

# The Old Texas Rose

Number 1

SUMMER

1996

## SUMMERTIME MEETING JULY 13th

In Air Conditioned Comfort  
BRENHAM COMMUNITY CENTER  
(See map inside the mailing cover)

9:30 am Center open for Rustlers to gather to swap

1:00 pm rose cuttings & display blooms, etc.  
& enjoy their picnic lunches.

1:05 MIKE SHOUP will present the newest  
& recommended varieties at A.R.E.

1:20 MARGARET SHARPE will offer her  
list of 10 favorite roses and why.

1:30 JOE SCARPINATO, Gardenville Horti.  
Products, will introduce their new line  
of Organic Products.

1:45 Origins and Early History of the Texas  
Rose Rustlers

1. RAY VALIGURA will present Dr. BILL  
WELCH'S notes on the early history  
of The Texas Rose Rustlers.

2. MARGARET SHARPE, PAMELA  
PURYEAR, and JOE WOODARD  
present open panel discussion of their  
participation in creation of Rustlers.

3. "PAM" PURYEAR presents slides program  
& photos of some Early Rustles.

3:00 pm we will adjourn.....to go buy some more  
roses at ARE (Antique Rose Emporium.)

Please notice the heading used for this issue of  
The Old Texas Rose. This is the same masthead  
Pam used on our first issue in September 1982. In it  
she commented that we were debating the name of  
our news publication. "The Yellow Rose of Texas"  
had been suggested and that left us another debate,  
whether to picture *R. banksiae lutea* or 'Harison's  
Yellow' on the masthead. It was decided that these  
two varieties alluded to the suggestive folktale of  
Santa Anna and the Creole girl made famous in the

popular song and decidedly not the impression we  
cared to sanction. Besides, there is more liklihood  
that there were more *banksiae lutea* cuttings that  
have survived the pioneer trips than did the 'Harison  
Yellows', which we know prefer the cooler climates  
and do not make the display in most all of Texas as  
do *R. banksiae lutea*. As Pam wrote, "*R. banksiae*  
*lutea* roots so readily and grows so vigorously that  
we feel the wagon trains spread more of these cut-  
tings on homesteads in Texas than the 'Harison's  
Yellow', that does not like the heat, is hardier  
and does not compare in vigor to *R. banksiae lutea*.  
'Harison's Yellow' is a Foetida. ...." #



## Roses, By the Way

by Mary Herr  
Herr's Lawn & Landscape

Some of the most fragrant of the 'antique roses' are the Tea roses. Many of them bloom unabashedly and provide us with lovely color when the heat of summer is on. Their general mature size of 4'-6' makes them an excellent choice for anchoring the back of a border or establishing a hedge.

So many of the Teas are my favorites that it's hard to choose just a few to write about, but one rose that ranks up at the top of performance in our area is **Duchesse de Brabant**. She has distinctive deep pink flowers and is always richly fragrant. Her sister rose, **Madame Joseph Schwartz**, is identical in form and fragrance, however, her flowers are ivory porcelain, tinged pink. This pair of roses is always nice together. The free-flowering **Madame Berkeley**, a Tea rose with a lovely salmon-apricot color, is also a profuse bloomer.

Many of the shrub Teas make impressive specimen roses. Not enough praise can be heaped on some of these old beauties. Their names read like a society register: **Mrs. B. R. Cant**, **Mrs. Dudley Cross**, **Madame Lombard** and many more. One can suppose that it was a high honor to have a rose bestowed with your name, enduring long after to delight future gardeners.

I like to accentuate the romantic pastel colors of the Teas with deep blues, purples and silver. They look outstanding paired with buddleias and blue guaranitica salvia. Lower color plants such as verbena and Katie ruellia also work well as underplanting for that cottage garden effect.

One can hardly go wrong when choosing which of the old Teas to plant. Indeed, it is most satisfying to establish a collection of this beautiful class of roses.

Mary and Mike Herr, both Rose Rustlers, own Herr's Lawn & Landscape, specializing in unique garden design incorporating roses, perennials and flowering plants.

