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MARCH 20TH "GATHERING"
SUCCESSFUL

ANNUAL RUSTLER'S SYMPOSIUM TO BE
SATURDAY APRIL 17TH
IN BRENHAM COMMUNITY CENTER

Our "Gathering" at Jesse Jones Park was quite well attended and proved most interesting. We assembled in the new Pioneer Village area that is developed as a display to show how our early Texas settlers lived. The log structures and the farm layout is in place to exhibit how the various needs were met on the early frontier - soap making, smoking meats, food preservation and storage, fabrics were obtained, etc. The Park Staff would like to have a nice planting of old roses such as grew in 1840's or earlier. All the flowers would of the mid 1800 popular types whether roses or other kind.

There are areas in this section of the Park in which some of the "hardy" old roses might acclamate quite well that do not usually respond to our hot summer soils and sunshine. They are welcomed to be offered for growing for display, but they would have to have developed root systems before setting in a park location to survive. The Rose Rustlers have been asked to start some cuttings of roses to get some ramblers on the split rail fences, growing up some trees in the nearby woods, as well as start some of the native annuals and perennials suitable to grow with roses. Especially requested are some plants of 'Safrano', an early Tea (1839) soft yellow tinted apricot and fragrant. If you know of
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This year we will again enjoy our annual Symposium in the same location as last spring. This is a great location for us to have room to spread out all our symposium activities in one large room inside a comfortable building and lots of room to park and unload. You **will** find a map to the Center in this newsletter. (The two maps - this was one of them - fell out of the folder and didn't make it into the last newsletter as promised.) See page 6.

As usual, cold drinks will be the compliments of the Symposium, but you will be responsible for your own picnic or sack lunch. Also remember to bring your **cuttings to swap, rooted cuttings for exchange, and cut specimens of your roses for display**. Please have your roses tagged with correct names and **types** and your name or address label. We will display the specimens on tables by types and vote on the ones we like best from each type. We will then discuss each display and learn growing tips, sources of supply and interesting facts about them. Exchange of cuttings and rooted plants in pots takes place mostly outside if the weather permits. The building will be open at 8:00 am, and we will need help setting up tables for displays, eating, chairs set up, filling our **furnished vases** with water, etc.

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'Safrano' continued

a source for cuttings of this old Tea rose please notify **MRS. BOBBIE MCKENNA** by calling her at 713/682-4365, or drop her a post card at 5426 Candletree, Houston TX 77091-5507. There may be more on the "needs" list by April 17th Symposium. We will talk about it at that time.

We have already planted some 175 roses in Mercer Arboretum. Some are on budded rootstock and many are rooted cuttings on their own roots. Numerous old climbing varieties have been planted back in the trees to find their way up the trunks to someday bloom and continue growing there.

All this rose planting has been accomplished through the efforts of Marion Brandes and several of our members with cooperation of the Mercer Arboretum Volunteers and the Staff. We all need to thank them by showing them our support for showing the landscapers of our public gardens what old roses should be used and how to use them for maximum labor-**conservative** results. After all, not all roses need to be planted in orderly rose beds in geometric patterns!

If you have an old own-root rose that you would share or would allow cuttings from please contact either Marion Brandes (phone number & address on page 1) or Bobbie McKenna, phone & address above. ¶

"Furnished Vases" continued

The speakers for our 1993 Symposium will be Ms. Linda Gay, specialist on local Native Wildflowers, a Mercer Botanic Garden staff member who will show us the What & How of our wildflowers like you've never seen before, unless you have heard and seen one of her programs.

Also speaking is the Chief Botanist of Mercer Arboretum, Doug K. Williams. He will speak to us on "Rose Anatomy", which we need to know in order to grow roses well and easily. It will enable you to understand many things about roses you never knew before.

Visiting us from California will be Bill Grant, speaking to us on climbing roses and the roses he has seen in his many trips over the world of roses and our main rose speaker.

After we break for lunch we will hold a brief business meeting to inform members and guests of some of the activities that concern us as a group. This is a good time to try to identify unknown roses and to finish identification of roses. We will no doubt break up the symposium about 1:30 pm, after which we will clean up and store all supplies and equipment.

