

The Old Texas Rose

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SUMMER MEETING COOL

Varied and Interesting Program
Historic Rustler Tales & Photos
Large Rose Display Despite Heat
Attendance Great!

As promised, the meeting hall in Brenham was cool for us on Saturday, July 13th, and we had a large variety of antique roses to display, which everyone enjoyed. We had a large attendance and all of us had a real cool time. Mike Shoup could not attend, but most of us visited with him at the A.R.E. afterward. Liz Druitt was there to tell us about her new book, *The Organic Rose Garden*. Many were disappointed that she had not brought any we could buy and have her autograph for us, but Taylor Publishing Co., Dallas TX, has them well distributed, which included some in the book section of the A.R.E. retail book store. See the book review in this newsletter if you haven't already read it. Much of the book is filled with rose growing information Rustlers gave Liz when she first came to "live with us." It is excellent and gives many tips in growing "Old Timey Roses in the "Old Timey Ways."

Ray Valigura read Bill Welch's notes on early organization of the Rustlers and Margaret Sharpe told of some of the historical events. We were very glad to have Pam Puryear there, too, to fill us in on some of the lighter side of getting started and to show us slides and photos of early members and early rose "finds" we "fed into" Mike Shoup's collection.

There were a large number of cuttings for the members to choose from and also many potted rooted cuttings distributed in the free drawing that closed the gathering at about 3:30 p.m.

ANNUAL MEETING & FALL

RUSTLE TO BE OCTOBER 12th

17th Rustle to be

AT LANDA PARK IN NEW BRAUNFELS

We are so busy running around having fun with our roses that we never think of the serious business of being a bona fied group. But in order for us to have a real legitimate and perpetuating organization we have to give you a chance to vote on the directions you think we should take. The final meeting of the year is the time for our Annual Meeting and the end of an even-numbered year is the time we do this, in as little time as possible to give each of you a chance to express your choices. You received a copy of the current Constitution & Bylaws in the Spring 1996 *Old Texas Rose*. Please read the items in this issue on "Bits Of Business to Discuss" and the pages on the Changes in the Constitution & Bylaws recommended by the Board of Directors the Executive Committee and all active Committee members. They are the Mamas & the Pappas who try to keep us a respected organization in gardening circles and see what can be done to give you the most pleasure in membership. Please accept your responsibility as an individual member by constructive participation and suggestions. We have always considered ourselves to be an educational group, learning and sharing knowledge with each other and the public.

We will be meeting Saturday morning, October 12th in Landa Park, New Braunfels. Enter from the I-35 expressway on TX 46 (Seguin Ave). Go to road division, take left road (Landa Rd.) turning into Landa Park at right. You will receive further instructions there, maps, landmarks, etc.

Fall Gathering & Cutting Exchange set for October 12th

This year our Fall Gathering has been largely arranged by Bob Fitzsimmons of Southernwood Gardens. It promises to be packed with activities so don't be late or you'll miss out!

We will start with a cutting exchange in the picnic area of Landa Park, in New Braunfels, at 10:30am. If you have a table you can bring to hold the cuttings, please call Eunice Roberts at 643-8704 and let her know.

Lunch will start at 11:30am. As before, BYO sack lunch, drinks, lawn chairs, card table, etc., and a dessert to share at the dessert table.

At 12:30pm, those participants who are dues-paying members of the Texas Rose Rustlers will be asked to adjourn for a meeting where new officers will be elected and any business before us will be discussed (see related article). If you have any questions, suggestions, complaints or bits of praise to share, this will be your time to bring them up.

After the meeting ends, hopefully around 1pm, we will hold the drawing for the Lotto roses. If you have any other plants, yard ornaments or gardening items of interest, please consider donating them to the Lotto drawing. This is always one of the best parts of our meetings!

After the drawing, we will begin our tour of the private and public gardens that the Rustlers are welcome to visit. Sonja Parker tells us that the roses on Comal Street are still in bloom. Some roses can be rustled for cuttings but remember that courtesy dictates we secure permission first. This promises to be a large gathering and we must be very careful not to over-prune our hosts' rose bushes.

If you have problems finding Landa Park, give Bob Fitzsimmons a call at 210-608-9160 and he will help you out.

Two Bits of Business to Discuss

Our bylaws dictate that our Fall gathering includes a business meeting, in addition to the rustle and/or cutting exchange our Program Committee plans for us. This year we have at least two bits of business to which we must attend.

Since this is an odd-numbered year, we must elect officers to serve for the next two years. A nominating committee consisting of past Rose Rustler Chairman Jackie Fischer and Program Committee members Eunice Roberts and Mary Herr has offered the following slate of officers:

Chairman: Ray Valigura
Program Chairman: Earl Krause
Treasurer: Lucille Idom
Secretary: Bobbie McKenna
Editor: Margaret Sharpe

We will vote on this list of Rustlers at our Fall Gathering, according to the rules of our bylaws. Prior to voting, nominations will be taken from the floor, so if you have a different Rustler in mind than whom you see here, that will be the time to add his or her name to the list. Remember that you must secure their permission to be nominated before suggesting their name!