## Drought-busters

No doubt about it...IT'S DRY AROUND HERE! August of last year, if you'll remember, was pretty dry too, though not nearly this bad. Rustler Gladys Cronquist and friend visited Bobbie McKenna's place in Splendora that August and found the ground so parched that there were cracks in the earth. Bobbie had been sick and not able to water for weeks. Surprisingly though, eight roses were in bloom! They were **Gartendirektor Otto Linne**, **Vanity**, **Katy Road Pink**, **Duchesse de Brabant**, **Madame Joseph Schwartz**, **Mermaid**, **Perle d'Or** and **Clothilde Soupert**.

This year, five Rustlers who, for one reason or another, couldn't water as often as they would have liked, named the drought-busters in their garden. Those roses named by more than one Rustler are underlined. In addition to the ones

above, the Rustlers picked **Mutabilis**, **Monsieur Tillier**, **Mary Rose**, **Cramoisi Superieur**, **Sombrueil**, **Heritage**, **Eutin**, **Climbing Pinkie**, **Caldwell Pink**, **Ballerina**, **Child's Play**, **Penelope**, and **Margo Koster**.

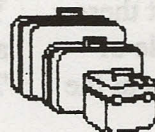


## Trader's Corner

Bobbie McKenna is looking for Climbing Iceberg and Climbing Devoniensis: (713) 682-4365.

Audrey McMurray is looking for rooted cuttings of Zephirine Drouhin and Veilchenblau. Has rooted cuttings (less than 1 year old) of Monsieur Tillier, Lavender Lassie, Abraham Darby and Cornelia to trade: (713) 729-5307.

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



Marion Brandes is on vacation. His column will reappear next newsletter.



## A LAMENTABLE LIFE OF LARCENCY

(Pam Puryear's Old Rose Saga , June 1996)

Navasota

I first became interested in old roses in 1979, after reading articles in magazines on the subject. I ordered some roses from Mrs. Wiley at "Roses of Yesterday and Today" , in California, and from Joseph P. Kern Old Roses, in Mentor, Ohio.

Some of my early finds in our local area were:

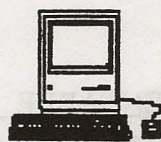
- (1) "Walsh's Rambler" - We called it "Navasota Landfill", but Am. Rose Soc. identifies it as 'America', R. 1915. We found it in 1979.
- (2) "Cemetery Hill" - In 1979 we found and identified it as 'Texas Wax', a famous Texas Rose Rootstock.
- (3) 'Old Blush' - The old China rose that appeared outside of China in 1752.
- (4) Single , pink of ggm's (?) = 'La Marne' (Poly.) 1917.
- (5) Double mauve pink of ggm's (?) = "The Boat Rose" study name of "Caldwell Pink".
- (6) 'Dorothy Perkins', R. 1901
- (7) "White Banksia" 7/13/79 - from Mrs. Hein, New Franklin, Missouri.
- (8) "Mary Minor" in Anderson, TX, 9/1/79 = 'Souvenir de la Malmaison' & "Annie Chaney"
- (9) Cherry Red Rambler across from Camp Inn, Navasota TX - 'Excelsea' , Walsh 1909
- (10) Van Pelt red cluster = "Skyrocket" (or whatever).
- (11) Mrs. Leroy Weaver's rambler - Same as "Landfill".
- (12) Shrub form 'Cecile Brunner' - Virginia Koronka, Anderson, TX .
- (13) White rambler at Mrs. Perez's - 'Prosperity', Hybrid Musk .
- (14) "Blake" 9/3/79 - Once blooming medium sized pink rose on trellis at Aunt Blake's house on 10th Street, Navasota, TX. ('May Queen', 1898?)
- (15) Shrub 'Cecile Brunner' at Meloin White's, 10th St., Navasota TX.
- (16) Probably 'Mrs. Dudley Cross' at house that burned behind Turner's.

On November 7, 1979, Jane Lott gave me cuttings of what we called "Morton-Goree", a pink, quartered rose on an angular, twiggy bush. Mrs. Morton got it from Mrs. Goree, who got it from Mrs. Randolph, who lived on the corner of So. LaSalle and Menley Streets, Navasota TX. I have seen this everywhere and wondered if it might be one of the earliest Teas.

