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#### SUMMERTIME GATHERING BEING PLANNED

We will be sending you our next issue of The Old Texas Rose in mid June that will have the schedule of our Symposium to be **held in air conditioning indoors**. At this time we are suggesting you hold the date of July 13th from 10 A.M. until 3 PM for a "Gathering" at the Brenham Community Center. You will be sent a map to direct you to its location, and if there is any change you will also be directed by map to that location.

Plan to bring your picnic lunch, and do not fail to bring rooted cuttings and any potted roses you can donate to our rose exchange with other contributing members. Remember, you may purchase rooted roses that are left over from the Exchange if you have nothing to swap, proceeds going into the Rose Rustler Treasury.

In any case remember to bring any cuttings you may have rooted, as there is not likely to be many takers of summertime cuttings to be rooted! We need to gather all the rooted plants possible to help the City Rose Garden in Victoria replace all the lovely roses they lost last year in a devastating flood on the Park Grounds. Some of our members contributed plants this spring, but not nearly enough. The old Evergreen Cemetery there is always worth another visit, and so would be the relandscaping of the municipal rose planting.

#### OPEN GARDEN TOURS WELL RECEIVED

The members who so graciously opened their gardens for tours last month and on into the first of May are truly due our grateful thanks. It was a most successful venture, even though we were a bit shy of heavy blooms we hoped to have part of the time. The attendance was very good and we had perfect weather each of the days. At this time we have not had a report on how many tour guests attended, but a few hosts had guest books for signing and several of the guests joined the Rose Rustlers!

Tours is a means by which we can best show new members how we grow our Old Garden Roses, the primary question most new members ask. Perhaps we should have the Tours a regular part of our yearly program in both Spring and Fall.

The Rose Rustlers usually have a Spring Symposium each year at which we have a few outstanding speakers on roses and may have a display of our roses that we group by types and hold a popular vote on favorite displays. This year we changed to the tours since we have opportunities to hear from many world famous rose growers and authorities at the A.R.E. spring and fall festivals.

Editor's Note: We are sorry our computer decided to give out on parts of this news letter. We trust you can read it and that there are not too many typos and errors.

-- Margaret Sharpe

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## Did you know?...

💖 Sad and indignant...that's how some of us Rustlers felt when our Rosa mater, Margaret Sharpe, told us that she had lung cancer. We're sad because one of our own is ailing and we're indignant because people who are spending nearly every waking hour promoting something as beautiful as the rose simply should not get cancer! The operation to remove the inch-wide tumor was a success and Margaret's doctors are so confident they got it all, they did not prescribe any chemotherapy or radiation. Let's keep Margaret in our prayers...

🏆 ...not that a nuisance like cancer is going to keep Margaret down, mind you. Several weeks after getting out of the hospital, she appeared as a guest on Channel 8's "WeekNight Edition" show, where Brenda Beust Smith (aka The Lazy Gardener) presented her with a framed proclamation, surprising Margaret with the news that the City of Houston had proclaimed April 21st "Margaret Sharpe Day". It was, in fact, more of a surprise than anyone knew because the certificate actually had "Bill Smith Day" written on it! By the date the show was taped, Brenda did not have Margaret's own certificate to present on the air, so Brenda brought along one that had been given to her husband for outstanding football coaching! Brenda said she wouldn't have dared risk doing that with anyone but a pro like Margaret, who, sure enough, accepted the honor without missing a beat. She later remarked that she was more surprised that the certificate was framed, than the fact that it didn't have her name on it!

We can thank Karen Cambias from the city's Planning and Development Department for arranging this proclamation, issued to Margaret for raising the public's awareness of antique roses, in particular those that date back to the days of the Republic of Texas. Karen first became interested in antique roses when she bought Bill Welch's house near Burton and, of course, inherited all of his

lovely roses. After spending some time out of state, she has now returned and is still enjoying gardening.

🔍 It's always fun to hear about "treasures" friends find on rustles. Peter Schaar has this to say about a Tea he acquired on the 1990 rustle in San Marcos: It's "a wild thing which is headed for 7 feet; this is a rose which lives on the edge. Every spring, when it balls, I vow to spade prune it. Every fall, when it showers me with breathtakingly beautiful pink scrolled flowers with glowing yellow-tinted centers, I decide to keep it. There is evidence that the balling is caused by thrips, not moisture. I am tempted to break my rule about not spraying just for this rose, but so far have not done so. If I ever do, this rose will surely join my list of favorites. Nonetheless, it is the star of my autumn garden." Peter notes that he and Marion Brandes have both identified the rose as "**San Marcos Maman Cochet**".

