

FALL 1990

## 1990 ROSE RUSTLE TO RENDEZVOUS IN SAN MARCOS

### ANNUAL RUSTLERS BUSINESS MEETING

Ordinarily we Rustlers have no 'business' other than learning something more about roses but this time we have a few things that we need to do something about. Last Summer "Old Texas Rose" carried a copy of our proposed changes in our bylaws for you to review. Up until then all the initiative had been on the shoulders of the Editor and the changes proposed divided the responsibilities. The old bylaws provided for a Chairman who could appoint someone to keep the books and edit the newsletter and write letters. The new ones names the offices - Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor and a Program Coordinator to act as a representative 'board' to plan and care for the necessary duties. A Nominating Committee presented a slate of people to be elected by the members at the Fall meeting and since that time illness has required that they reconsider two of the duties and present the following:

Chairman. . . Mrs. Jackie Fischer  
Program . . . Marion Brandes, Jr.  
Secretary . . . Mrs. Marti King  
Treasurer . . Mrs. Deanna Krause  
Editor. . . Mrs. Margaret Sharpe

Nominees have consented to serve.

Another interesting project we will be discussing is the role we might take in the initiation of an Old Rose planting as an

NOVEMBER 17TH AT 11 O'CLOCK  
IN RIO VISTA PARK

Many prospects for old rose cuttings have been found in and near San Marcos, TX, that makes it a great place to have our Rose Rustle this year. Bring your rose plants and cuttings for swapping and meet us at the Rio Vista Park in San Marcos on Saturday, November 17th at about 11 a.m. Bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy it while we do our trading. This is a small park situated on the high bank of the spring fed San Marcos River. We will be gathering in the small pavillion adjacent to the Parks & Recreation administrative offices.

- 11 a.m. Meet at the park per the map; trade plants, share cuttings, visit and enjoy our lunch.
- 12:30 Annual Business Meeting.
- 1:15 Begin Rose Rustle Tour
- 3:15 Tour San Pedro Cemetery
- 4:30 Optional Tour of Scott Ogden's garden and collection of old roses he has found.

The Rustle will carry us through old neighborhoods in San Marcos and into the old San Pedro Cemetery outside of town on Posey Road. Following is a list of *some* of the many rose varieties to tempt Rustlers:

- 1) 'Texas Centennial', a 1936 vermillion hybrid tea no longer available in the USA. Healthy and vigorous and has magnificent blooms!
- 2) An everblooming red Portland or Hybrid Perpetual to try your hand at identifying.

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educational feature enhancing Mercer Arboretum & Botanic Garden. Conrad Tips has been the liaison to gather members' suggestions to advance to the Mercer staff and they are VERY receptive to the suggestions received. It is now up to us to decide whether or not we will care to initiate such a project.

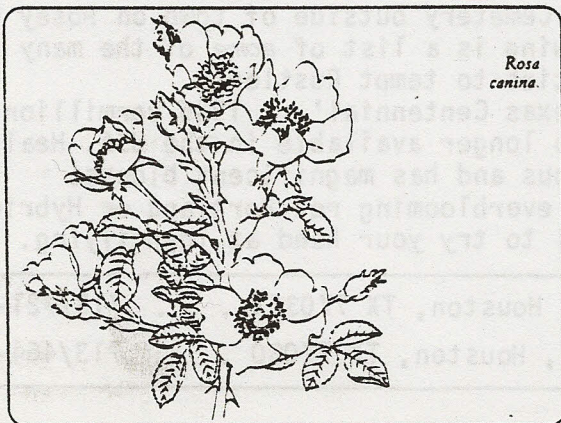
We will be voting on the Bylaws changes and the changes in the slate of officers. Several 'new' ideas are incorporated in the bylaws changes that will be explained. One of them is that we have one Annual Meeting a year at which any business is officially conducted. All the other meetings we have are for fun and learning and may be held at any time we desire. In this way we fulfill the requirements of a corporation if and when we may want to apply for a non-profit status with the IRS. Judging from the bank account, we have a long way to go before we will need such a designation.

Be sure to come to the Rustle and get in on this brief session as your input and vote is most important to this organization.

