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1990 SYMPOSIUM
COMPLETE WITH
SPRING ROSE DISPLAY & CUTTING SWAP

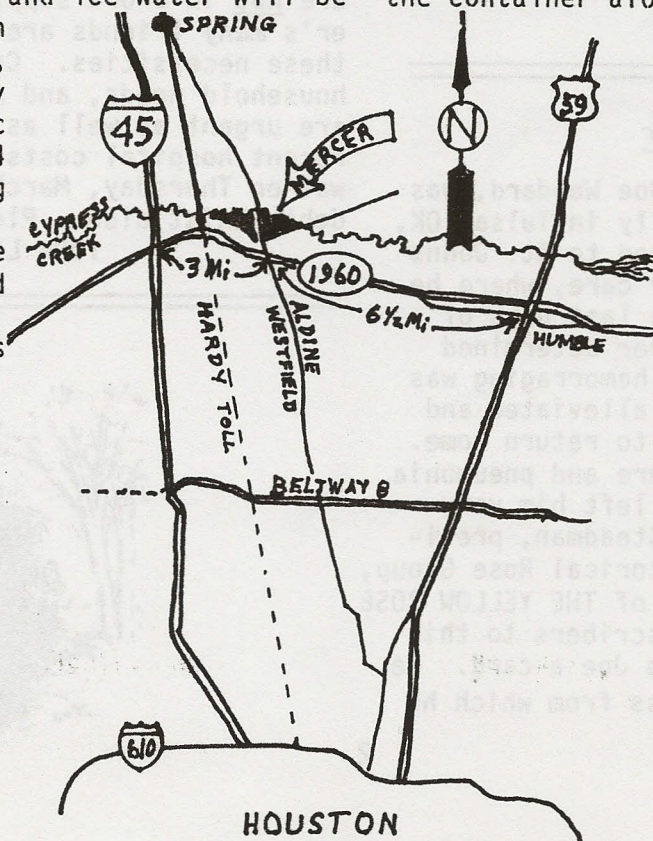
MERCER ARBORETUM will be the site of the 1990 Symposium for the Brazos Symposium of The Texas Rose Rustlers. Date will be SATURDAY, APRIL 28 and we will be meeting in the main auditorium at the Arboretum. The Arboretum will open at 8 a.m. but we will not start our activities until 10:30 a.m., the time between 9:30 and 10:30 being reserved for placing rose displays and swapping cuttings or rose plants or whatever.....maybe books, pictures clippers, or even willow water, manure tea, fertilizers or fungicides, clippers, diggers, and tall tales.

You are requested to bring your own lunch but coffee, tea, soft drinks and ice water will be supplied for free. Lunch break will last 1½ hours, during which time you may wander to some nice picnic spot in the beautiful 414 acre park to enjoy eating your lunch. If fact, we encourage you to roam the area with thoughts in mind about where and what and how we might enhance this botanic garden with some Old Garden Roses. This subject will be discussed in the afternoon. It has been suggested by some of our members that old roses be planted in just appropriate individual locations through the park, like ramblers to climb trees, swamp roses in boggy spots, Mermaid

in a sunny spot near the "orchard" where it can thrive into a huge mound of golden rose blooms for the bees to swarm to gather the nectar for their hives nearby; and spot for the R. Roxburghii (Chestnut Rose) to thrive while protecting a fence row from animal destruction.....eventually. Perhaps you'll be able to come up with some other suggestions to add, or a new idea even better.

YOU ARE REQUESTED to bring as many of your blooms as you have, each in a bottle or bud vase to display by itself, with the name of the rose prominently displayed on or beneath the container along with your own - in case someone wants to inquire as to where you got it or about growing it. And BRING YOUR ROSE CUTTINGS, preferably rooted ones at this time of year. Also bring anything else someone might want and will trade you to get.

We will also be SELECTING CHAIRMEN to perform some of the jobs that the editor of The Old Texas Rose has been doing alone thus far. Names will be presented from a committee of 6 chaired by Mrs. S.J. Derby. A study of our Bylaws showed what jobs existed. Bylaws approved in Nov. 1988 may be found in the Winter 1989 issue of THE OLD TEXAS ROSE. You may want to review them so you will be familiar with them.



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PAM PURYEAR RECOVERING

See the article on page 3 by Mrs. S.J. Derby explaining what will be taking place.