🔍 ...and speaking of great finds, Rustler Pam Ferguson didn't even have to leave her back yard to find her treasure. In 1992, Pam and husband, Ray, built a house on a large piece of property they had bought in Rosenberg. Pam had been a Rustler for about a year and had acquired a few antiques by then.

One day, about a year after the house was finished, Ray came in from the back part of the property, where their cattle grazed, and told Pam he thought he had discovered a rose growing wild near Cottonwood Creek. Did he ever! Growing up one side and down the other of a Live Oak was **Mermaid**, measuring about 10'x15'. Pam later found evidence of an outhouse and a small cabin, as well as two more Mermaids, measuring 6'x6' and 8'x6', probably used to keep cattle in and coyotes out. Talk about blooming barbed wire!

Have any tidbits, personals, or special offers to share?: Audrey McMurray (713)729-5307/Margaret Sharpe (713)464-8607.



## If you missed the March 30th meeting at Mercer Arboretum

you missed a good one. There was something for everyone. Newcomers were treated to free cuttings of old favorites and shown how to root them. Mary Herr and Eunice Roberts discussed companion plants, and Ray Valigura, who led the meeting, brought along different types of organic products from Gardenville of Stafford, TX. It was especially helpful to hear Mary explain the history of Gardenville and discuss her own experience with the different products.

But if you did miss the meeting, here's your second chance to make note of the companion plants Eunice suggested at the meeting:

Gulf Coast Penstemon  
Red Husker Penstemon  
Lemon Grass  
Inland Sea Oats  
Daylillies  
White Alyssum  
Coreopsis  
Verbenas  
Shasta Daisies

Eunice and Gary Roberts are on the Open Garden Tour on April 21 and May 19 if you would like to see these and other companion plants in their gardens.

### *A Word of Thanks...*

*to all of you wonderful Rose Rustlers who agreed to put your gardens on the Rose Tour. We realize it's a lot of work and we all appreciate the opportunity to view your gardens.*


#### *The Program Committee*

*Eunice Roberts  
Ray Valigura  
Mike & Mary Herr  
Earl Krause  
Bobbie McKenna*



## Help Design a New Rose Rustler Logo

Our Program Committee is offering a \$25 reward for a new Texas Rose Rustler logo. Entries will be voted on at the July Symposium. The winner will be asked to sign a release to the Texas Rose Rustlers for any and all uses of the logo. Send entries to Eunice Roberts, 6845 Cayton, Houston, TX 77061.

 Ace Gateway Hardware and Garden Center still has a few seats remaining on their bus trip to the Peaceable Kingdom on Saturday, April 27. They will leave Gateway at 9am and return around 4pm. It's a bargain at \$25, which covers both the bus fare and lunch. For more information or to reserve a seat, call (713) 643-0623 and speak to Eunice or Barry.

## ◉●●Almanac Dates●●◉

Do you try to plant by the signs of the moon, as our farmer forefathers did? Or are you a skeptic and plant when it's just plain convenient to do so? If you've never tried your hand at planting by the Almanac, it might be fun to see if it helps increase your yield. These prime dates come from Blum's Farmer's and Planter's Almanac for the Year 1996.

### For rooting all cuttings

May: 4, 7-8, 11-12, 15-16  
June: 3-4, 7-8, 12-13  
July: 1-2, 5-6, 9-10, 14  
August: 1-2, 5-6, 10-11, 29

### For transplanting rooted cuttings and potted roses

May: 17, 20-22  
June: 16-18  
July: 15, 21-22  
August: 17-20

### To prune roses for increased blooming

May: 3-4  
June: none  
July: 14  
August: 10-11



# Along the Rustling Trail

Marion Brandes

It's great to have Spring back again, especially after the benefits of a dry Winter. That last hard freeze in March really set our garden back, though, and delayed my first flush of bloom to late April. I lost all my flower buds and lots of tender new foliage as well. I noticed that the Polyanthas and Kordesii's did not have any foliage damage. Roses like Echo, Gartendirektor Otto Linne, Climbing Clothilde Soupert, Rosarium Ueterson, and Dortmund were not affected. Even Lavender Dream which has one Polyantha parent was unaffected. A couple of multiflora ramblers I grow are in great shape as well, so the multiflora parentage in Polyanthas probably has a lot to do with the hardiness of their foliage.