Our other bit of business concerns amending our bylaws. In this newsletter you will find changes submitted by our Program Committee. Proposed changes can also be submitted in writing at our Fall Gathering. They will be published in subsequent issues of this newsletter so that the membership can review them and vote on them at our 1996 Winter Gathering. For a copy of the bylaws, refer back to your Spring '96 issue of The Old Texas Rose or send a SASE to Margaret Sharpe, Editor, 9426 Kerrwood, Houston, TX 77080-5428.

We will also vote to adopt the Standing Rules as they are or change any if them. If you want any change in any Standing Rule let Ray know in writing at the next meeting, October 12th. They can be voted on 1996 Winter gathering, too.

Roses, By the Way

by Mary Herr
Herr's Lawn & Landscape

If you're looking for a rose that combines healthy foliage with good repeat bloom and fragrance, try some of the **Griffith Buck** roses.

Dr. Griffith Buck was a professor of horticulture at Iowa State University. His special interest was breeding roses to withstand the brutal midwestern winter. To our benefit, his roses also thrive in heat and humidity.

These beauties are TOUGH!

One of our fellow Rustlers, Lucille Idom, shared cuttings of **Prairie Harvest** with me about 1 1/2 years ago. It was apparent from the start that this one was special. It combines vigorous growth with healthy, glossy foliage, not to be surpassed by a softly golden Hybrid Tea bloom. And it's fragrant too! **Prairie Harvest** is definitely a consideration if you are searching for a good yellow rose for your garden.

Another Dr. Buck treasure is the standout performer, **Polonaise**. Always in bloom, the large flowers of brightest magenta seem to glow in the garden. The glossy leaves with a burgundy tint echoes the healthy foliage characteristic of many of this roses.

Some other Buck roses to look for are **Earthsong**, a soft but deep pink shrub, **Folksinger**, an apricot flowered beauty, and **Pearlie Mae**, a soft salmon with visible golden stamens.

These are just a few of the 70+ varieties that Dr. Buck bred. I intend to acquire more of these to add to the collection of roses I grow, as each one seems to be a special treasure. Rose lovers everywhere owe much to distinguished hybridizers such as Griffith Buck, for his hard work has brought beauty in our gardens.

Will the real Byzantine glads please stand up?...

For those of you who were wondering where you could buy those beautiful, magenta, day-glow Byzantine gladioli that we saw in the Roberts' and the Brandes' rose gardens last Spring, the following information is for you. What started out as a promise to find a source for these beauties, turned into quite a horticultural lesson!

Henry at the Antique Rose Emporium said they will not be carrying the bulbs this Fall and suggested Old House Gardens, who he says are to bulbs what the A.R.E. is to roses. Seems the A.R.E. ordered Byzantine glads from another source one year, only to find out they were not the true ones. He said Old House Gardens calls theirs "Jacob's Ladder" glads but they are the true Byzantines.

A call from Scott Kunst at Old House Gardens verified this. He suggested you order early as supplies are very limited. Their catalog of heirloom bulbs costs \$2.00 and the Byzantines glads, shipped as bulbs, are 3/\$9.00. They are shipped in October. Old House Gardens' address is 536 Third Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-4957.

Carl Shoenfeld of Yucca Do Nursery [(409)826-6363] said there are, indeed, ersatz Byzantines out there. He is 100% confident he has the real McCoy, also, and ships them as plants in the Spring, 3/\$7.50. He cautions against ordering this bulb from Dutch bulb companies, as did Scott Kunst, because those bulbs will not naturalize here.

Lynn at Teas Nursery in Houston [(713)664-4400] has some on order for January. She has heard that they may be sent under the name "Blue Charm", which is kind of curious, but she can personally attest to their hardiness in our area.

And finally, Mary Herr, of Herr's Lawn & Landscape suggests The Daffodil Mart, (1-800-ALL-BULB) in Gloucester, VA who she says are very reliable.

Along the Rustling Trail

Marion Brandes

I have always enjoyed the mystery of growing several new rose varieties each year to hopefully discover other roses that prosper along the Texas Gulf Coast and merit a place in our gardens. There have been several very outstanding roses I have tried out over the past two or three years and would like to recommend them to all of you.

The most outstanding has been the Kordesii climber, 'Rosarium Vetersen', introduced in 1977. Mine is on multiflora rootstock from Pickering Nurseries (mail-order). In its second year it has not been without bloom so far this season (6 months). The blooms are a very unique medium salmon pink and the form is like a 2-3" very double carnation. The petal color doesn't get lighter in the summer heat, nor does the petal count drop. The flowers are always in clusters from 3 up to about 8. It doesn't mildew; however, it does get blackspot. This shortcoming is overcome by its vigor and ability to quickly replace lost leaves.