Being the week following Easter there should be many flowers to see and a visit to The Antique Rose Emporium ten miles away is also a treat. Last year we brought over 200 roses to enter in our display. Hopefully we will have more than that this Spring! ¶

[See Schedule, page 5]

NUMBERING ERROR OF LAST ISSUE

We erred in numbering our last issue of The Old Texas Rose! Instead of VOL. XII it should have been **VOL. XI, Number 3**. You will note that this issue is VOL. XI, Number 4. It is the last issue of the XI series. We began originally with the Winter issue, then the Spring one, the Summer and finally the Fall. In 1986 we had problems and two issues were missed. We picked up with the Winter 1987 and then the Spring for issues 3 and 4, causing the next Series VI to start with the Summer issue No. 1.

CUTTING NEEDED FROM FALL 1991

If you were successful in starting your cutting of the **"Kykina Rose"** someone needs you! This was the rose growing at the corner of the garage behind to big Greek Revival type house built in 1912. There were many old roses growing around the yard and house but the pink and white "Kykina Rose" was the only one of its kind there. It is a polyantha and was covered with bloom when we saw it. This was in Fayetteville, TX, on the fall 1991 Rustle.

Please call or write J. Conrad Tips, 1007 Highland, Houston TX 77009... his phone # is: 713/869-5606

You will recall that we were invited in to tour the old house and see fantastic antiques. The only resident, a quite elderly but active lady, seemed quite pleased that we visited and were so interested in its history. ¶



SOUTHERN GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY'S 11th ANNUAL MEETING

In the last issue of THE OLD TEXAS ROSE the article regarding on page 2 may have been misleading. We were in error in printing that the membership in the SGHS was by invitation only. It seems this is not true. They welcome new members who are interested in their pursuits. Memberships received after January 1 are credited for that year beginning May 1st and ending on April 30th of the following year. Rates are \$30 for Institution or Business \$30 husband & wife and \$20 for an individual.

Purpose of this Society is to stimulate interest in Southern gardens and landscape history, historical horticulture and preservation and restoration of historic gardens in the South. There are about 500 members. It is a non-profit organization and membership includes a quarterly bulletin, *Magnolia*.

Annual meetings are held each spring in a different location in the South in order to study the gardening and landscape history of that area, stimulating interchange of ideas and information among the members. Another goal is the accumulation of books & documents & photographs relative to Southern Garden History that is being housed in The Cherokee Garden Library, Atlanta History Center, GA. Being the first regional garden history society in the USA, it is attracting much attention outside the South and the United States.

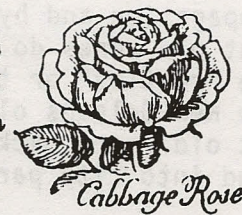
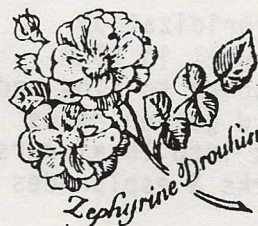
The 1993 SGHS Meeting is scheduled to open on Friday, April 16th, at the Preference Inn, Brenham TX and close Sunday evening, April 18th, following the Tour, at 5 pm.

To participate in this event it is required to be a member and have registered for the Annual Meeting since May 1st, 1992, or prior to January 1, 1993. Registrations January 1, 1993 or later are held in reserve until all qualified earlier memberships are fulfilled. This is the first time the SGHS has met in Texas and a large registration is anticipated of fully qualified members. Due to the program registration is limited.

For membership information:
Southern Garden History Society
Old Salem, Inc.

Drawer F, Salem Station
Winston-Salem, NC 27198

It is too bad more of our members do not belong to this very interesting and fine group and will not be able to attend. A few do belong and have sent word they hope to come to our Symposium for a little while Saturday morning. We scheduled our symposium before we were aware of the SGHS event and considered changing our date. Upon evaluation we found that few of our regular Symposium attendees would be affected and let the date stand. April 10th is the Saturday before Easter Day, April 24 & 25th is the open house at the Antique Rose Emporium, and the following Saturday is May Day, and May 6-9th is the Heritage Rose Foundation Annual Meeting in Natchez, MS. The Rose Rustlers' usual Symposium date is 3rd week in April, so we thought everyone could have a choice.....