In the Houston-Gulf Coast area there are very few of the old European Roses that will be vigorous and bloom well. I found that William Lobb (Old Velvet Moss) is one of the exceptions. I have also seen great bloom production here from Russeliana and Hippolyte. I wrote to Malcolm Manners in Lakeland, Florida which has the same climate as here, to ask about his experiences with the rose garden at Florida Southern College. Malcolm has found Stanwell Perpetual, Felicite Parmentier, Autumn Damask, and Alba Semiplena all to be excellent. He has found the Moss and Damask varieties he has grown are too blackspot prone and that Gallicas won't bloom. In general, Portlands and Hybrid Perpetuals bloom, but are rather blackspot prone.

There are a few of the Hybrid Perpetuals that may be pruned repeatedly during the growing season to force blooms and yet maintain their vigor. Paul Neyron is one and Reine des Violettes may be another. You might try pruning back Paul Neyron after each bloom cycle. The Idoms pruned their Reine des Violettes down to 6" this Winter and have a tremendous display early this Spring.

I surveyed some of our members that have their gardens on the Open Garden Tour this year to see what new varieties of roses they are trying out this year or last year. The Zucha's are very pleased with Mme. Pierre S. Dupont (deep yellow blooms), Duchesse de Kent (a pale pink Tea rose covered

with 100 blooms on April 1st), and Beauty of Rosemaruhr. Eunice Roberts is trying Mme. Antoine Revoire (a Hybrid Tea from the 1800's) and Papa Hemeray (a colorful China). The Idoms are evaluating Carefree Delight as a climber (it's the new AARS winner for 1996 Shrub rose) and Flower Carpet (the highly marketed rose in the pink pots). Last year the Idoms tried Dreaming Spires, Festival Fanfare (orange/white striped climber), and Fountain. The Idoms also report that squirrels have run out of acorns and are munching-out on their flower buds. Ray Valigura has added several new varieties to his garden: Antoine Rivoire, Cocktail (a climber with red single blooms and a yellow eye), Basye's Blueberry, Blarii No.2, and Parkdirektor Riggers. Last year Ray added the Eden Rose (a climber with old rose blooms) and has really enjoyed it. David Caton is ecstatic with his Fisherman's Friend -- on April 11th it had 57 black-red 5"+ blooms. The Fisherman's Friend, a David Austin rose named after an English throat lozenge, is competing with tree roots and gets no direct sun! Nevertheless, David's favorite rose is still Abraham Darby. I pick Abraham Darby, as well, but along with Mrs. B. R. Cant as tops.

The Shrub rose, Abraham Darby, is actually not an "English Rose", but it was bred by David Austin from Aloha (a 1949 Cl.HT) crossed with Yellow Cushion (a Floribunda). David Austin has used it, however, to breed many of the "English Roses". The true "English Rose" has in its recent parentage one of the Old Roses. Therefore I pass on to you this tidbit of rose trivia: Abraham Darby is a David Austin rose, but not an "English Rose".

I mentioned in my previous column the new roses I would be trying out this year, but now I have two more new roses. This Spring I had to purchase Madame Antoine Mari (a new Tea from the Antique Rose Emporium), when I saw its large bloom with spiraling pink swirls on cream-white petals (just like strawberries-and-cream ice cream), and Louise Odier (source also A.R.E.), when I smelled its intense perfume.

If you're on the Internet you can send me email at mbrandes@uh.edu or regular old snail mail to 27326 Farmcreek, Huffman TX 77336. Your comments may find their way into the column. 96-Q2



# Rustler's Favorites

by Peter Schaar,

Member of the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society, the Texas Rose Rustlers, the Heritage Rose Foundation, the Southern Garden History Society, and the American Horticultural Society.

I garden in Dallas, in black, alkaline clay "gumbo". We are in zone 8a, although my back yard is more like 8b. If organic matter is worked into our soil, roses love it, although they take a bit longer to grow out than in lighter soils. My experience in this milieu has led me to the favorites listed below. I have not listed sizes for the bushes because they seem to get bigger each year.

