you have suggestions. I love to hear from you.

●●● Almanac Dates ●●●

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

For rooting all cuttings

Sep.: 10-11, 14-16
Oct.: 7-8, 11-13, 19
Nov.: 5, 8-9, 15-17
Dec.: 5-7, 13-16

For transplanting rooted cuttings and potted roses

Sep.: 22-25
Oct.: 21-23, 26-27
Nov.: 19, 22-23
Dec.: 20-21, 24-25

To prune roses for increased blooming

Sep.: 14-16
Oct.: 11-13
Nov.: 8-9
Dec.: 5-7, 15-16



The Ones that Got Away

Recollections of an Old, Old Rose Rustler

by Pam Puryear

I was reading along the other day in a pleasant book, Remembered Gardens, edited by Ferris Cook. I came across the following quotation:

Then in our spring rambles of discovery we came across many deserted farms and gaunt, ghostly houses with weed-choked gardens. With fine moral scruples we rescued many plants which would otherwise have died of neglect, pining for human love. Of course *some people might call this procedure hard names* (my italics) ...

-from "The First Year" by Hanna Rion, 1912

Ah ha, says I, rose rustling is indeed a Common Human Condition! Or, at least, a Common Gardeners' one. I knew Trevor Nottle of Australia was on the side of the angels when he described digging up an iris on the way home from school, aged 12. It is only natural to see Beauty and want to Have It.

When I first undertook my "rustling" career in 1979, there were a goodly number of old rose "subjects" in the Navasota area that have since gone to the Great Compost Heap in the sky. Among these are some I sincerely regret losing. Some, I was too busy driving, photographing, and most probably talking, to get for myself. Some lost tags and were never propagated. Some were lost in the Great Cold Winter of '83. And God only knows about some of the others! I guess I should be gratified with those we got and which are now available in commerce. But there are some I still regret, that live only in out-of-focus slides.

Mother and I lost our beloved aunt in 1979; however, four years of "cabin fever" meant we were overjoyed to be free to prowl the countryside. It was freezing when we started out "down the Brazos River" February 21, 1980. (I had written the steamboat book, published in 1976, so I was familiar with all the old towns.) Two weeks previously we had scouted

Bellville and Sealy, and discovered rose-filled yards and new friends Adolph Schavrda, 15 S. Mechanic, and Raymond Fisher, 405 N. Cochran, Bellville.

This trip took us to East Columbia. There the Amon Underwood plantation house, begun 1839, had a **Chestnut Rose** in front, and the front porch was covered with Rob Fortune's '**Fortuniana**', a white climber related to the Banksias.

Down the road lined with ante-bellum houses we discovered a Tea Rose in full bloom. It was a tall, upright bush with a fat, warm, pink bloom and very fat buds. I took its picture by incandescent light when I got home, and that is my on recollection of it, for when the Rustlers with sharpened pruners arrived November 29, 1981, there remained nothing but a hole. I had given this the study name '**Mason Weems**', though I believe the house was the Mastersons'. Weems had lived in the last house on the right beyond, and was the grandson of the man who had written that fictionalized biography of George Washington, about throwing a dollar across whatever River. The grandson himself had written on the 1900 Galveston Storm.

I have always thought '**Mason Weems**' might have been the great Tea rose "**Adam**".

The Raymond Fisher we had met in Bellville had a yard full of roses. Of those I remember were the good old red China, '**Morton-Goree**', a peach-colored, very woody Tea, and many more. On the right side of his walk was a very low-growing China with rose red, and white striped blooms. I photographed it, but did not take cuttings. When the Rustlers paid it a visit, Mr. Fisher had died and the lot and garden had been bulldozed. S. J. Derby, having only pruners, dug up a root with a tire iron - all we had - and this has led to joking references years later. Though ID maven Chucky Walker scoffs, I still believe that this was "**Fortune's Five-Colored Rose**" he collected in China in the 1840's. But no one will ever know! Mr. Schavrda's pink rose on the right was the same as our '**Morton-Goree**' from Navasota. The other was a large

Tea, flat pink with carmine highlights. It was "quilling" badly so we named it 'Schavdra's Shaggy'. I have even lost the print of it! Mr. S. lived some time after this, but evidently no one rooted it, and we didn't go back for more cuttings. I haven't a clue what it was.

Our 1982 Rustle was to Brenham where we were stunned by Mrs. Carl Meyer's yard. That lady is a gardener. We also stopped at a new house by the car wash on the west side of town. Emma Renz had two lovely yellow Teas. The one in the west yard had tones of straw gold, so I always believed it was 'Perle des Jardins' (or 'Isabella Sprunt'?). But the one in the east yard was a pale primrose yellow. I have always wanted it to be "Paul's Lemon Pillar". I was too busy talking and we never got "East Emma".