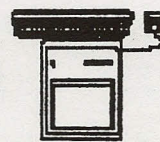
(Editor's Note: Pamela was living at home with her mother, who was not well. They used to drive over the nearby counties around Navasota, looking at the flowers and noting particularly interesting plants, trees and scenery. Sometimes they took sack lunches with them and made notes for later reference of their observations. They also took one or two friends who shared their love of flowers . They also met many gardeners in the small towns and on the farms who shared much knowledge with them that later proved useful. Pam had mentioned the trips she and "Missy" - her mother's nickname - to several enthusiasts and we thought it would be fun to schedule a trip in the fall of 1978 and ask everyone we could. Pam planned the route and about 12 people showed up in her front yard one Saturday morning in October 1978. We had two cars full and one or two single cars of individuals who "had to leave early." We had a wonderful time collecting cuttings from generous gardeners but it started to rain so hard we had to stop driving . We were starved with no food to be seen. "Missy" had a bag of bread, cream cheese and cucumbers, which she made into sandwiches for 12 very very hungry people. This became our Official Sandwich for Rose Rustles and she made them every year.)



## Did you know?...



Uh Oh!



It's good news and bad news for Rustler Bobbie McKenna. If her place in Splendora was on your rose tour list, you've already seen the bad news. Strong winds in the latter part of April blew down her 50' rose arbor which supported 20 climbing roses. It was a heartbreaking sight, knowing how much love and work Bobbie and her father put into that project. The good news, though, is that repairs are already underway and Bobbie hopes to soon have a stronger, more secure arbor to hold the roses that somehow managed to survive, including *Perle des Jardins*, *Cl. Cramoisi Superieur*, *Lamarque*, *Crepuscle*, *Cl. La France*, *San Felipe Noisette*, and *Cl. Souvenir de la Malmaison*.

? Looks like we now have a mystery Rustler known as Goldshoes. Seems she was photographed, well, less well dressed than she would've liked on a rustle to Victoria and the photo ended up on page 60 of Liz Drutt and Mike Shoup's book, Landscaping with Antique Roses. Now Goldshoes chooses her outfits a little more carefully and always includes - you guessed it - gold shoes.

They came in handy last November, too, when her rustling comrades couldn't find her at a pre-arranged meeting place in Bellville. They had almost given up hope when one of them shouted that Goldshoes had been spotted clear across the town square. There were too many people on the square to identify her face, but it was definitely her FEET!

🏆...Here's a candidate for the most blooms produced in a shady spot. David Caton has a *Fisherman's Friend* growing in a corner of his garden that once sported 57 blooms! Visitors to his place during the Rose Tour were surprised to see it blooming at all in such deep shade. David says it does get some sun in the winter, but no more than 3 hours of it otherwise. David also had some very pretty roses and a great pond for Rustlers to see.

Ace Gateway Hardware and Garden Center wants us to pass the word that they lost their mailing list due to computer problems. If you want your name back on the list to receive their informative newsletters, please drop them a line at 6860 Telephone Rd., Houston, TX 77061 or call them at (713)643-0623.



## Entries for Rose Rustler Logo Due by July 13

Now is the time to put your talent to work and help us come up with a new Rose Rustler logo. Send your entry on a plain piece of paper to Eunice Roberts, 6845 Cayton, Houston, TX 77061. It will be displayed at the July Symposium and voted on by the membership present. The winner will receive \$25.00 and will be asked to sign a release to the Texas Rose Rustlers for any and all uses of the logo.

## ◉●●Almanac Dates●●◉

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

### For rooting all cuttings

July: 1-2, 5-6, 9-10, 14  
August: 1-2, 5-6, 10-11, 29  
Sept.: 2-3, 6-8, 29-30  
Oct.: 4-5, 11, 27-28, 31