1. **Cramoisi Superieur** (as sold by the Antique Rose Emporium; I am convinced this is really Louis Phillipe) (C,rb): A workhorse rose which is nonetheless sumptuous, with a rich coloring and fragrance.
2. **"Maggie"** (B/C,rb): The same description applies to this one.
3. **Old Blush** (C,p): It really is (almost) the first to start and the last to stop. In our soil, it makes a good substitute for an azalea in the spring if you don't want to fool with expensive raised beds.
4. **Slater's Crimson China** (C,r): The prototypical single, red China, and still among the best. A charming little thing that is perfectly at home in a container as a patio rose.
5. **Devoniensis** (T,wb): For fragrance, ease and productivity, this blush white Tea is the one to beat. A very good looking rose as well.
6. **Madame Joseph Schwartz** (T,wb): I love Duchesse de Brabant, but I think I prefer her color sport because of the lush, sophisticated coloration. All the great productivity, toughness, fragrance and elegance of the Duchess in a cupped, white Tea with delicate pink edges.
7. **Mrs. B. R. Cant** (T,pb): Big, buxom, dusty rose-pink flowers on a big bush, produced with gratifying regularity. The only thing missing is fragrance, alas.

8. **Perle d'Or** (P,ob): An improvement on Mlle. Cecile Brunner in every respect. Tougher bush, blooms more, better color (orangy apricot-pink), and better fragrance.

9. **La Marne** (P,pb): A big (5-6 feet) Polyantha that blooms a lot of charming, single, seasonally-colored flowers (pink with white centers in spring and fall, fading to white in summer). A light, pleasant fragrance is a lagniappe.

10. **Don Juan** (HT,r): A thoroughly modern rose with all the qualities we associate with the best antiques. The deep, velvety red color, the intense Tea fragrance, the elegant form, and the iron constitution make this a classic rose. Can be grown either as a climber or a bush.

In addition to these, there are several roses that are too new in my garden to fully evaluate, but which seem very promising:

**Tipsy Imperial Concubine** (T,pb): Double, pink flowers of great elegance with subtle shadings of other colors and a delicate perfume. This rose is eager to bloom.

**"Katy Road Pink"** (S,p): A found rose very similar to Carefree Beauty, perhaps a seedling of it. Will function like Old Blush, but has fragrance and a charming semi-double flower with a "wavy" form.

**Antoine Rivoire** (HT,wb): A famous old (1895) Hybrid Tea with a gorgeous blush-white flower. Little fragrance, but its beauty justifies its place in my garden.

**Mrs. Pierre S. DuPont** (HT,y): Another classic (1929) Hybrid Tea with lightly fragrant, soft yellow semidouble flowers.

## Trader's Corner

Tracy Elam is still looking for **Madame Oakley Fisher**: (713)383-3402 (sorry...phone number was wrong last time!)

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



# Crafts Corner

## Tasty Buds

by Cynthia Shope

Borrowed from Fun With Roses

by Margaret Sharpe

Now that all our roses are getting ready to bloom, I thought you might be interested in a few ideas on what to do with those lovely petals. First comes some...

### DO'S AND DON'TS:

- 1) Always pinch away the white portion at the base of petals before using them for food. This is the "heel" that causes a bitter taste.
- 2) Never use roses that have been fed systemic insecticides within 12 months. Never use roses that have been sprayed with exterior insecticide or fungicide within 2 months. In all cases, wash blooms thoroughly with several rinses of clean water before using.
- 3) Some dark red roses have a very heavy aroma that many people find undesirable in foods. Test by making tea with petals before you use them in edible products.
- 4) Rose scent is stronger in foods than is the immediately noticeable flavor. Test first.
- 5) Hips, or seed pods, used properly in making syrup may contain up to twenty times as much vitamin C as a like amount of fresh orange juice. It is our source today of pharmaceutical vitamin C.
- 6) Avoid the use of any metal utensils.

### ROSE WATER

Soak 2 cups of clean, fresh petals in enough water to cover overnight. The mixture may be heated a little first to speed the process. Weight the petals in the water with a ceramic plate or glass bowl. This may be reheated and allowed to cool several times, if you want. When ready to remove, strain off water and store it in a closed container in refrigerator. Use as an extract, flavoring, etc.