#### DIRECTIONS TO RIO VISTA PARK

The Park is easy to reach. Follow the map in this newsletter and the arrows will take you there. For reassurance as to landmarks not shown on the map, we give the following:

Exit Interstate 35 at State Highway 80 and turn northwest off I 35 on Highway 80 to Houston St. Turn left onto Houston Street and procede about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, crossing the San Marcos River. Take the first right turn after crossing the river bridge and enter the Park. Drive on through the park, bearing to the right. Look for the FIRST PAVILLION, where we will gather.



3) Stately old Tea roses of large size, different colors and varieties from any found at recent Rustles.

4) The Cemetery is absolutely loaded with roses, mostly unknown as to variety names but the following classes are represented: Hybrid Perpetual, Polyantha, Hybrid Musk, Hybrid China, Gallica, Damask, China.

Following the Rustle tour, those interested in more cuttings may visit Scott Ogden's garden near New Braunfels. Scott has collected a large number of old roses between Austin and San Antonio. He also has a fine garden of perennials and plants acclimated to semi-arid conditions. Scott will share cuttings of all of them.

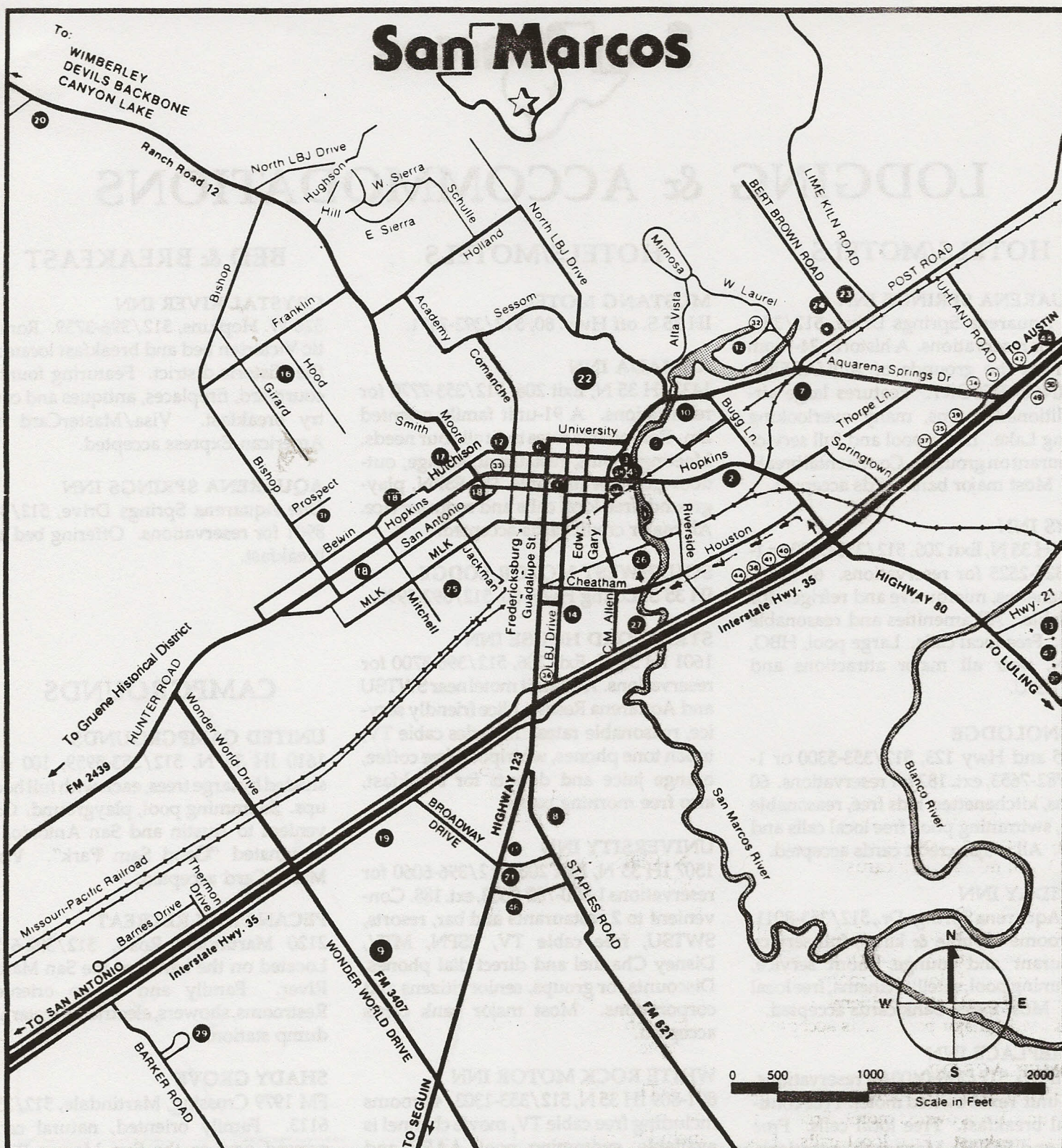
#### WHAT TO BRING

- ...Your own picnic lunch, including cold water and ice, and a trash bag.
- ...Plants in pots to trade, cuttings of roses to share that are labeled. Common varieties will interest beginners while unusual ones will interest the more experienced.

Please bring cuttings!!!

- ...Keep cuttings you bring in large zip-lock bags with a wet paper towel inside and a clear label. Put your name on potted plants for trade so you may be found by some one who wants to trade with you.
- ...Bring zip-lock bags with wet towels inside to take home your cuttings for later rooting. Have a waterproof marker of some kind to label your cutting bag. Cut green mature wood no larger than a pencil with at least 5 leaf joints. Remove all but the top 2 leaves - these remain above ground with other leaf joints below to root.
- ...Keep cuttings cool in a styrofoam cooler in your car if it is a hot day.
- ...We do not receive cash money for plants or cuttings at the Rustle, since we do not sponsor financial rose sales of any kind.