Gardens are so rare in America that, when they do occur, they are a precious luxury to the traveller; especially when they are in their spring beauty. In the neighborhood of Mobile my relative, who has a true English love of gardening, had introduced the practice; and there I saw villages and cottages surrounded with a luxuriant growth of Cherokee Roses, honeysuckles, and myrtles, while groves of orange trees appeared in the background; but not even these equalled what I saw this warm 4th of May on our way to the battleground."

Harriet Martineau, Retrospect of Western Travel, 1838.

OLD ROSE SOCIETY
NEW ORLEANS STYLE

In New Orleans "gardens of roses bewildered my imagination. I really believed at the time that I saw more roses that morning than during the whole course of my life before."
-- Harriet Martineau, 1837

One of our long time members who lives in New Orleans now, Maureen Detweiler, found a friend there who shares her love of old roses. They discovered they knew enough old rose lovers to form a New Orleans Old Rose Society. They met for their first time March 9, 1993, at Longue Vue Gardens (Playhouse) in NOLA. At this writing we have not heard from them to get the latest news, but we hope to soon. Below left are some of their goals:

Plantations & Roses

The Heritage Rose Foundation would like to extend a special invitation to members of the Texas Rose Rustlers to attend its Annual Meeting and conference in Natchez, Mississippi, May 6-9, 1993.

Thursday evening, May 6th, an informal reception will be held. Touring plantation gardens and a visit to the replanting of roses in the Historic National Cemetery on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River will be available Friday, May 7th.

Speakers on various topics related to collecting and enjoying old roses will be on the agenda Saturday. There will also be a colloquium on Heritage Rose preservation needs.

A post-conference workshop Sunday, May 9th, will provide hands-on experience in mapping rose plantings, using the Natchez City Cemetery as a pilot project.

Advance registration is required for the conference, tours, and workshop. For an information packet, send a business size (#10), self addressed envelope to **The Heritage Rose Foundation, 1512 Goreman Street, Raleigh NC 27606**

Phone: 919/834-2591

Registration Deadline april 23, 1993



1. Share rose cuttings
2. Share cultivation and landscaping ideas
3. "Do you know this rose?" - identification
4. Learn how to make rose water, rose jam, potpourri and other fun with roses
5. Create a quarterly newsletter with news of old garden rose happenings
6. Learn about the history and folklore of roses in New Orleans, Louisiana and the world.
7. Rose propagation and hybridization
8. Find what old roses do well in NOLA
9. Organize "rustles" or tours to find and preserve New Orleans old garden roses
10. Help get old roses back into local nurseries and into city parks & esplanades

If you wish futher information about this group please write a postcard to:

Mrs. Maureen R. Detweiler

2418 Calhoun St. New Orleans, LA 70118
Office 504/565-6985 Home 866-5466

Ms. Rosemary Sims

936 Gallier St.
New Orleans LA 70117

504/944-0976 (Leave message at beep)

Texas Rose Rustlers
Annual Symposium -- April 17, 1993
Brenham Community Center -- 101 N. Chappel Hill Street

8:30 to 9:15

Community Center doors open -- Volunteers needed to help set-up tables.

9:00 to 10:00 am

Bloom Exhibition entries tagged and placed on tables by class. Silver bud vases and tags provided. Tag with variety and exhibitor names.

10:00 to 11:15 am

Great Rose Gardens of France--William Grant. Presentation and slides on Parc Tete d'Or in Lyon, Bagatelle in Paris, and Rosarie de L'Hay. Bill lives in Aptos, California and has travelled in Australia, New Zealand, throughout Europe, and even South Africa visiting the world's finest gardens, especially rose gardens.

11:15 to 12:15 pm

Perennials for the Gulf Coast for Sun and Shade--Linda Gay, Mercer Botanical Gardens Horticulturist.