### ROSE TEA

Use clean rose hips (dried or fresh) or petals. Steep them in boiling water for 10 minutes. If using hips, use as many as can be piled on a teaspoon to make one cup. If using petals, use 1/4 cup. Remember to strain tea before serving.

### CANDIED PETALS

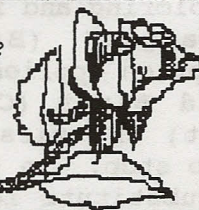
You will need the following:

large, clean petals (no white or dark reds),

1 egg white slightly beaten,  
powdered sugar

Petals may be fresh or dried. Using a clean small brush, paint egg white on both sides of each petal. Drop immediately into a pile of powdered sugar. Be sure to cover thoroughly. Place on waxed paper to dry, turning each petal once to hasten drying. When crisp, store in a dry location for future use. They do not need to be refrigerated and will keep several months...ONLY IF WELL HIDDEN!!

Have any ideas, crafts,  
or suggestions to share?  
Send to: Cyn Shope  
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**Roses, By the Way**, by Mary Herr will resume with the next newsletter. She will discuss her favorite Tea roses and suggest ideas for adding them to your garden.

## 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!



## LOCKEY'S NURSERY IN NEW BRAUNFELS

New Braunsfels-LOCKEY'S NURSERY  
Continues Operation

### Oldest Continuing Nursery in State

When Mr. Otto Locke died a few months ago and left no children to continue the famous Nursery, started soon after New Braunsfels incorporated, we feared we no longer would enjoy visiting the Nursery, now on San Antonio Street. Originally, his Grandfather, who came from Germany with stock to begin a nursery business in the new venture led by Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels soon after the fall of the Alamo and Texas' Declaration of Independence. Each colonist was given a half-acre town lot and 10 acres outside town. Johann Joseph Locke bought two of these plots bordering the Comal River and in 1856 was born the "Comal Springs Nursery."

In 1886 Johann Joseph's son, Otto, operated the business of supplying fruit and shade trees and ornamental shrubs and seeds, flowers and many, many Roses. He was considered a major supplier of a wide variety of nursery stock. In 1911 they celebrated their 25th Anniversary and issued an impressive sales catalog in which Mr. Otto claimed them to be the oldest nursery in the Southwest, supplying many cities municipal landscape plantings as well as orchards and farms over Texas and all the southern states as well as in Mexico. The four sons of Otto, Emil, Herman, Walter, and Otto, Jr., followed their father in the business in New Braunfels, San Antonio and Poteet. Otto had no children and he and his wife ran the "store". So far as is known they had no partners other than their brothers.

We learned recently that a niece has taken over the management of the Nursery for the family survivors, and so the historical Nursery continues. Visit them when in New Braunfels on the old San Antonio Road and I-35 southbound, inside the city limits, and see a bit of Texas history. Mr. Otto II moved the business to its present location in 1928 from its original location along the banks of the Comal River where it flows through the park. Rose Rustlers visited him and his wife in the Spring of 1988 when we had a huge Rose Rustle there, on October 23-24.

PEOPLE WITH DIRTY HANDS, Robin Chotzinof, 1996. Macmillan Co., New York NY, IISA. Hardcover, 203 pp. No illus. \$22.00.

The author is a staff writer for Denver's WESTWORD and contributor to Garden Design magazine and other publications. She wondered what possesses some people to have their hands in dirt, to have a "passion for gardening." This curiosity pressed her to take several road trips across America to find some answers.

She found voices of people singularly possessed like Margaret Sharpe and Pam Puryear, founders of the Texas Rose Rustlers; Doug Beck, president of the California Garden Ladies harvesting ladybugs; Bill Palmer and his 450 tomato plants simply because "You really can't **buy** a tomato." She has a vivid style of writing that captures the fervor of people that drives them to create gardens on hypodermic strewn concrete or to plant seed while snow still threatens. Pam and I have been quoted many times regarding our antics in getting the Old Rose group started but I have yet to read an account that so accurately puts Pam's remarks in their proper perspectives and includes the little asides to capture nearly **all** the humor.