While the program for the day is not firm at this writing, we will be seeing slides of English Gardens that S.J. Derby visited last summer and YOU ARE INVITED TO BRING YOUR OWN SLIDES OF ROSES THAT YOU MAY HAVE FOUND OR BEEN UNABLE TO IDENTIFY so we may try to help you identify them or help you with some problem in growing a variety, or SHOW US AN UNUSUAL ROSE OR ROSE PLANT YOU HAVE OR HAVE SEEN. We will be ending our Symposium with this feature in the afternoon, probably about 3:30 or 4 p.m. We have had four cancellations of programs previously firmed, requiring replacements from whom we have not heard at this time. We promise, however, we will have some very interesting speakers and subjects that do not entail slides!

Just remember to bring yourself, your own sandwich, your slides, your cuttings &/or "white elephants" for swapping, and blooms of your roses to display - names attached. There is no registration fee and friends and interested non-members are welcome! We will also be renewing any memberships that have or will be expiring. The Dallas members of The Yellow Rose are having their spring event on Sunday, April 29th so will not be attending our Symposium as in the past. Please plan to come and join us in the Spring Frolic For Roses!

JOE WOODARD HOME

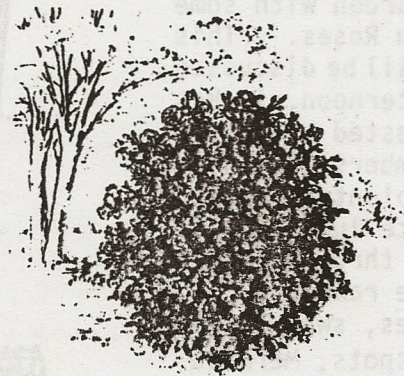
Editor of THE YELLOW ROSE, Joe Woodard, was stricken while visiting family in Tulsa, OK, early in March. He was rushed to St. Johns Hospital there for emergency care, where he remained a patient until the last days of the month. While it was never determined his exact problem, internal hemorrhaging was a major problem that is now alleviated and he regained enough strength to return home. He also suffered heart failure and pneumonia during his illness that has left him very weak and thin. Mrs. Belle Steadman, president of the Dallas Area Historical Rose Group, has assumed the publication of THE YELLOW ROSE under Joe's direction. Subscribers to this publication may want to drop Joe a card. He has had a very severe illness from which he is recovering.

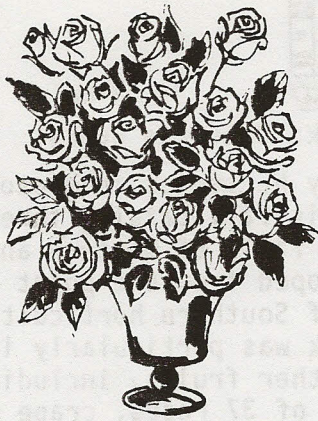
As many of the Rustlers were aware, the one person to whom we are the most indebted for making The Texas Rose Rustlers a viable organization and who originated THE OLD TEXAS ROSE newsletter, is Miss Pamela A. Puryear. She has been extremely ill for some months and would not seek adequate medical assistance due to financial reasons. Recently she was faced with the choice of either making some arrangements for surgery or funeral expenses. Friends in Navasota came to her aid and made it possible for the First Presbyterian Church to underwrite \$5000 hospital costs to obtain her admission. A "Pam Puryear Fund" has been established and donations should be made to:

The Rev. Richard Kleinman
1st Presbyterian Church
302 Nolan
Navasota, TX 77868
"For Pam Puryear"

Pam has no hospitalization to help her with these expenses. Her Surgeon has donated his services at no charge, but there are many other medical expenses besides these, as anyone who has had first hand experience with major illnesses is aware. Every small amount donated is of major importance and spreading the word of this need by our very own Pam is most appreciated and necessary!

Please know that food and flowers and books are not in short supply. Pam's and her mother's many friends are taking adequate care of these necessities. Cash for medicines and household needs, and regular home care help are urgent as well as donations to cover her recent hospital costs. While the surgery was on Thursday, March 29th, prior medical debts exist also. Please be generous with
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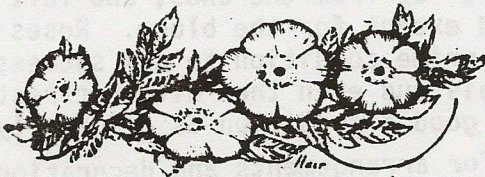
ROSES TO RUSTLERS!

Frances and Marion Brandes and Bill Bennett represented The Rustlers at Teas Nursery, Bellaire, on March 24th. They talked to at least 24 people about our organization and, of course, growing the Old Garden Roses.