Another very fine acquisition has been 'Pearl Drift', introduced in 1983 by LeGrice, as a shrub, on its own roots from Heirloom Roses. The most unique fact about this rose is its parentage. Even though it is a medium sized shrub, it is the progeny of 'Mermaid' by 'New Dawn'. With that kind of health, vigor, and remontancy in its blood lines I just had to order it. It has bloomed continuously since early Spring and it hasn't shown any susceptibility to any disease. Here, on Labor Day it is already (in its first year -- planted last November) shoulder high and 3' wide. The foliage is beautifully glossy, dark green and thick. The bloom clusters have pink buds, opening white (as white as Iceberg), but small and semi-double.

And certainly the most beautiful small rose bushes I have acquired are 'Malmaison Rouge' and "Shepherd Street Tea".

"Souvenir de la Malmaison", the 1843 Bourbon Hybrid and one of the most popular of old garden roses, has a sport called 'Malmaison Rouge', introduced in 1846. It is a *must* in every garden that grows the former well. It is a deep pink (or light red, if you like) very similar in color and size to 'Mrs. B.R. Cant' in the Summer, except both sides of its petals are the same solid color. Its foliage, form, and size are much the same as its sport parent, but the bloom color is a strong contrast. I wish I had been growing this rose for the last ten years! This plant is on its own roots and was mail ordered from Heirloom Roses. There has been no disease throughout its first 10 months in the ground and it has bloomed just as steadily as 'Souvenir' and its other sports. I grow all four of these sports - do you know the names of the other two?

So many of the Tea Roses are very large bushes, but there is one that stays at two feet, even without pruning and remains dense. It is "Shepherd Street Tea" with apricot colored flowers. Fred Boutin found it in Sonora, California, and gave me cuttings four years ago. I believe this is the town where Gary Cooper's movie "High Noon" was filmed. The size is really puzzling since it doesn't seem to have any characteristics, other than 100% from the Tea Rose class. It's not in commerce, but I will gladly share cuttings with any of you. I would really like to see

this rose in commerce.

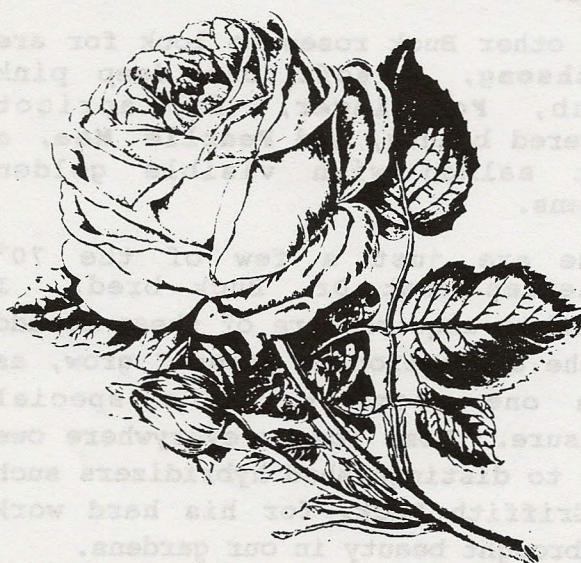
Another very special rose has been 'Sophie's Perpetual' because of the blooms. It is constantly producing small semi-double, cupped shaped blooms of a striking coloration. They are pink in the center and red on the outer edge. It is certainly one of my top five favorite fragrances. I was unable to grow it on its own roots-it had no vigor and declined each year. I finally ordered it from Pickering Nurseries on multiflora root stock and that solved the problem. It has sufficient vigor to overcome its proneness to blackspot. The production of stirringly beautiful blooms with such exceptional fragrance are enough to ignore its single fault. It has remained about 3' x 2' for the two years I have grown it.

I am also very fortunate to have rooted a cutting from Lera Barlow three years ago of the most popular climber in England, 'Compassion', introduced in 1972 by Harkness. Its parents were 'White Cockade' by 'Prima Ballerina'. It is quite unique. The leaves are very healthy and among the thickest and most leathery of any I have seen. The leaves turn an unusual blackish-green during cold, Fall weather. The blooms are much lighter here in our heat than in England - usually a very pale salmon pink. The blooms come continuously from Spring through Fall in clusters of 3. The canes are large in diameter and very stiff. It makes a wonderful climber, easy on maintenance.

Whenever we are trying out roses, and no one we know has grown it before, it could very well turn out to be a failure. But some of them turn out to be your very most favorite varieties, and then it is well worth the venture. One way to increase your odds considerably is to consider the rose's parentage. If the parents are both outstanding performers in your garden (or region) then you stand a good chance of finding a winner. Take the time to do some research into some of the outstanding reference materials available these days on roses. Ten years ago good rose reference books were very scarce.

If you're on the internet you can send me email at mbrandes@uh.edu or regular old snail mail to 27326 Farm creek, Huffman, TX 77336. Your comments may find their way into this column.