"A few months after.....I passed through Anderson....Pam Puryear was there..... On the way to lunch, she led me right under the nose of a moving school bus, which set up a terrible honking and caused her to search for a hankie..... We came to a roadside cafe where we ate chicken-fried steak -----'If it's bad for you, give it here,' Pam said---and talked about gardening at a breathless clip. "After lunch we went to visit a graveyard where Old Blush had been known to bloom, but it was too late in the year. No matter. Pam was able to indulge in a brand new obsession---the rescue of plastic flowers from cemetery dumpsters. 'I'm a ghoul,' she said cheerfully, 'which, if you think about it, ranks pretty low in the social structure. What I do...I make awful hats covered with dripping greenery to wear to garden club meetings.'".....

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(People With Dirty Hands continued)

While the first chapter of the book is about the Texas Rose Rustlers, there are more chapters about groups and individuals possessed with growing that are just as colorful. You owe it to yourself to read this book and re-read parts of it for the many laughs you will enjoy so long as you have the book.

-- Margaret Sharpe, Editor

COMMONSENSE VEGETABLE GARDENING FOR THE SOUTH, William D. Adams & Thomas LeRoy, 1995, Taylor Publishing Co., Dallas TX. 271 pp Hardcover, \$29.95. Illustrated

Not every author is able to supply his own photos of his own vegetables and garden products as can these two horticulturists. The photos are of the highest quality as is the text written by these authors.

Every gardener of vegetables on the Gulf Coast in Zone 8 - 10 needs this book to guide him in planting. Pages 35 through 39 has temperature and rainfall maps of great importance. In fact, there is a true wealth of information in this handbook on growing vegetables that exceeds any other such book we have seen. At first I was astonished there was no Index as such, but upon examination the book itself is an index and organized to have useful information in the most logical areas, making it very easy for one to use quickly.

The newest thinking on gardening is included. For example, insect and disease control is practically explained for use by the home gardener as well as the larger grower of food crops. Both Adams and LeRoy are USDA Horticulturists and have served in Extension work with the public for several years. They are both very practical horticulturists and speak on the level of any gardener.

This is the second book Adams and LeRoy have co-authored that have been popular in the realm of horticultural advisors, GROWING FRUITS AND NUTS IN THE SOUTH, 1994 being the first and the only guidebook for fruit growing specialized for southern growing.

## T H A N K S FROM THE EDITOR

My deepest thanks to so many who sent me "get well" cards while I was in the hospital and home recuperating from lung surgery in March and April. It was most kind of you to remember me and I was truly blessed to have so many wonderful people remember me in their prayers. I have recovered very quickly without needing additional treatments or medications and no signs of cancerous tissue remaining.

It was quite a surprise when I was informed that Mayor Lanier signed a proclamation declaring April 21st as "Margaret Sharpe Day" honoring me for civic beautification and calling attention to the old garden roses that once flourished here and are still important to us. This honor was created by one of our members, Karen Cambias, who works in the Houston Parks Landscape Promotion & Development, and by Brenda Buist Smith Houston Chronicle editor and PBS Talk Show hostess on Channel 8. This is quite an honor.

Be sure to attend our Rose Rustler meeting on July 13th in Brenham to see the framed Proclamation that was presented, and perhaps the VCR of the presentation on TV. The program hasn't been confirmed at this time but the place and time has, so check page 1.

A special Thanks to the Program Committee for arranging our Program for the Garden Tours, and especially to Ray Valigura for pulling everything together so it worked! Ye Editor does not have the strength and drive she once had so cannot put as much into things as formerly, but she will be trying her best. Thanks to Audrey and all the Rustlers who have contributed to the "Old Texas Rose." My THANKS!



# CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS

## ARTICLE I

### Name

The name of this organization shall be THE TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS.

## ARTICLE II

### Object

The object of this organization is to be a non-profit organization that collects, preserves and studies old roses, and to share any knowledge of cultivation of them and any historical facts appropriate to their growing.

## ARTICLE III

### Membership

Section 1. This organization is open to anyone interested in the old garden roses originating prior to 1900 A.D., or their types, and any variety having been developed since then that is compatible with the earlier types.

Section 2. Members are considered in good standing upon payment of dues and are dropped from the roster upon expiration of dues.

Section 3. Members will receive a newsletter each three months to keep them informed of new information and items of interest regarding old garden roses. The newsletter runs concurrent with the membership and members will be notified of their membership expiration date on their address label on their newsletter as well as an invoice in the final newsletter prior to expiration of membership. Members will have a three month grace period following such notification of expiration of membership in which they may renew their membership.