12:15 to 1:15 pm

Lunch -- Coffee and soft drinks provided. Bring your own box-lunch. An opportunity to view the blooms on exhibit.

1:15 to 2:00 pm

Rose Anatomy -- Doug Williams, Botanist and Mercer Botanical Gardens Director. Doug will present the anatomy of the rose and how the many parts are named and described.

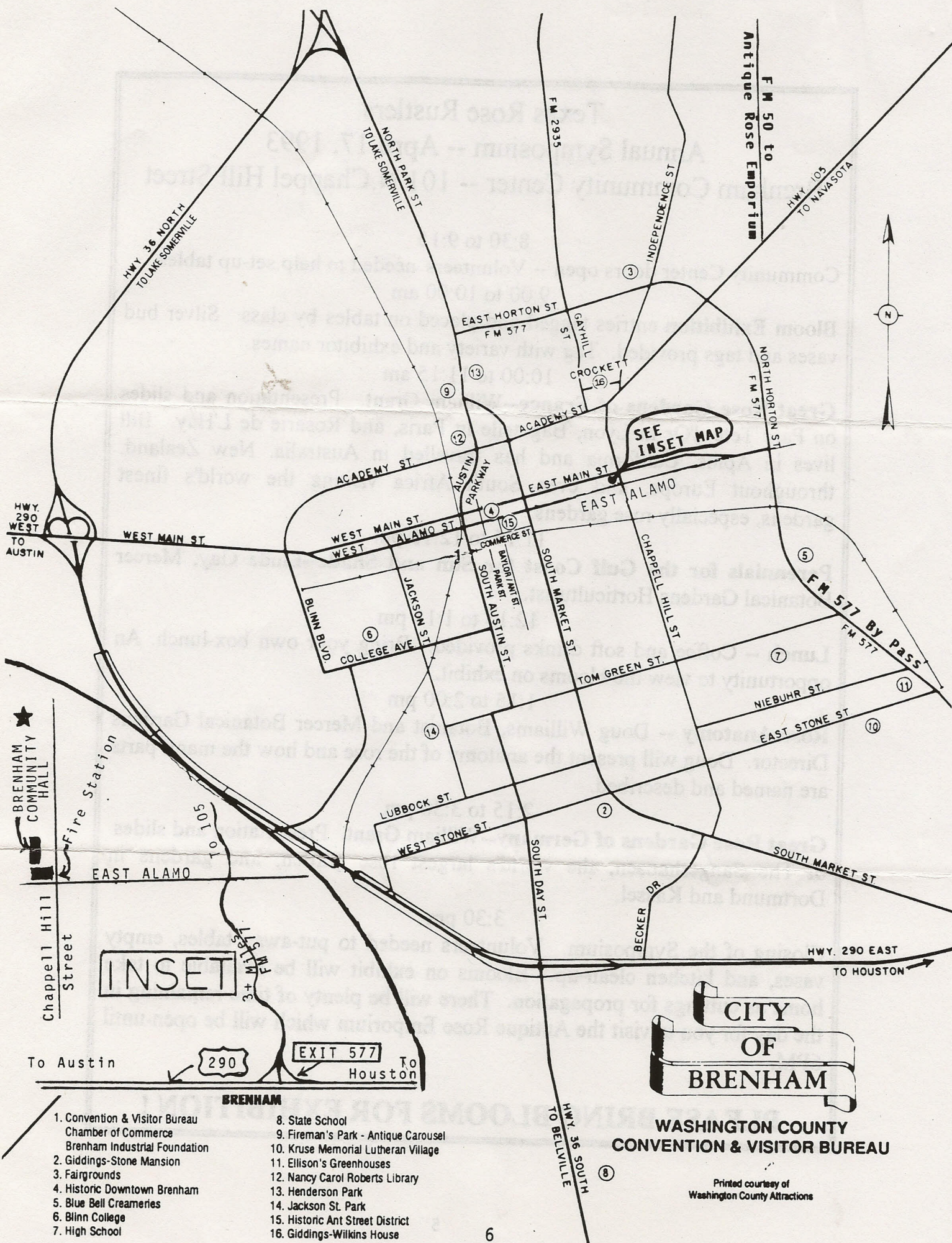
2:15 to 3:30 pm

Great Rose Gardens of Germany--William Grant. Presentation and slides of The Sangerhausen, the world's largest rose garden, and gardens in Dortmund and Kassel.