The next week end Marion and Frances set up a booth for us at the Landscape & Garden Festival at the Harris County Extension Service pavillion on Abercrombie Drive in Bear Creek Park area. Jackie Fischer, John Plotzky, Terry Delanie and Lera Barlow joined in helping tell many, many people about our organization and about growing the old roses.

Membership forms were given out at both these events and we received 11 new members as an immediate result, with additional memberships "in the mail." At the Landscape Festival we offered our set of 3 pages on growing cuttings. They were free with a subscription/membership and some took some for free anyway, which was o.k. but were supposed to be \$2 per set. If the prospective members gain help in getting cuttings going we will be pleased, whether they were paid for or not. It is good public relations.

Our thanks to the Brandeses for their fine help in promoting our organization, and to all those helping them goes our deepest gratitude! With members like you it is no wonder we enjoy so much popularity! The general public is greatly interested in the old roses, as these volunteers can attest. Thanks again for all your time and effort on behalf of our group as well as the old garden roses!



NOTICE TO MEMBERS

The NOMINATING COMMITTEE of The Texas Rose Rustlers is looking for nominees for the following positions:

Chairman
Newsletter Editor
Secretary
Treasurer

If you have suggestions please immediately contact Mrs. S.J. Derby

12431 Broken Bough
Houston, TX 77024
(713)461-6886

The committee will contact recommended individuals for their approval.

A slate of officers will be presented for election at the April 28th, 1990, meeting. At that time further nominations will also be accepted from the floor, provided consent of the nominees has been obtained.

Mrs. S.J. Derby, Chairman

In accordance with the Standing Rules that are currently in effect, the following is the annual Financial Report following audit:

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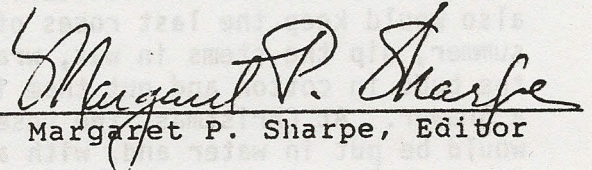
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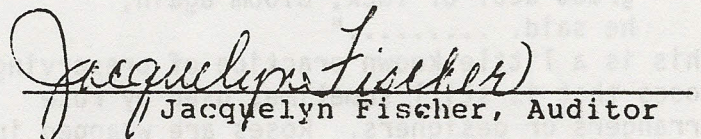
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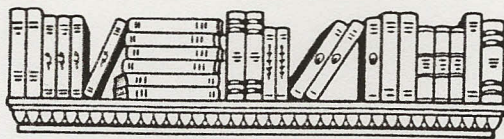
Disbursements:

News OTR(5)	\$562.80	
Program Exp.	48.05	
Operat. Exp.	10.49	
Convention	564.49	\$ 1185.83

Ending Balance 12/31/89 \$ 880.55


Margaret P. Sharpe, Editor


Jacquelyn Fischer, Auditor



A Nineteenth-Century Garden. Charles Van Ravenswaay. New York: Universe Books. 1977.

"...about 1874, G. Onderdonk bravely started the Mission Valley Nurseries in Victoria County, on the bank of the Guadalupe River. He admitted in his fall catalog three years later that he 'started quite in the dark to explore the great field of Western and Southern Texas horticulture. We had no precedents to guide us. We groped from one point to another, but,' he added cheerfully, 'The more we explore this branch of Southern horticulture the richer and more abundant are our rewards.' Although Onderdonk was particularly interested in peaches that would do well in his area, he also supplied other fruits, including pomegranates, oranges and lemons. For flower gardens he had a choice of 37 roses, crape myrtles, 'spirea bridle wreath', and 'yellow jessamine'."

[It would be most interesting to us to know what the 37 roses were that Onderdonk featured in his catalog. If anyone knows where a copy of his 1877 Fall catalog may be found, or any of his Mission Valley Nursery Catalogs, please let us know.]



-- J. Conrad Tips

CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTATION

An interesting newspaper item from an unknown newspaper of about 1975 was written by Milly McLean and carried by UPI, entitled "Turtle Tale Launches Newport's Yule Party." Quoting from the item; regarding Newport, RI:

"The Victorian Christmas tree was the accumulation of objects a family made or found over time. It wasn't until the turn of the century that they manufactured glass balls," said John Cherol, director of the Preservation Society of Newport County, which runs eight of Newport's most elaborate properties.