### For transplanting rooted cuttings and potted roses

July: 15, 21-22  
August: 17-20  
Sept.: 14-17  
Oct.: 12-14, 18

### To prune roses for increased blooming

July: 14  
August: 10-11  
Sept.: 6-7  
Oct.: 4-5



## OUR FIRST REAL ROSE HUNT

Pamela A. Puryear

Our first Rose Hunt was November 30, 1979. Diane Stewart and her husband, Dr. Stewart, head of the Texas A&M English Dept., of Bryan, TX, my mother, "Missy" Puryear, and I got cuttings of 'Silver Moon', "Camp Ina" ('Excel sa'), and 'R. multiflora' near Rock Hill Ranch. We also got cuttings of "Mary Minor", 'Shrub Cecile Brunner' and "Perez" found in Navasota. December 13, 1979, cousin Amy Powell gave me cuttings of a yellow, quartered Tea rose on the west side of her house in Navasota, TX. We never got this and I still don't know what it was, but it was not 'Perle des Jardins' or 'Marchael Neil'.

Mother and I went to the Houston Rose Society Christmas Party on Dec. 8, 1979. There I met Ms. Vicki Jackson of New Orleans, who was then Regional Coordinator for the Heritage Rose Group. She was the speaker of the evening and was truly an encouragement to me.

In February 1980 Mother and I found a rose later named "Pam's Pink" in a yard in Iola, TX. Our most famous scouting trip was February 8th, 1980, when we "went down the Brazos River" with a few friends to Bellville and Sealy, TX. It was cold as kraut! Mr. Adolph Schavrda, 15 So. Mechanic St. in Bellville had an 'Old Blush', the Tea we had called "Morton-Goree", a shaggy, huge Tea in a bright mid-pink and some red China. Raymond Fisher was a very interesting gentleman, at 405 N. Cochran St. He told us that his parents had lived out in Austin County somewhere near Buckholtz on a farm, and these roses were the ones they planted when they got married. He had a "Morton-Goree", a striped red and pink china, 'Louis Phillippe', 'Old Blush', a globular peach colored Tea. . . and G O K how many I missed! His whole yard and former garden were full of roses! That month I got cuttings of hedge from Virginia K. in Anderson, TX. It was 'New Dawn,' quite a show in the spring. Also "Skyrocket", "Anderson Purple" ('Vielchenbleau'), and the "Sweetheart Rose", 'Cecile Brunner.'

The next day Mother and I went on our next famous scout down the river. Our real jackpot was the old riverboat town of East Columbia, TX, where we found a small, full, white climber with glossy leaves covering the Ammon Underwood House of

1839. The neighbor lady said that the house had been moved (back away from the eroding river bank) twice but the rose had been replaced each time! I erroneously called it R. anemoneflora Fortune 1844, but of course it was 'Fortuniana' 1845. In the left front yard was 'R. Roxburghii', the "Chestnut Rose". At the old Smith house, across the street, was an unbelievable Tea which I named "Mason Weems." (Actually the Weemses lived in the last house on the right). I often thought that it was perhaps 'Adam'.

On December 6, 1980, Shirley Morgan and friends came. This was when she gave me the Climbing Tea she collected in San Antonio. We thought it was 'Lady Hillingdon' or 'Glorie de Dijon.' Later, when I gave cuttings to Tommy Adams at ARE he realized it was neither of those and called it "Climbing Lady Pamela" as a joke. November 24th, 1981, Buddy Harrison, Missie and I went out to hunt. This is when he found a rose he named "November Surprise." Buddy, being an avid Democrat and I a Gold-water Republican. Malinda Hemann lived on the north side of Navasota and this rose in her yard was very tall with purplish bronze foliage with full, pale yellow blooms with a cupped form. (I doubt that it was "Perle des Jardins" which is what I call "star shaped" because of the quilling of the center petals.) Malinda also had a red Polyantha that she called "Seven Sisters." Another Tea I always hated not getting was a pale, silvery pink on a low, woody bush, and it was "star shaped." A pale 'Bon Silene.'

At a nearby garage we found a red rose that we called "Christina", which later turned out to be "Maggie." Since Dr. Bill Welch missed this event he came down November 30th and we went hunting. We admired "Christina" but he later found it at his mother-in-law's in Louisiana named "Maggie" and thus that was the one that got propagated. We have since discovered "Maggie" everywhere! 'Eugene Marlitt' is our current name, a seed sibling to 'Gruss an Teplitz.' "Pam's Pink" we discovered in Iola was found at a rent house in Navasota's northside. We visited Martha Gonzales's yard in Navasota, the Baptist Manse where we found "Maggie" and 'Louis Phillippe' blooming at the doorstep. Then we began planning the Sunday, Nov. 29, 1981 Rose Hunt.