Mrs. Oberstini in Bryan, on a later hunt had "Paul" on her house, and all the misguided rose friends were so busy falling all over a Maréchal Niel that had never been in commerce that they plain skipped "Paul". Nobody on a Rustle is biddable enough, if you ask me!

One other lost rose I should mention is the well-famed "Monday Morning". Mr. & Mrs. William Akers (he was at Rice University) had a weekend place near here, and she spotted a rose in Anderson. I went there and got cuttings and left them at Mike's with - I thought - a tag naming it for the original owners of the house. When Tom Adams came in that Monday morning, he found the cuttings but no tag. Q.E.D. I loved it! It was a Tea, half-cupped, lavender, with blue tones! Where those colors often appear in Gallicas and their hybrids, it is rare to find them in a Tea. The reason it had survived was its roots were up under the house. Needless to add, it succumbed to the heat the following summer. I keep on hoping someone bought it from the Antique Rose Emporium for the short time it was available...

These are a few of my long lost roses from a misspent rustling youth. Like the friend that says there is a Heaven somewhere for all the bytes one loses, perhaps there is a place,

somewhere over the rainbow, where these roses grow. Perhaps if we speak kindly to those we have and feed them well, we will go there when we die. And they won't have to be propagated in the Great Rose Beyond!

[Editor's Note: The following article was written by Bobbie McKenna in November 1996, following the death of her best friend. It appeared in the Heritage Roses newsletter, the quarterly rose letter of The Heritage Roses Group. Of the roses mentioned here, about a dozen have survived Texas' harsh weather.]

BOBBIE MCKENNA AND THE PILGRIM PROJECT

by Bobbie McKenna, SC

(Reprinted with permission)

My friend of 40 years died in October of 1993. She is buried in Pilgrim, TX, in a small cemetery next to a church dated back to the 1800's, a one-room church with a steeple. It has a Historical Marker, but I am not sure of the exact date, and the grounds are covered with wild flowers, so pretty. Anyway, this friend was one I shared everything with; she loved flowers and I always shared the roses I propagated with her. Come spring, I really missed sharing my roses with her, so I called her husband and asked if we could plant some roses by her grave. He was agreeable and we planted ten old roses that spring. I went back and planted 25 more in October. The ten we planted in spring were doing fine and my friend's son told me all the roses were in bloom when he went by in November. With the help of Rhizopon, I planted 20 more in 1995. The cemetery was donated by someone and it doesn't cost anything to be buried there. The town of Pilgrim holds a "decoration" or get together in the spring every year to raise money for the upkeep of the cemetery. It is so well kept. The church itself I understand has a membership of ten. This is the only way I know of to still share my roses with my friend. The rose planted by her marker is doing the best of all and you know it is Old Blush.



The Rose Rustlers would like to extend their sympathies to Darla Gips and Delynn Bouchillon and their families. Their grandfather (Bobbie McKenna's father) passed away recently.

Texas Rose Rustlers'
Planning Meeting Minutes

August 30, 1998

Hickory Hollow in the Heights

Attendees: Ray Valigura, Earl Krause,
Audrey McMurray, Virginia Sissom

Meeting began with explanations of why others who normally attend planning meetings were unable to attend today. First topic of discussion was an update by Ray V. on nominees for the upcoming board elections. Ray suggested the appointing of a deputy chairman to assist in carrying out the many duties along with Program Chairman. Virginia Sissom gave the name of a new Rustler who seemed eager at the last meeting to become more actively involved.

Audrey McMurray stated that Lucille Idom was willing to continue as Treasurer/Membership Chairman, and that she (Audrey) will continue as Editor.

Second topic of discussion was whether or not to combine the Fall Cutting Exchange/Meeting with the trip to Pilgrim, Texas to plant antique roses at Bobbie McKenna's gravesite. Audrey and Earl were in favor of a single date to accomplish both activities. Audrey felt that having a Cutting Exchange in conjunction with the rose planting trip would increase attendance for this activity.

Ray felt separating the two events was better, since finding Pilgrim is not very easy and since meeting in Brenham for the Cutting Exchange has been very well attended in past years.

Ray also brought up the point that the weather is so unpredictable that an outdoor setting like the cemetery would not be as practical as an indoor meeting place. Audrey and Earl conceded that the two events would be better off set at different dates and locales. Earl said he would call concerning the availability of the Brenham Community Center on October 10th (or 17th) for the Fall Cutting Exchange. He will call Audrey and Ray with the confirmed information. Audrey has set a tentative date of November 14th for the trip to Pilgrim Cemetery for the

beautification project in memory of Bobbie McKenna.