3:30 pm

Closing of the Symposium. Volunteers needed to put-away tables, empty vases, and kitchen clean-up. Blooms on exhibit will be available to take home as cuttings for propagation. There will be plenty of time remaining in the day for you to visit the Antique Rose Emporium which will be open-until 6PM.

PLEASE BRING BLOOMS FOR EXHIBITION !



CENTRAL FLORIDA HERITAGE ROSE SOCIETY FORMED

HOW TO KEEP SUBSCRIBERS

A new Heritage Rose unit met in February to organize in Lakeland FL at the Florida Southern College. Martha Davies is serving as the president, Sandra Tipton as vice-president, Cindy Caldwell as secretary, Carol Hoffman as Treasurer and Malcolm Manners as Editor of The Cherokee Rose, their newsletter. You may be familiar with Malcolm Manners from the Fall Festival at the Antique Rose Emporium last November. He is an assistant Professor of Horticulture at Florida Southern and was the host chairman of the 1992 Heritage Rose Foundation annual meeting there.

In the Fall 1992 issue of OTR we ran an ad on the Bermuda Roses available from the new Martha S. Davies Antique Roses nursery, Bartow FL.

We welcome this new addition to our old rose fellowship and look forward to hearing from them. Rates, dues, and requirements for receiving their newsletter are not available at this time but we will keep you informed as soon as possible. It will be most interesting to hear from them!

IF YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW...

For those of you who want to know about what roses are in commerce; update on rose registrations and where to find roses to buy you need Beverly R. Dobson's Combined Rose List ("CRL"). If you want to know the very latest information about roses you need Bey Dobson's Rose Letter, that is mailed every two months.

The Combined Rose List is a booklet printed yearly and available early in the year with pre ordering for \$18 for CRL93 available now. Send order and payment (post paid) to Peter Schneider, P.O. Box 16035, Rocky River, OH 44116.

For the Rose Letter you may send \$12 for 6 bi-monthly issues. It may begin at any time, but the CRL booklet should be ordered immediately for fear of the limited supply since the number printed was based on the pre-orders before the first of 1993, with some allowances. Every serious rosarian needs these two publications. Send only checks on USA banks. Back issues of BDRL available.

The best way to make friends and see how well you're doing with your writing about roses is to make an error now and then. You will also get rid of a lot of misconceptions about many things. About a year ago we published an item about the **Heritage Rose Group**, hoping to get local group members to join the original "family" of old rosers. Our information as to some details of the "birth" of the Heritage Roses Group was not accurate. This prompted response from both our friend, Bev Dobson and others.

Founder of Heritage Roses Group (HRG) was Miriam Wilkins, who corresponded with others and organized in 1975. The other coordinators were Edith Schurr (N/W), Carl Cato (S/E), Lily Shohan (N/E) and Miriam handled the (S/W). As HRG grew the country was divided into 6 sections and it has been left that way. As a section grew another coordinator was added to a section.

Originally, coordinators were supposed to trade the job of Editor around, but this did not work out very long as it is such a huge job and editors of local newsletters were asked to "volunteer". As for the HRG Regions, they have nothing to do with the American Rose Society Regions but developed into the 6 regions as pictured in the cover of each issue at the current time. Most of the action regarding old roses is in Texas and up and down the California coast but is beginning to grow in some other areas.

If you do not subscribe to the quarterly Heritage Rose Letter you are missing a great opportunity. The subscription is \$5 a year in the continental USA and we send our money to our South Central Regional Coordinator,

KAREN WALBRUN

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(Make checks payable to Karen - who must pay for printing our share and for our postage at no salary).

[The Editor wishes to thank each of you who have corrected information and hopes you "keep up the good work!"]

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