## ARTICLE IV

### Meetings

Section 1. This organization shall hold an annual meeting in the fall, at which meeting cuttings of roses will be exchanged, native and naturalized plants appropriate to growing with old garden roses, and a symposium in which knowledge is exchanged through forums, panels, lectures, exhibits, or tours and business of the organization is conducted.

Section 2. Members are not required to attend an annual meeting to remain in good standing. This organization is bound together primarily by the newsletter to which any member may submit material for publication.

## ARTICLE V

### Officers

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a Chairman, a Program Chairman, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Editor of the newsletter, THE OLD TEXAS ROSE.

Section 2. Election of officers.

A) Nominating committee shall consist of a chairman appointed by the current Chairman of the TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS. The nominating committee chairman must have served as a past chairman of THE TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS. This nominating committee chairman will choose two additional members who are not currently serving as officers.



- B) The nominating committee shall furnish a slate of officers, willing to serve, to the editor to be published in the fall newsletter.
- C) Officers will be elected at the annual fall meeting of even numbered years. Following the reading of the nominating committee report, nominations from the floor will be accepted.
- D) Method of election shall be determined by presiding officer.
- E) Term of office shall be two years, beginning January 1 of the odd numbered year following the annual election meeting.
- F) In case of resignation or inability to serve, an elected officer may be replaced by the executive board to complete the remaining term of office.

## ARTICLE VI Duties of Officers

### Section 1. Chairman

- A) Shall preside at all meetings and serve as ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- B) Shall, along with treasurer, be responsible for the finances of the organization.
- C) Appoint all necessary committees.

### Section 2. Program Chairman

- A) Preside at all meetings in absence of Chairman.
- B) Together with the executive board shall plan programs for all meetings.

### Section 3. Secretary

- A) Shall write all correspondence in cooperation with the Chairman.
- B) Shall record minutes at the annual meeting.

### Section 4. Treasurer

- A) Shall handle the funds of this organization in cooperation with the Chairman. Both the Treasurer and the Chairman shall be able to sign checks on the bank account of this organization, there being at least two signatures on the bank signature card at all times that are available for signing checks and conducting the bank business.
- B) The Treasurer shall deposit all funds received into the organization's bank account and shall pay all bills presented after approval by the Chairman. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records as set up, without changing the method unless so ordered by the executive board.
- C) The Treasurer 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.

E) The fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31.

Section 5. Editor shall see that the newsletter, THE OLD TEXAS ROSE, is mailed once each three months to each member and to the publishers of related information with whom this organization exchanges publications.

## ARTICLE VII Dues

Section 1. Dues of this organization shall be stated in the Standing Rules, that shall be approved by the membership attending annual symposium or meeting for the ensuing year.

Section 2. Members shall send their dues to the Treasurer for deposit and recording in the financial ledger.



Section 3. All members of this organization are subject to paying dues to have the right to vote at the annual meeting or any meeting of this body.

#### ARTICLE VIII Dissolution

Section 1. This organization may be dissolved at any time with the written consent of no less than two-thirds of the members in good standing.

Section 2. After payment of all debts and liabilities of this organization its properties, books, records and any old garden roses belonging to the organization as well as any moneys, shall become the property of The Heritage Rose Foundation, Inc., an IRS designated 501 (c) (3) organization compatable with these Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE IX Amendments

Section 1. This Constitution and Bylaws may be changed by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting, provided the proposed changes have been published in THE OLD TEXAS ROSE, the official publication of this organization, at least two months prior to the meeting at which the voting takes place.

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#### STANDING RULES of THE TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS

These Rules shall be approved by the membership each year. They may be changed at any time by such change being presented to the membership in "The Old Texas Rose" official publication of the organization, at least two months prior to a vote at such meeting or a poll of the membership by mail. Such vote shall require a simple majority of votes to carry.

1. The annual dues of this organization shall be \$7.00 for a 12 month period of membership.
2. An annual Treasurer's statement of financial status shall appear in the official publication annually following audit of the books.
3. Club membership in non-profit organizations embracing the same objects and interests of this organization shall be permitted. Such decision shall be that of the officers, who will report to the membership of any such decision.
4. Payment of expenses involving the official publication, "The Old Texas Rose", shall be the first use of dues money collected. Any remaining funds may be used to defray any expenses of an annual meeting and to eliminate or lessen any assessment of the members in good standing.
5. No officer or member shall receive financial profits from this organization for either goods or services rendered.



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