An informative article on both events will be published in the Fall issue of The Old Texas Rose newsletter, according to Audrey. She then solicited additional articles be submitted by the September 3 deadline. Earl stated that the arrangements for the Spring meeting were already made. It will take place at the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham on Saturday, April 24th. The featured speaker will be William (Bill) Welch.

Specifics of the November 14th "Celebration of Roses" planting event to be done at Bobbie McKenna's gravesite near Gonzales, TX were then discussed. Audrey had been out to visit the caretaking family of the cemetery. She showed us photos of the areas that would be planted. Ray mentioned various antique rose varieties that he felt would serve well. Audrey said that Mary Herr had volunteered to do the landscape plan as well as donate many varieties of roses to be planted at this event.

Virginia was asked to draft a letter, thanking Marjorie Lee Burnett and family for granting us permission to conduct this planting project at Pilgrim Cemetery. Ray would receive a copy by fax to read and revise as needed.

Meeting was convened.

Respectfully submitted by
Virginia Sissom, Secretary

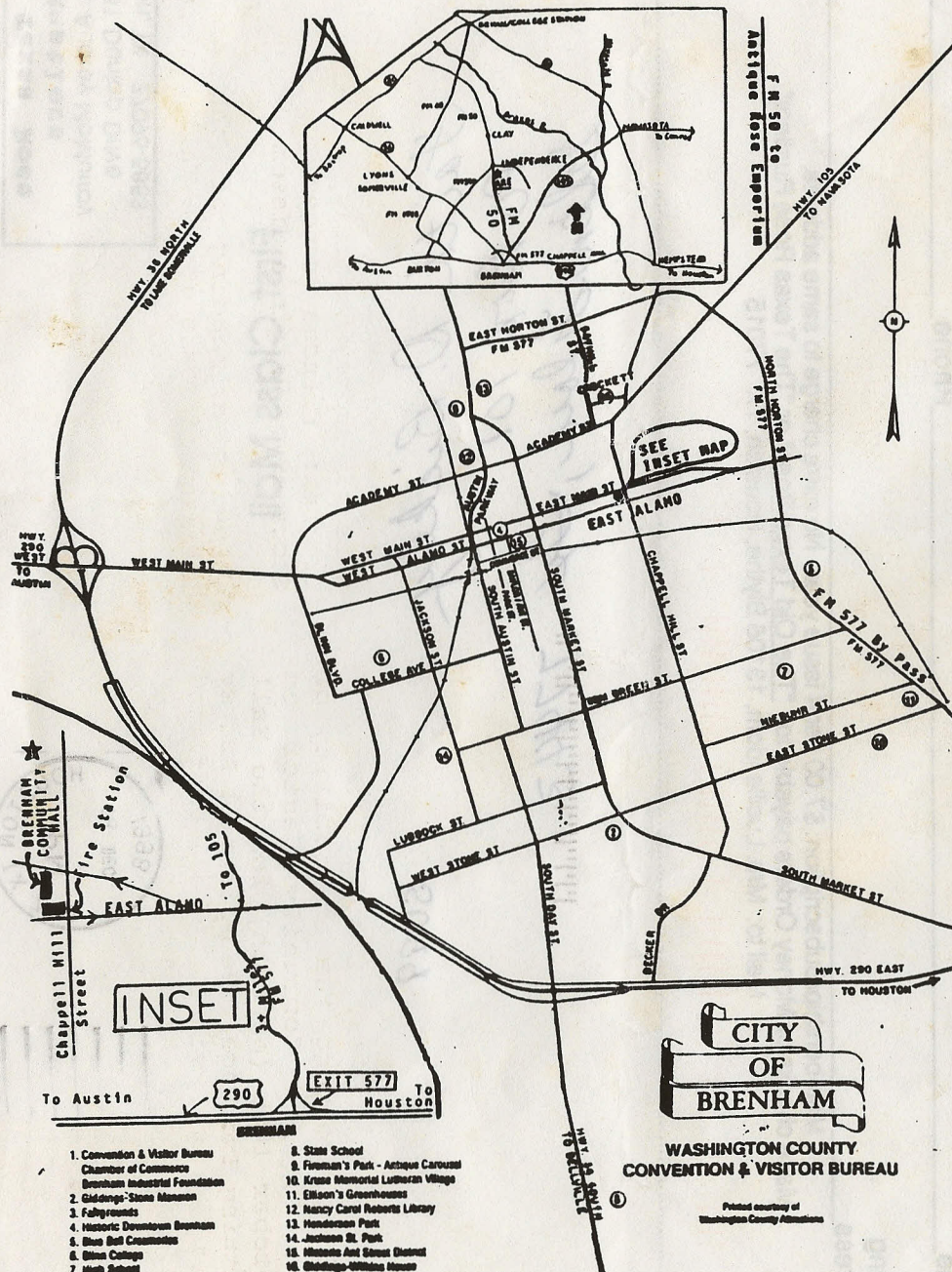
Officers Nominated for 1999-2000

The following Officers have been nominated for the next two year term:

Chairman: Eunice Roberts
Treasurer/Membership: Lucille Idom
Editor: Audrey McMurray
Program: Frances Brandes
Secretary: Virginia Sissom

Following a reading of the above nominated officers at the Fall meeting, nominations from the floor will be accepted, according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Texas Rose Rustlers.

Map of Brenham, TX



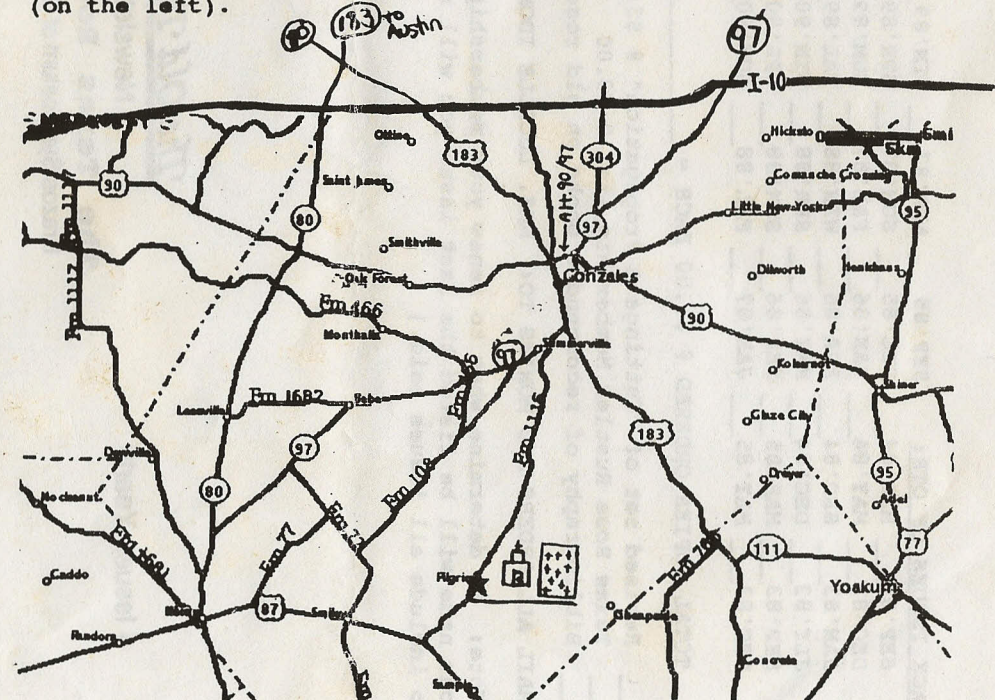
Map & Directions to Pilgrim Cemetery

From Houston: Take I-10 West to the Waelder/Gonzales exit (exit #649). Exit and turn south (left) onto Hwy. 97. Stay on Hwy. 97 for about 14 miles to Alt. 90/97 West. Turn right and take the Alt. 90/97 around Gonzales to Hwy. 183 (Hwy. 97 joined with Hwy. 183 in Gonzales).

Go south (left) on Hwy. 183, either the Business (1st light) or regular route (2nd light) - they both end up as Hwy. 183/97, just outside of Gonzales. After crossing the Guadalupe River, follow Hwy. 97 to the right, toward Nixon. Go one mile and turn left on FM 1116 toward Pilgrim, which is 12.7 miles from that point.

There is no town, just an old school house on the left with a small sign that says "Pilgrim Community Center". One-third of a mile after this Community Center, there is a gravel road to the left that is marked with a historical marker. Turn left on this road and go .6 mile to the Pilgrim Cemetery and Church (on the left).

From San Antonio: Take Hwy. 87 toward Victoria. Approximately four miles past Smiley, take FM 1116 north (left). Three or four miles up FM 1116 there will be a gravel road on the right with a historical marker on the left. Turn right onto this gravel road and go .6 mile to the Pilgrim Cemetery and Church (on the left).



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