## Our First Real Rose Hunt - Continued

The 1981 Hunt was a classic pioneering venture. All our later work depended on everyone enjoying and benefitting from the gathering. Buddy Harrison, son Michael and Joe Woodard came from Dallas but Buddy & Son had to leave early so Buddy could earn a living, although Joe kept the pace with the hunt. Margaret Sharpe and S.J. Derby came from Houston and were wonderful "Rustlers", great company, fine speakers and excellent rose scholars. Dr. Bill Welch and Glen Land came from College Station.

Dr. William C. (Bill) Welch was really the kingpin of this group. His long experience in the nursery business, his charm and enthusiasm, his resources, (personal and bibliographic) at A & M University made him a triple threat! Bill's desire for low maintenance, long lived roses with good garden display was the impetus behind our collecting. Fed up with spraying and coddling modern Hybrid Teas, he started out with 'Old Blush' and later other Chinas, selected other Polyanthas, and some Hybrid Musks and nearly all the old true Teas filled his requirements. It simply took ten years of observation to be able to choose the particular roses that survived and bloomed under Texas' conditions. It was a matter of trial and error.

Joe Woodard told us about willow water at this time. He had written and spoken on the subject and told us where to write Iowa State University to get articles by Dr. M. Kawase and other researchers there. Since that time Willow Water has become an arcane resource by dedicated "Rustlers." We dined on our picnic lunches (including some cucumber sandwiches) on the railroad embankment in Bellville. Raymond Fisher's niece, Mrs. J.D. Cook, had told us that he had recently died and the lot (where his rose garden stood) had been sold, but for us to go there and help ourselves! No Rustler Worth His Salt needs to be asked TWICE! (Ed. Note: It had rained and the ground was muddy. As we drove over the brow of the hill the rose garden was GONE! It had been mowed to the ground and the "trash" hauled off! Stumps and roots remained so we trusted Pam's mem-

ory and pulled up what we could for cuttings.) We all had clippers but no sharpshooters, so I treasure the photo of S.J. Derby digging up roots of "Fisher's Red"/'Louis Phillippe' with a **tire iron!** There was a wonderful cupped shape, peach Tea on the vegetable garden fence. I photographed it on the hood of Bill's little station wagon, but it remains among those that got away. "Fisher's Stripe", a rose red and bieve vari-colored china belongs to this group as well. Some years later I decided it was 'Fortune's Five Colored Rose,' but the question is, of course, quite academic!

Mr. Adolph Schvarda, bless his bones, gave us all of his roses, including what I call, "a lowish red number." Now I wonder if this was not a "Martha Gonzales" - mine 'Fabvier.'

Leaving Bellville we drove to East Columbia in a driving rain, remnants of a hurricane. We got all our scouted numbers mentioned above. I had the disappointment of seeing nothing but a big hole where "Mason Weems", Tea, had stood. A red Rambler, "Buddy's Buds," was an addition. Brazoria was completely bare of roses.

I will cherish the memory of spreading soggy cucumber sandwiches from the trunk of the car in the rain at a filling station in Sealy. Goes to prove something about human nature, I guess.

The 1982 Rustle went from my house in Navasota to Brenham and lunch at Bill's house at Burton. After 1982 all our doings were reported in *The Old Texas Rose* newsletter, which Bill Welch and I began with Series 1, Number 1, September 1, 1992.#

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## S.J. DERBY TO RETURN IN THE FALL

We have recently had news from our member Sarah Jean ("S. J.") Derby that she and Jim are planning to move back to Texas this Fall. They own a homesite in Hunt, TX, where they often spent week ends when they lived in Houston. Jim has recently retired from the company he was with many years so they plan to spend this fall and winter in Hunt to see if they think they want to retire there some day. If so they will start building a house there perhaps next year. She has retained her membership in the "Rose Rustlers" so we hope to see her in the Fall of 1996. #