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THE ORGANIC ROSE GARDEN, Liz Druitt, 1996, Taylor Publishing Co., Dallas TX, 210 pp. Hardback, full color. \$21.00

Having grown roses for pleasure for the last 50 years it was good news when we learned that a book was to be published that would help home gardeners grow roses using language and methods they could understand and use. Liz Druitt became very interested in the old garden roses and their histories and took many notes from conversations and observations from many friends in gardening circles who were true rose enthusiasts. It was only natural that she fell into writing about flowers after she graduated from the University of Michigan and taking a series of jobs in horticultural pursuits.

It was not long before she became acquainted with "Rose People" and quickly was magnetized by their limitless rose lore and friendliness, and they by her thirst for knowledge on growing and cultivation. The group she chose to record were the one that grew roses from cuttings, primarily, and that tried to save them from the influences of chemical gardening and clung mostly to the old fashioned methods of rose propagation. There are many rosarians who know that roses respond favorably to use of organics in the soil and in their fertilization and they are found in many rose societies world-wide. In some large rose organizations it is not uncommon to see those members in interest groups studying the organic methods of propagation while others are studying the various new chemicals and technological methods. It has evolved that there are large rose clubs who are not interested in growing perfect roses to show by whatever means. They also find the traits of "old fashioned roses" more pleasing and growing them by "old fashioned methods" more satisfying. These "old timers" have banded in some areas of the country and have a large following of members who have been stimulated to grow roses of historic interest, have flower forms and fragrances no longer popular, and, unfortunately, are no longer as interested in showing blooms as in times gone by.

As every rose enthusiast knows who has grown roses to show in competition, the only way this can be accomplished is to practice good soil management, or organic gardening. All learn soon or late that tinkering with chemically changing the soil or water results in disastrous failures and they find themselves so wrapped up in unfamiliar technology, exceptionally

high expenses, and not even the satisfaction of having as beautiful roses as hoped. This "labor intensive care" plant has become a burden that is no longer the happy result of creative care hoped.

Some rosarians find the secrets and do not become discouraged and give up, but if you look into their success you will find that they began with organic treatments and progressed from there. They learned a few simple secrets along the way, too, such as growing roses suitable to their location and soil. By the same token, they have learned not to upset their "digestive systems" by dosing them with "drugs" to produce instant changes. We have all been told that phosphates are in the soil to produce fruit and bloom. Not all soil has phosphates and we add it by guessing how much to add. Soil that is "poisoned" by excessive phosphates is a sad mess. This is a hard and lasting lesson.

Liz Druitt has found many secrets of growing roses from many growers without becoming technical. There are so many that can make your experience a happy one that you will find in this book. The part on insect control will benefit you and your roses. Many years ago, when I was striving for every rose award I could find, I learned I was doing more damage with insecticides than the insects! I resorted to the garden hose and to mashing them between two bricks and got rid of them. Liz will enlighten you further as you seek your answers. Her section in this book on "Troubleshooting" is excellent. The old timey ways were very good but sometimes were lacking. I well recall how important it was to spray sulfur dust on roses early in the morning while the dew lasted. Best result was rose foliage and petals being slightly peppered with tiny black holes that the diluted hydrochloric acid left, and all the resulting dead leaves. The mildew looked better! And I always wondered just how many bugs the Arsenate of Lead really killed. I'm just glad to still be alive! Some good ones we used to control bugs were nicotine sulfate (Black Leaf 40) and tobacco dust, but I guess we'll kiss those off.

The chapter "Roses That Thrive in Organic Gardens" is an excellent listing of roses known to grow well in climate zones 6 through 10. Do not forget that roses that grow well in a particular area on their own roots should be the ones to choose for those locations. Most roses prefer cool soil and for this reason the roses grafted or budded to rootstock are grown with this in mind. However, where soils get hot, like in the

South or on the Gulf Coast, rose roots need to be able to tolerate 80 to 90 degree soil. China roses will often handle this on their own roots, which accounts for these types and the "old fashioned Teas" being so popular there. On the other hand, the extremely hardy roses (hardy to freezing cold) do not always perform well in this situation. The section on planting roses should be read carefully to understand this. The The Reference Charts included are a great help in the selection of appropriate roses to grow. Remember that all old garden rose types will not grow where you live. Read about roses constantly. They are very interesting and easy to learn about. Remember, true education is learning what has already been tried or proven and build on top of what is already known. Don't waste time trying to learn by trial and error when you can read the results before you start!

The latter part of the book has some fun things to do with roses and also a list of Resources. This is a thoughtful gift Liz included for us and should be used for its valuable assistance, along with the quite complete alphabetical Index on the last pages.

An easy to read, fun reference book!

HAPPY READING!