- ...Non-members are welcome to participate if they bring cuttings to swap. Both members and non-members are requested to take no more cuttings than they bring, to be fair. Left over cuttings that are unwanted are taken by some members for rooting and swaps at a garden meeting later in the year.
- ...WILLOW WATER: If you have studied the set of pages we have on "Cuttings" and Propagation, you have read about the use of willow tea to soak your cuttings in before setting them in a rooting medium. Many of the Rustlers take bottle containers of the willow tea that they drop their cuttings into as they take them.





## WELCOME TO SAN MARCOS . . .

### POINTS OF INTEREST . . .

1. Courthouse
2. City Hall
3. Chamber of Commerce
4. Aquarena Springs Golf Course
5. City Park
6. Post Office
7. Bobcat Stadium
8. State Fish Hatchery
9. Central Texas Medical Center
10. Strahan Coliseum
11. Charles S. Cock Home and Riverwalk
12. Public Library

13. Quail Creek Country Club and Golf Course
14. S.M.C.I.S.D. Admin. Office
15. Bowie Elementary
16. Crockett Elementary
17. Lamar Intermediate
18. Historical District
19. Owen Goodnight Junior High
20. San Marcos Baptist Academy
21. San Marcos High School
22. Southwest Texas State Univ.
23. Travis Elementary
24. San Marcos Treatment Center

25. Dunbar Park
26. Rio Vista Park
27. Lucio Park
28. San Marcos Police Station
29. Hays County Civic Center
30. Municipal Airport
31. Wonder World
32. Aquarena Springs
33. Aquarena Springs Inn
34. Crystal River Inn
35. Holiday Inn
36. Homeplace Inn
37. Econo Lodge

38. Motel 6
39. Mustang Inn
40. Ramada Inn
41. Days Inn
42. Southwest Motor Lodge
43. Stratford House
44. University Inn
45. White Rock Motor Inn
46. Community Fish Hatchery
47. DeZavala Elementary
48. Gary Job Corp
49. Tourist Information Center
50. United Campgrounds
51. Hays Co. Law Enf. Ctr.

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## LODGING & ACCOMMODATIONS

### HOTELS/MOTELS

#### AQUARENA SPRINGS INN

One Aquarena Springs Drive, 512/396-8901 for reservations. A historic, 24-room hotel on the grounds of AQUARENA SPRINGS RESORT. Features large air-conditioned rooms, many overlooking Spring Lake. Large pool and full service restaurant on grounds. Continental breakfast. Most major bank cards accepted.