## RUSTLERS MEETINGS CHANGE

Due to the Winter newsletter not arriving until February 1996 (and it was supposed to be the Fall news anyway) and the Winter newsletter came in the Spring (April), that puts the Spring issue coming in June and the summer issue will be in your hands sometime in August or September. We were mixed up anyway and my recent illness really messed things. We hope we soon will be on the right track. We needed to change our annual Spring Symposium time anyway because there is too many important Rose events in April, when it has always been held. The Committee Chairmen and other helpers met and decided to reschedule our usual schedule to have the Symposium in the summertime when we can get the speakers and other interesting programs. We are not required to have but one meeting a year, the one in the fall when we elect chairmen and take care of business - our Annual Meeting described in Article IV, Section 1. But several members expressed the desire to meet oftener and we have been following the quarterly publications of *The Old Texas Rose*.

The meeting in July will be the summertime meeting and the next will be in October or November, the Fall meeting. Our Bylaws call for us to vote on new chairmen at the last meeting of the even numbered years to serve the calendar years of the following odd and even years following. In other words they will serve for two years, 1997 & 1998. The Nominating Committee shall present a slate of chairmen to be published in the Fall newsletter, and voting shall take place at the Fall meeting. Article V of the Bylaws outlines this procedure and you should read it carefully if you think you might want to nominate from the floor. The current Nominating Committee is already thinking about their upcoming report. We have always left the Committee Chairmen the privilege of appointing the members of their committees but it has been suggested that they too be elected by the voting members. The early members liked the idea that everyone be a First Vice Chairman so we were all on the same level and we work together in close cooperation. Well, that was all well and good but there were so many projects and jobs to be done that it was soon evident that we

needed a little more structure to our organization to accomplish our goals. It was then that we gave in and drew up a Constitution & Bylaws that showed how much structure we liked and did not provide for much overstructuring. The usual names of offices were avoided, like "President", or "Vice President", because we felt that the duties of a "Chairman" showed more of cooperating efforts we hoped and needed. Of course we retained "Secretary" and the term of "Treasurer" since they were better than "Old Moneybags" and "Detailist." Names of the Chairmen duties described the jobs they were filling, not any honors or seniority influences.

It is true that some of us know more about some old roses than others, but the more you learn the less you find you know. That is why this is a good group to learn from one another and share our knowledge. We are all on the same level and respect one another's abilities. We just aren't what could be called "superstructured."

This is a good time to review a bit of our past heritage and evaluate our future paths. We have had a most successful almost two decades of reviving the popularity of old garden roses and methods of growing them.

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### SHOPPING FOR OLD ROSES

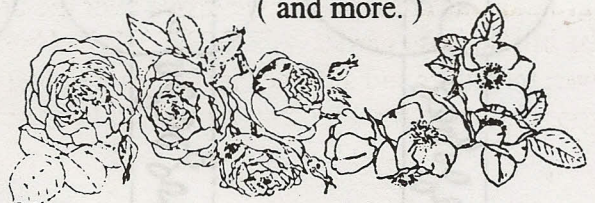
Debbie Sheffield tells us of someone near her who is selling old roses in gallon cans for \$5.95 each. Call her at (713) 688-9191, 4918 Hialeah, Houston, TX 77092

Aubrey King, King's Nursery, Hwy. 84, Tenaha TX has some great old roses for sale. Call him at (409) 248-3811. His Zip is 75974. (Find out if he is a former Rose Rustler!)

Country Club Estates Nursery, -- while you're near has some good old roses in 5 gal. containers or \$5.95 each. Hwy 96, Center TX containers for \$5.95 each. Hwy 96

Mr. Earl's Nursery, Hwy 7, Center TX has lots of 'Vielchenbleau' in 3 gallon containers (Thornless purple Ramblers)

(and more.)





# Crafts Corner

## Cat Family House Numbers

by Tracy Elam

Many of us attended the Rose Tour recently and had our senses delighted. There were roses on trellises and arches, roses as hedges and roses in pots. The roses and companion plants were beautiful and the scents were delicious. However, there was one other dimension to these gardens besides flowers and shrubbery in the form of garden ornaments. Decorative items came in the form of birdbaths, cement statues, rocks, sundials, bird feeders and houses as well as hand-crafted wooden ornaments. These additions created whimsy, warmth and individuality to the garden scene.