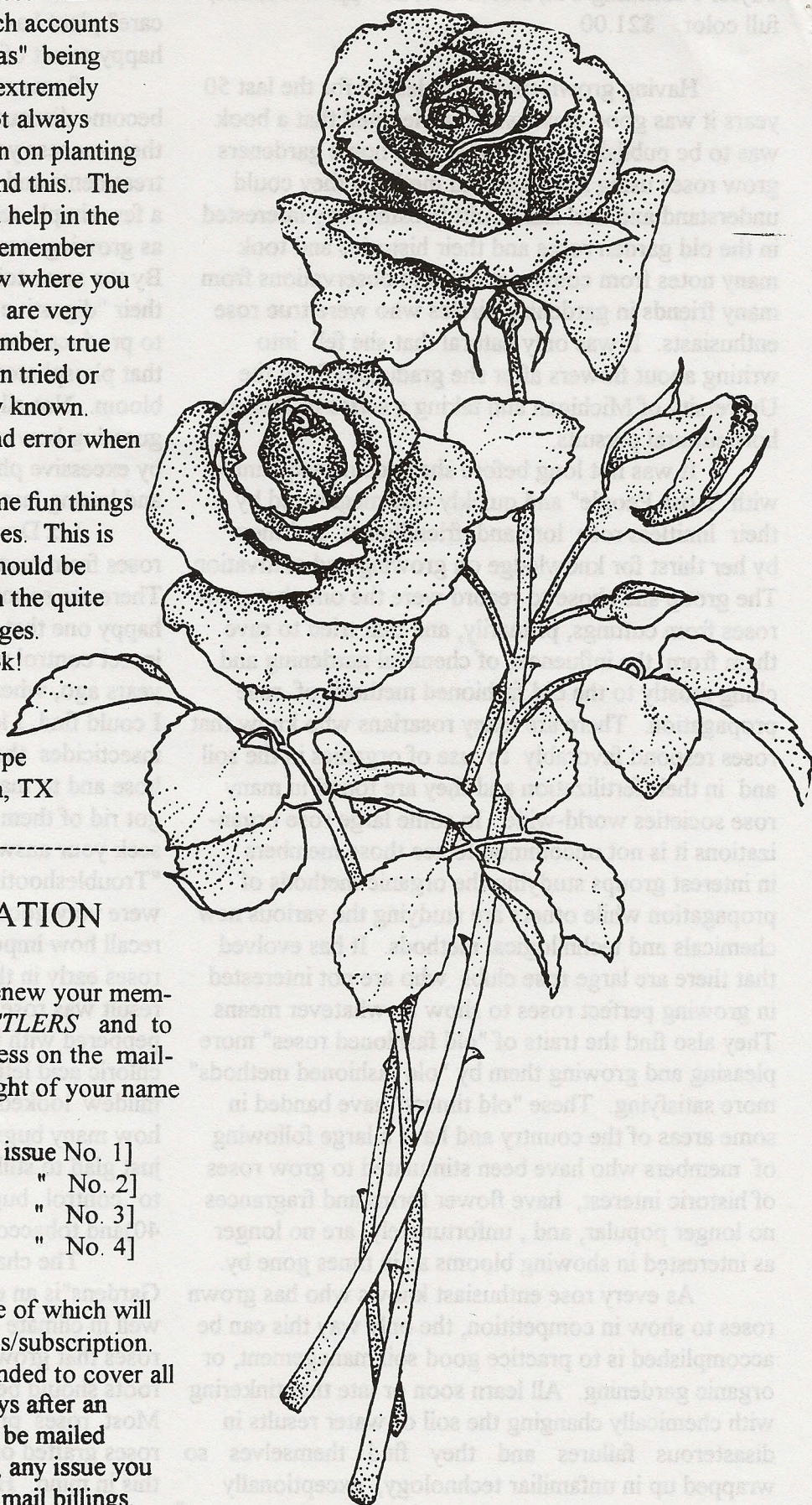
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CHECK YOUR EXPIRATION

To determine when you are to renew your membership/subscription to *THE ROSE RUSTLERS* and to *THE OLD TEXAS ROSE*, see your address on the mailing cover of this current issue. To the right of your name you will see one of the following:

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These are the seasonal issues, one of which will be your last issue under your current dues/subscription. If you renew early your date will be extended to cover all paid up issues. Should you renew 30 days after an issue was mailed, your lapsed issue will be mailed you free. Since we only mail First Class, any issue you miss may be ordered for \$1. We cannot mail billings.



Did you know?...



Rustler co-founder, Joe Woodard, had to miss our Summer Symposium due to illness. He had a stroke on June 2 but is now home from the hospital and looking forward to our next event, which he hopes to attend. Let's wish Joe Godspeed by keeping him in our prayers.



Another Rustler family is also in need of our prayers. One of Marion and Frances Brandes' 3 year old twin grandsons passed away in July. We want them to know we share in their sorrow.

A⁺ It was good to see Retha Groom at the Summer Symposium. She will resume a full teaching schedule in Engineering Design Graphics at A&M this Fall but has not been able to do much gardening, other than to water. She has come a long way since the car accident but says her doctors are not optimistic about further improvement, so save a prayer for her, too.



Eunice Roberts is already thinking ahead to next Spring's yard tours. If you would consider putting your name on the tour list, please give Eunice a call at the number below or write to her at 6845 Cayton, Houston, TX 77061.