Chateau-Sur-Mer, a 19th century mansion owned by the society, has a 17 foot Christmas tree hung with apples, Victorian cards, small American flags, red bows, paper cones filled with candy, dolls - even an antique train set.....Victorians also would keep the last roses of summer, dip the stems in wax, wrap the buds in cotton and put them in a drawer. At Christmas, the roses would be put in water and, with a great deal of luck, bloom again, he said."

This is a little known practice of preserving roses that is still sometimes used by rose arrangers or designers. Roses are wrapped in newspaper and buds carefully wrapped with cotton secured with plastic strips. Stems are not dipped in wax now days. 3 to 4 weeks later they are removed and stood or laid in

MELVIN WYANT

Some of us remember when we used to get old rose varieties from Mentor, Ohio. There were two sources there, Melvin Wyant and Joe Kern. Mr. Kern died and his wonderful stock was purchased by another grower, whom we do not recall. In 1980 Melvin Wyant closed his nurseries and we no longer found our old varieties in Mentor, OH.

One of our members, Mrs. Virginia Marshall, who lives in Kempner, TX, writes that she and her husband, Les, attended a WWII cadet class reunion last summer. It seems Les and Melvin were instructors at Eagle Pass after their graduation and they met at the reunion. Virginia says he is one of the most interesting people she has met.

Melvin is about 70 now but still going strong. He is currently in charge of the grounds at Sea World of Ohio, near Cleveland. His sisters forced him out of the rose business, he said, and he went to work at Sea World where he has been ever since.

Wyant grew modern and old roses whereas Kern grew only the old roses. Both put out most interesting catalogs.

in warm to hot (100°) water, stems being recut $\frac{1}{2}$ " up from the ends, and left submerged except for the bloom. Roses must be in prime condition to dry successfully for this and even then will not restore to as good a condition as originally but fine for arrangements and decorations.

PETER BEALES TO SPEAK
AT THE 1990 ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
THE HERITAGE ROSE FOUNDATION



If you have not already registered for the 1990 convention of the Heritage Rose Foundation you will find a registration blank inside the back cover of this newsletter.

Friday, June 8, 1990 will be the date of the meeting, with tours, sponsored by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, being held on Friday, June 9th.

8:30-Noon Registration and Speakers
Noon-1:00 Lunch (All Day Registrants Only)
1:00-2:00 HRF Membership Meeting (no charge)
2:00-6:30 Garden Tour of Cranford Rose

Garden & refreshments

4:30-5:30 Rose Identification Group meeting
6:30-7:30 Buffet dinner in the Garden

There is room for 300 guests at the morning meeting to hear the speakers. There is space for 200 guests at meals. Meetings are open to the public on first come basis.

For travel and housing, call Margie at M A P TRAVEL, 800/343-8097 for airline and hotel reservations. Discounts are contingent on the participation - specify you are with the HRF Meeting. A very limited number of bed-and-breakfast accommodations are nearby. For these call Stephen Scanniello (718)788-5842 (home) or (718)622-4433 (work) and leave message and that you are with the HRF meeting.

For bus tours call Jeannie Fernsworth, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Ave., Brooklyn NY 11225-1099, phone (718) 622-4433. There will be 3 separate day-long tours and she can give you details and costs. Limited seating, so register NOW.

SEE INSIDE BACK COVER FOR CONVENTION REGISTRATION

The Texas Rose Rustlers are club members if the Heritage Rose Foundation. Individual memberships are \$10 yr. (over 65 \$8). 2 yr. memberships are double rate and include the quarterly newsletter.

Due to the perils of modern technology, an unfortunate computer glitch lost some names from the Antique Rose Emporium's mailing list. The A.R.E. is offering a subscription to their newsletter, "Potpourri", and assure subscribers of receiving an annual catalog for \$5.00. Anyone who has not received the Spring 1990 issue of "Potpourri", please write the Emporium immediately, sending their complete current mailing address



MARQUISE BOCCELLA
NAME RESEARCHED

Some confusion has occurred in the naming of this rose since Desprez introduced it in 1842 in France. Listings then called it Boccella. Next listings in 1850-52 use the Italian name of "Marchesa Boccella". By 1858 the French listings were "Marquise Boccella" and the British listed it as "Marquisa Boccella". American sources listed it as "Marquise Boccella" at that time, although Parsons, American nurseryman, spelled it "Marquise Boçella", which proved to be a misspelling.