Want to make your yard the cat's meow? Then grab your saw and hammer and craft your own wooden ornaments. Consider this fun wood working project that's easy to make.

You will need some basic tools: a tape measure, power drill, saw (beginner [10-point cross-cut handsaw with a 24" or 26" blade] or saber saw or vertical band saw [best yet]), sandpaper, hammer, and carpenter's glue (wood glue).

### Materials:

- 2 ft. lengths of pressure-treated 1x3's for stakes, with tips cut to a point
- Scraps of 1/4-inch tempered hardboard for cats
- Four 11-inch strips of 1/4 x 1 1/2-inch lattice

### Materials, cont'd:

- Oil-base primer
- Red, green, gray, white and black outdoor latex paints
- Finishing nails

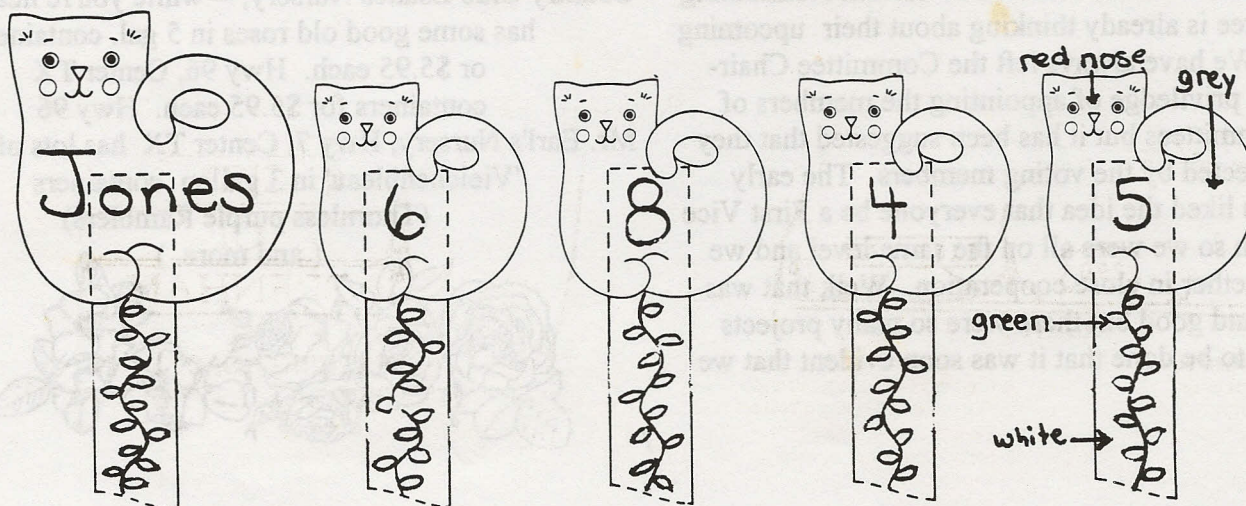
Using a photocopier, enlarge the first cat at right until it is 6 1/2" tall (for the small cats) and again to 9" tall (for the large cat). Use these for patterns to trace onto the tempered hardboard. Cut out the cats, making sure to cut enough small cats to accommodate your house number. To cut the interior hole of the looped tail, bore a 1/2-inch hole in each of the tail cutouts, then insert your saw blade into the holes to complete.

Center the cats on the stakes so the top of the stake is even with the tail cutout for the small cats and 2" below the cutout of the large cat. Then attach the cats with glue and finishing nails. Set the nails with a light tap or two with your hammer. Fill the holes with wood putty; let dry, then sand smooth.