Trader's Corner

Debbie Jo Sheffield (Houston/Teneha) is looking for cuttings of **La Marque** and **Madame Berkeley**. She will trade for your choice of cuttings from any of her forty-five roses, fourteen of which are David Austins. Mon.- Fri.: (713) 688-9191, Weekends: (409) 248-3615.

Nell Turner (New Ulm) is looking for cuttings or rooted cuttings of **Westerland**. She has a pretty good selection of roses to choose from for cuttings, including some already rooted. (409) 992-3617.

Submit requests for Trader's Corner to: Audrey McMurray, 11031 Dunlap Dr., Houston, TX 77096-5853, (713) 729-5307.

In New Braunfels ist das Leben schön

(Life is good in New Braunfels)

Surely New Braunfels has to rank as one of the top three most interesting and fun cities to visit in Texas. It is scenic, has a colorful history and still maintains its founders' Germanic charm. In case anyone had a notion to stay in town for the whole weekend and do a bit of sightseeing after the Rustle is over, Bill and Sonja Parker looked up the rates of rooms. Here is what Sonja wrote:

"Schlitterbahn now is the biggest owner of rooms for rent. They are now in their winter rates. If all us individuals can be a group, there most likely would be a little discount. Their best buy is the few that they call duplexes: 3 bedroom sleeps 10-12, \$142 per night; 2 bedroom sleeps 6-8, \$123; 1 bedroom sleeps 4, \$103. All have kitchens.

Basic motel room: 2 double beds, \$64 for 2. There is a pool, a whirlpool, basic TV (no cable), a charge for local calls, either 10¢ or 25¢. No continental breakfast. Most regular motel rooms have a coffee maker in them.

The Hampton is new, has 62 rooms: 31 are double, 29 single, 2 people \$79, 1 is \$69; 10% off for groups, continental breakfast, free cable and phone, pool and hot tub.

Super 8: Queen, 2 beds, 4 people \$68.88; 1 - 58.88; continental breakfast and hot tub.

Faust: must have 10 rooms guaranteed with a credit card: 2 double beds - \$54 plus tax (regular \$69); \$49 [for] single."

Bill and Sonja, along with Bob Fitzsimmons of Southernwood Gardens, worked hard to arrange an exciting Rustle for us this year. We certainly are grateful to them and we hope to see many of you wo das Leben schön ist (where life is good) on October 12!

Crafts Corner Pressed Flowers

by Cynthia Shope

As our Fall flush of blooms is drawing near and our children head back to school, we may all have extra time on our hands (ha ha - what time?). This article is for you!! This project can be done with your kids too, for all those teacher's gifts or for presents for the holidays.

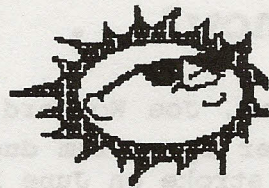
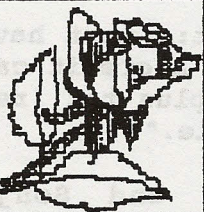
You start with two sheets of plywood (size of newspaper- about 14" x 22"). You can sand and varnish or woodburn on one sheet if you want to. Next, you will need four large C-clamps.

Collect you favorite blooms and flowers. Lay them out on newspaper (ten sheets thick between specimens). You can also use blotting paper or paper towels to sandwich specimens, then use newspaper for your outer ten layers.

Clamp tightly on each side of your plywood press. Let dry for one to two weeks in a cool, dark place. Remove pressed items and store in plastic boxes with tight lids.

Once dried, you can use them for all sorts of crafts. My favorite uses for pressed flowers are to decorate frames and to decorate wreaths. Most of your hobby stores have tons of books filled with ideas. So don't just throw those blooms, petals, and flowers away----BE CREATIVE!!!!!!!!!!

Have any ideas, crafts,
or suggestions to share?
Send to: Cyn Shope
7026 Glen Wood
Sugar land, TX 77479
(713) 343-0966



More Drought Busters

Did you get a chance to see the Antique Rose Emporium after we wrapped things up in Brenham on July 13th? Admittedly it was *HOT*, but sometimes that's the best time to visit gardens. Then you can see what's abloomin', like Katy Road Pink, a Hades-hardy rose if there ever was one.

Matt Vest listed Martha Gonzalez, Eutin, Belinda's Dream, Duchesse de Brabant, La Marne, Cecile Brunner, Alister Stella Gray, Prosperity, Cl. Cecile Brunner, Crimson Glory, Dame de Coeur, Phalaenopsis, Ducher, Cramoisi Supérieur, and Archduke Charles as some of the A.R.E.'s drought busters.

Granted, their roses get regular watering, but there's no substitute for a good rain, now and again, and it takes a hardy rose to put up with our high temperatures, even with watering.

●●● Almanac Dates ●●●

(Source: Blum's Farmer's and Planter's Almanac for the Year 1996.)