The research has been done by Charles A. Walker, Jr., editor of the Heritage Rose Newsletter and Executive Secretary of the Heritage Rose Foundation. He says that the information gathered so far indicates the correct name for this rose is "Marchessa Boccella" rather than "Marquise Boccella", a combination of French and Italian. The name "Marchesa" was discovered too late to be included in Modern Roses 9, considered the authentic source for the correct names or official names of roses. Even though it has only been out a few years there are many additions and corrections already listed on an errata sheet for updating. If it is shown for awards it should probably be named "Marchesa Boccella".

CONRAD'S FOUND ROSES

"Conrad's Climbing Pink China" was found in a Hill Country graveyard, I'm told. Fearfully vigorous here (my sister calls it "The Rose That Ate Houston") it's breathtaking in season, a cloud of blush, milk white, and pink blooms. People line up to gawk, always so satisfactory; but that is the end to it for it will not repeat for me. It does, however, for Mike Shoup. Of course I forgive him.

"Conrad's Red Velvet Climber" I collected in North Houston, in a section developed soon after World War I. It was meant to be a climber, no doubt, but fell away from its moorings and, seizing the moment, made a great burly shrub of itself. The foliage is clean, attractive and perfectly healthy - an accomplishment in this climate - and the blooms are large, rumpled, and peony-like, dark ruby brushed black-maroon, with a grey-lavender velvety texture. The fragrance is light and fruity, the growth tropical. Not for small gardens.

"Conrad's Cottage White" came from an honest-to-God cottage garden in the Heights area of Houston, and may prove uncommonly useful. The bush lives in almost total shade, hardly a ray of sunshine touches it; yet it blooms well. Such amiability should be encouraged. The flowers, presented in sprays, are about the size of any tea, double and oddly variable in color. White in warm weather, in the fall they go to cream with an apricot center and take on green, tan and mauve shadings; in cold weather they become pink with red markings on the guard petals. The plant is sturdy, to about four feet, with an open, airy habit.

"Conrad's Cottage Red" came from the same cottage garden in the Heights. The habit is exceptionally graceful and the foliage is beautiful; the blooms, which it is rarely without, are single and are red with a blush zone around the central boss of stamens. Very striking! It was found by the original owners near the Texas/Mexico border during the 1920's, on a farm where it was used by the people there for medicinal purposes. although I can't imagine how.

"Conrad's Old Quaint", so-called by my brother-in-law, a Rice engineer who is amused by my horticultural enthusiasms, has been in the

possession of a German pioneer family hereabouts for more than a century. To look at, it's exactly like Cécile Brunner or Perle d'Or except for the blooms. Shell pink with deeper center, they are double and presented in sprays, the blooms being much the size of most teas. They closely resemble a small, looser La France. What could it be? The blossoms suggests a tea; Mrs. Léonie Bell wondered if it might be a noisette; why not a tea-polyantha cross? My research into 19th century sources has yielded nothing of value, a disappointment. But, never mind, for "Conrad's Old Quaint" is still the most distinguished rose I've found. By the way, it's never out of bloom, except during the depths of our most inclement winters, which it survives without protection.

"My Husband's Grandmother's Red China Rose" I obtained from a farm west of Houston where it was established before 1910. Mr. and Mrs. Look married that year and went to live with his grandparents on the home place. Not, perhaps, the ideal arrangement, but, on the other hand, they inherited the lot. It's a typical china rose, low, spreading, twiggy, with dark, purply-red blooms. Not wildly exciting but hardy, floriferous, and dependable to the bitter end. Fellen(m)berg? I'm dubious.

All these found roses may be found in the collection at the Antique Rose Emporium.

-- J. Conrad Tips

'TIS THE SEASON

We are seeing mites and thrips on roses now. First sign of spider mites is the yellowing of leaves in a particular area of a rose bush, usually at the bottom. Leaf inspection shows tiny creatures on the underside and fine webs in crotches of the branches in that area. Hard streams of water from a hose nozzle knocking off loose leaves and also all the spider mites and webs about twice daily for 10 days will do a pretty good job of controlling without resorting to chemicals. Thrips require chemicals of some kind. They are ONLY on the buds. First try Safers Soap spray in a small spray bottle, squirting the buds

('Tis The Season continued)

NEW YORK CITY ROSE INVENTORY

IN PROGRESS

until they are saturated. If thrips do not disappear in 24 hours resort to using Orthene in the small spray bottle. Mist each bud thoroughly. This must be done daily for about a week, until all the thrips have hatched in each bud. You will note thrips when you see some of your bloom buds making a right angle turn just below the buds. Light colored roses seem to be affected first usually. Thrips are found nowhere else on a rose but on the blooms and buds. They won't kill plants,

Spider mites can destroy a small or weak rose bush and should be destroyed as soon as possible. Best chemical sprays to use to destroy mites is Avid. Expensive but good. Next best is Vendex. Not cheap but good. The JET-ALL Water Wand is the best way to blast the mites away. Available from some nurseries or from EquipMart-of-Texas, mfg. 713/469-6544. Cost: \$24.95.