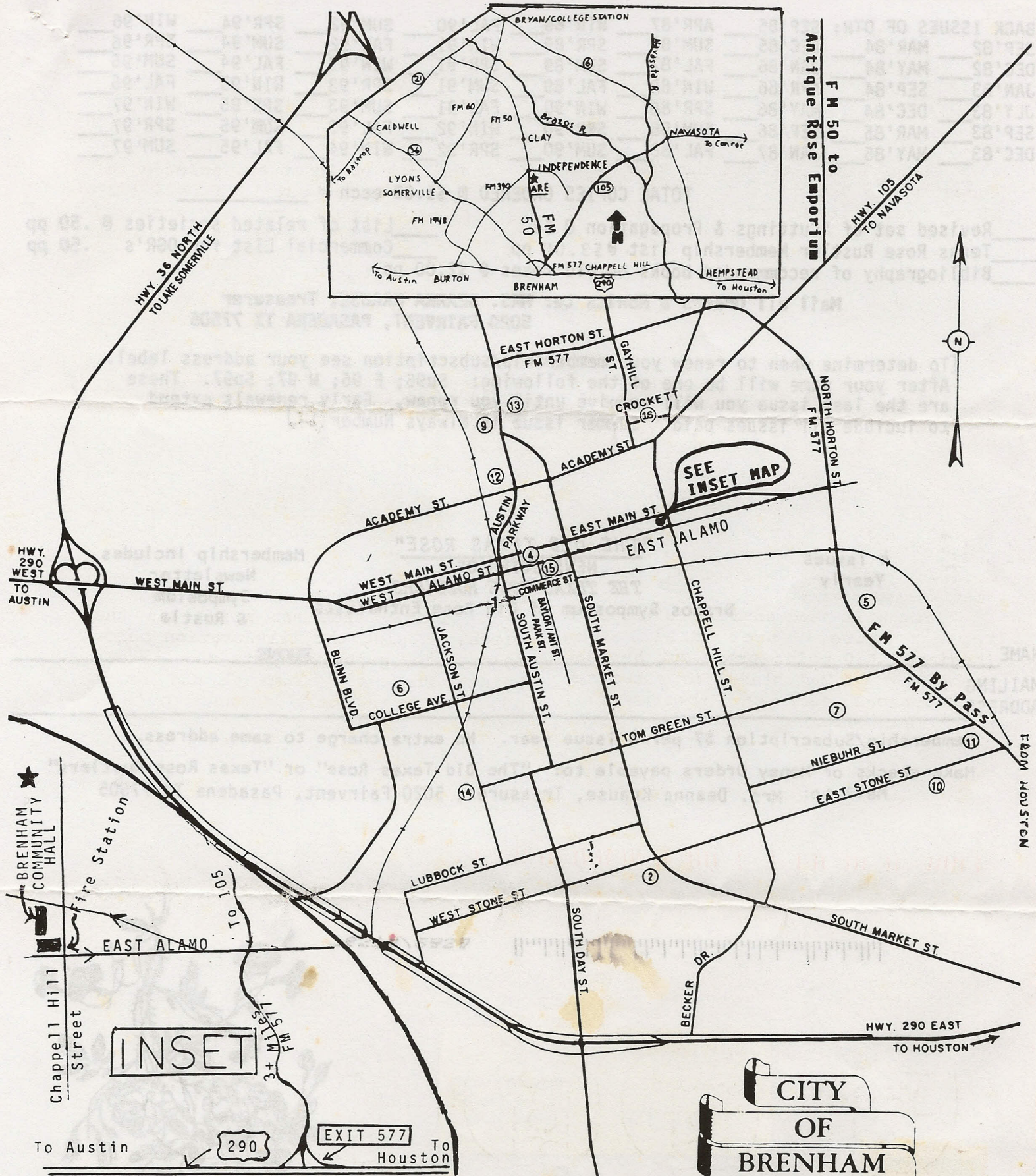
Lightly sand and prime all the pieces. Using the illustration below as a guide, paint the cats and stakes. Paint your family name on the large cat and your house numbers on the remaining cats.

Set the cat family where the house numbers can be seen from the street and plant low-growing roses at the cats' feet, e.g., **Martha Gonzales, Clothilde Soupert, The Fairy** or a miniature like **Green Ice**.

(Source: Better Homes & Gardens' Quick & Easy Woodcrafts, 1988. Meredith Corporation, Des Moines, IA. Pgs. 10-12). Note: If you don't like cats, make ducks in a row or some other critter!







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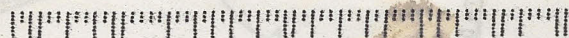
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