For rooting all cuttings

Sept.: 2-3, 6-8, 29-30
Oct.: 4-5, 11, 27-28, 31
Nov.: 1, 7-9, 27-29
Dec.: 5-8, 25-26

For transplanting rooted cuttings and potted roses

Sept.: 14-17
Oct.: 12-14, 18
Nov.: 10-11, 14-15
Dec.: 12-13, 16

To prune roses for increased blooming

Sept.: 6-7
Oct.: 4-5
Nov.: 27-29
Dec.: 7-8, 25, 28



PROPOSED CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS CHANGES

Since our Constitution & Bylaws have not been updated since June 1990 the Executive Board of the Texas Rose Rustlers met several times with other active members interested and submit the below recommendations to the membership for your consideration. These amendments will be voted upon at the Annual Meeting, or special meeting at least two months following the changes announcement in THE OLD TEXAS ROSE, according to Article IX of said Constitution & Bylaws. It is stated therein that two-thirds of the paid up members present and voting will carry the vote at that time. Your copy of the current Constitution & Bylaws may be found in the Spring 1996 issue of The Old Texas Rose. If a member needs a copy one may be obtained by sending a Self Addressed and Stamped envelope to the Editor. After any changes are made in the Constitution and Bylaws a new set of the approved changes will be published

ARTICLE V, 1990 Constitution & Bylaws shall be ~~deleted~~ and CHANGED in its entirety to read as follows:

Section 1. **OFFICERS**

The officers of this organization shall consist of a Chairman, a Program Chairman, a Chairman/Editor of *The Old Texas Rose* newsletter, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Chairman of the Rustle.

Section 2. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

A. A Nominating Committee shall consist of a chairman appointed by the current Chairman of the Texas Rose Rustlers, and shall include two other members of the Rustlers chosen by the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, who are members in good standing and who are not currently serving as officers of the organization.

B. The Nominating Committee shall furnish a list of candidates, recommended by the Committee who have indicated a willingness to serve, to the Chairman/Editor of the newsletter to be published in the newsletter prior to the Fall gathering/rustle of the Texas Rose Rustlers.

C. Nominations for office shall be permitted from the floor during the Fall meeting. Those members nominating candidates shall check with their candidates prior to nominating them and shall determine their willingness to serve.

D. Officers will be elected at the Annual Fall Meeting of even-numbered years, and shall serve for two full years beginning on the first day of January following the election.

E. In the event an officer cannot, does not, or will not act or continue to carry out the duties of the office the Executive Board shall appoint a member to fill his/her unexpired term of office.

In order to understand the below changes it will be necessary to compare them to the wordings in the Proposed Changes. Changes begin with ARTICLE VI, SECTION 1 C

Article VI (Duties of Officers), Section 1(C) [Chairman] - Change to read:

"Shall appoint all necessary committee chairmen and shall appoint all committee vice-chairmen to assist any Chairman when deemed necessary, or when requested to do so by the Committee Chairman.

Article VI, ADD Section 1, (D), as follows: "Shall, together with the Program Chairman, approve of all proposed programs. In the unlikely event that the Chairman and the Program Chairman cannot agree on any aspect of a program proposed for a Texas Rose Rustle function, meeting, symposium, or Rustle, then the Editor shall have the decisive vote on the proposed program of aspect thereof.

Article VI, Section 2 (Program Chairman) (B) Change to read:

"Shall prepare and coordinate all Texas Rose Rustler Programs, subject to the approval of the Chairman. In the unlikely event that the Chairman and the Program Chairman cannot agree on any aspect of a program proposed for a Texas Rose Rustle function, meeting, symposium, then the Chairman/Editor shall have the decisive vote on the proposed program, or aspect thereof.

Article VI, Section 2 (C) shall be **Added** to read: "Shall have authority, subject to the joinder by the Chairman, to set dates for the Spring and Fall functions of the Texas Rose Rustlers; may move the date for the Spring function to a date in early Summer, or may move the date for the Fall function to a date in mid to late Summer. In the event the Program Chairman and the Chairman cannot agree on dates for The Texas Rose Rustlers functions, then the Chairman/Editor shall have the decisive vote as provided in the preceding paragraph.

Article VI, Section 3 Shall be **Changed to Read: "Chairman/Editor of The Old Texas Rose"**

"A. The Chairman/Editor shall see that the newsletter, *The Old Texas Rose*, is published and mailed once each Quarter to each member of the Texas Rose Rustlers, and to the publishers of related information sources with whom this organization exchanges publications.

"B. Shall have the deciding vote in all stalemates between the Chairman and the Program Chairman."

Article VI, Section 4 shall be **Changed** to read: "Secretary

"A. Shall write all correspondence in cooperation with the Chairman; and shall record the minutes of the Annual Fall Meeting."

Article VI, Section 5 shall be **Changed** to read "Treasurer"

"A. Shall handle the funds of the organization in cooperation with the Chairman. Both the Treasurer and the Chairman shall be able to sign checks on the bank account of the Texas Rose Rustlers, there being at least two approved signatures on the bank signature card at all times to provide that one of the two officers are available for signing checks and for conducting the banking needs of the Texas Rose Rustlers. The fiscal year for this organization shall be January 1 through December 31.