BACK TO BASICS

From Georgia Tory Drennan's book, "Everblooming Roses", we learn that the old Moorish way to induce bloom in fall was to burn the bushes to the ground. Quoting from Arabian writers, "If you wish roses to bloom in August, burn the old branches to the ground, moisten the soil for 8 consecutive days, then suspend watering. Alternate these periods of moisture and drought as many as five times, and in about 69 days vigorous branches will shoot up from the roots and, in due time, be loaded with roses, without impairing the ability of the plant the

Stephen Scanniello, curator of roses for the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, has undertaken to make a rose inventory of New York City. Of interest to us is his finding roses in the gardens behind the Admiral's House at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. The property has been sold and the new owners plan to use the house for a conference center. Just behind the house is a brick wall marking the property line and two immense mounds of rose bushes are there, left by the Navy gardeners. The roses have been identified by Scanniello as "Dr. W. Van Fleet", an early 20th century pink climbing rose, a real find. A small, vividly scarlet rose was growing on the Park slope back yard of Julian Asion. This proved to be Old Gay Hill China!

Old Gay Hill is a hybrid China rose someone planted in a small Texas town in the 19th century and abandoned. It was rediscovered in a cemetery by the Texas Rose Rustlers and is now growing in several of their rose gardens as well as being propagated by the Antique Rose Emporium.

Scanniello is making many fantastic discoveries of tremendous interest. We hope to be able to carry stories of some of his "finds" in future issues.

following spring."

(Have you ever felt like doing this? Now you can, with confidence and purpose!)

HERITAGE ROSE FOUNDATION 1990 ANNUAL MEETING AT BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

REGISTRATION FORM for Friday, June 8, 1990 ONLY

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- If you are registering others, please put their names on a separate sheet.
- Make check payable to: The Heritage Rose Foundation
- Mail to: The Heritage Rose Foundation, 1512 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606
- Bus tours (Saturday, June 9) are sponsored by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. To register, contact Jeannie Fernsworth, Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 1000 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225-1099, phone (718)622-4433.

The table that follows was taken from The Complete Book of Roses (pp.185-6) and shows how many thousands of varieties were introduced in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. If you wonder why some of today's unknown varieties must be carried under a study name because they haven't been identified, consider how outnumbered the popular or common varieties are.

Rose Varieties by Class with Frequency of Sporting

ROSE CLASS	DATE OF INTRODUCTION	TIME SPAN IN YEARS	NO. OF VARIETIES	NO. OF VARIETIES PRODUCING SPORTS	FREQUENCY OF SPORTING VARIETIES	NO. OF SPORTS	DISTRIBUTION OF SPORTS AMONG ALL CLASSES
TEA	1810-1935	125	1,456	32	2%	67	4%
BOURBON	1817-1935	118	503	7	1%	13	2%
CHINA	1818-1935	117	822	8	1%	11	1%
NOISETTE	1828-1935	107	217	2	1%	3	1%
HYBRID PERPETUAL	1843-1935	93	2,444	42	2%	70	3%
HYBRID TEA	1867-1935	68	3,270	127	4%	329	10%
POLYANTHA	1879-1935	56	441	27	6%	133	30%
HYBRID WICHURIANA	1887-1935	48	271	11	4%	18	7%
HYBRID MULTIFLORA	1804-1935	131	298	6	2%	29	10%
HYBRID RUGOSA	1784-1935	141	130	2	1%	3	2%
PERNETIANA	1900-1935	35	416	33	8%	111	27%
totals*****			10,268	297	avg.=3%	787	100%

compiled for years up to 1936 by S.G. Saakov

(Pernetianas are now grouped with Hybrid Teas)

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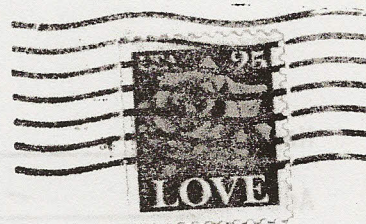
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