"B. Shall deposit all funds received by the Texas Rose Rustlers or *The Old Texas Rose* into the organization's bank account and shall pay all bills presented for payment after approval by the Chairman. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records as set up, without changing the method unless the Treasurer shall propose a new method or methods to the Executive Board and the Board approves and adopts the new method or methods.

"C. Shall render any information required by the Internal Revenue Service relating to this organization.

"D. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually by a Committee appointed by the Chairman."

Article VI, Section 6, Chairman of the Rustle shall be **Added**:

"A. Shall be charged with planning and organizing all Rustles, including site permissions.

"B. Shall obtain the approval of the plans for all Rustles from either the Chairman or the Program Chairman."

Article VI, Section "7. Executive Committee", shall be **Added**:

"A. The Executive Committee of the Texas Rose Rustlers shall consist of the Chairman, the Program Chairman, The Editor, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

"B. The Executive Committee shall have authority to act when a quorum of three (3) shall be present after notice of the Executive Board Meeting has been given to at least four (4) of the five Board Members. Voting shall be by simple majority.

"C. Shall appoint an officer to replace any officer who resigns, or who cannot or does not perform or continue to perform the acts charged to his/her office."

Notes from the New Braunfels Rustle in October of 1988

by Pam Puryear

The citizens of New Braunfels have seen many antique hunters in their day, but on the weekend of October 22-23, 1988, they experienced a very different sort: visitors from all over the State were seeking **Antique Roses!** Local residents, Dr. Dorris and Christine Brown and Mr. Rolf Moore led members of the Texas Rose Rustlers through the olders sections of the city where many roses have survived untold years. Sic.

The Rustlers met at Landa Park on Sunday, armed with pruning shears, Rolf Moore's map and much optimism. On Liberty Street they collected a lonely white, cupped Tea Rose, 'Mrs. Joseph Schwartz' and an unknown Gallica. From there the group progressed slowly down Comal Street where the many interesting Victorian homes boasted equally interesting Victorian roses in their gardens. At a cottage on Tolle at Comal, tall bushes of 'Archduke Charles', an 1840 China rose, fascinated the Rustlers. Across the street at the Republican Headquarters grew another medium pink China, Hermosa, first introduced in 1840 also. An old house at College & Comal yielded 'Mrs. Dudley

Cross, a thornless 1907 Tea, and Mme. Eugene Marlitt (Bourbon) 1900, a china-Bourbon sort. Another unknown old Tea with shaggy petals was named for our Editor, Mrs. Sharpe. Across the street a mammoth bush of Mermaid (1906?) awed the Rustlers. This single yellow species hybrid is descended from the McCartney rose, which has run wild here and become a pest to ranchers. Though very thorny, 'Mermaid' is much less vigorous (?) and very lovely. All of Comal Street was alive with fine old shrubs of the original pink China, 'Old Blush'. This hardy plant bears flowers of about ten loose petals and "blushes" dark pink in the sun. It came to America about 1800, and was probably one of the first roses imported into Texas. At "Heart of Country Store" there was a cream colored Tea with blush edges - very similar to the popular Hybrid Tea 'Peace'. It may be 'Marie vanHoutte' (1871). Also there was another 'Sharpe' Tea and a red China rose, perhaps 'Louis Philippe' (1836). One of the most exciting finds was the specimen that could have been the original 'Duchess de Brabant' in the front yard of a rented house by a fence separating the yard from the one next door where the house of the original property owner who planted the 'Duchess', (1857) once lived. Had the rose been planted when New Braunfels was first building new homes the rose could have been

planted about 1860. It was never pampered with care but we were highly impressed by its vitality. It would root any time of the year by putting a cutting in any location or kind of soil. Anyone who missed taking a cutting from it missed a real Antique Rose gift!

An empty house at 648 Castell boasted a front and back garden filled with interesting roses - we couldn't touch! But a dear lady in a charming Victorian house at 546 Academy welcomed us and told about some unusual plants in her fenced yard.

The Rustlers, hot and tired, drove most of the tour of Mill and Bridge streets to finish at the Locke Nursery, on San Antonio Street one block southeast. Mr. Otto Locke, Jr., and his late wife Etelka very graciously showed their "Plantation" to us. It's too big to be a garden. The late Mr. Otto Locke, Jr., and his late wife, Etelka, very graciously showed their "plantation" (it's too big to be a garden!) Mr. Locke's grandfather, of course, founded the nursery on the banks of the Comal River downtown in 1856, making it one of the two oldest in the State. The other was Gilbert Olderdonk's near Victoria - and Locke's was certainly the oldest business of this kind still in operation.

No doubt the majority of the roses the Rustlers admired that day originally came from the two elder Lockes, J.J. and Otto, Sr., in years gone by.



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