#### DAYS INN

1005 IH 35 N, Exit 205, 512/353-5050 or 1-800-325-2525 for reservations. 62 units, kitchenettes, microwave and refrigerator available. All amenities and reasonable rates. Free local calls. Large pool, HBO, ESPN, near all major attractions and S.W.T.S.U.

#### ECONOLOGGE

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1321 IH 35 N, Exit 206, 512/396-8705. 126 units at every Motel 6, you'll always find a clean, comfortable room where you can get a good night's sleep. Children under 18 stay free in their parents' room. All of our rooms come with free TV and feature movies, telephone and pool. All major credit cards accepted.

### HOTELS/MOTELS

#### MUSTANG MOTEL

IH 35 S. off Hwy. 80, 512/392-2471.

#### RAMADA INN

1433 IH 35 N, Exit 206, 512/353-7770 for reservations. A 91-unit family oriented inn. Reasonable rates to fit all your needs. Meeting rooms, restaurant, lounge, outdoor pool, 24 hr. cable TV, ESPN, playground, free local calls and room service. All major credit cards accepted.

#### SOUTHWEST MOTOR LODGE

IH 35 S. Luling Hwy. 80, 512/392-3990.

#### STRATFORD HOUSE INN

1601 IH 35 N, Exit 206, 512/396-3700 for reservations. A 40-unit motel near SWTSU and Aquarena Resort. Nice friendly service, reasonable rates. Includes cable TV, touch tone phones, whirlpool, free coffee, orange juice and donuts for breakfast, also free morning paper.

#### UNIVERSITY INN

1507 IH 35 N, Exit 206, 512/396-6060 for reservations 1-800-782-7653, ext. 188. Convenient to 2 restaurants and bar, resorts, SWTSU, free cable TV, ESPN, MTV, Disney Channel and direct dial phones. Discounts for groups, senior citizens and corporations. Most major bank cards accepted.

#### WHITE ROCK MOTOR INN

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### BED & BREAKFAST

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#### AQUARENA SPRINGS INN

One Aquarena Springs Drive, 512/396-8901 for reservations. Offering bed and breakfast.

### CAMPGROUNDS

#### UNITED CAMPGROUNDS

1610 IH 35 N, 512/353-5959, 100 sites shaded by large trees, each with full hook-ups. Swimming pool, playground. Convenient to Austin and San Antonio. A designated "Good Sam Park". Visa/MasterCard accepted.

#### PECAN PARK RETREAT

2120 Martindale Road, 512/392-6171. Located on the banks of the San Marcos River. Family and group oriented. Restrooms, showers, electricity, water and dump station.

#### SHADY GROVE

FM 1979 Crossing, Martindale, 512/357-6113. Family oriented, natural campground next to the San Marcos River. Restrooms/showers and group sites available (reservations highly suggested).

*For more information, contact:*  
**San Marcos Chamber of Commerce**  
202 CM Allen Parkway  
P.O. Box 2310  
San Marcos, Texas 78667  
1-800-782-7653, ext. 177  
512-396-2495



## SOIL SICKNESS

An article in the September 1990 "The Yellow Rose", newsletter of the Dallas Historical Rose society, recalls an incident of interest. I was in the strange role of delivering a pickup truck load of aged horse manure to a couple who won it at a Rose Society drawing at a Christmas party in December 1974. When I arrived I found the lucky winners shovelling all the soil from their seven rose beds and spreading it elsewhere in the yard while their roses were looking on from pots, buckets and tubs from the sidelines. The landscape timbers that had been around the 4ft X 40ft X 1½ft hi beds had been moved to cover the walkways between the old beds and new soil was being mixed to fill them.

"What's the big idea?" I asked. I was told that experience had taught them that their rose beds had "Soil Sickness" causing their roses to suffer from "Rose Tiredness." I knew they had been experiencing troubles for they no longer could grow the superior quality or quantity of roses they were accustomed. However, I recalled this had happened a few years before and they had recovered and continued to grow great roses. So THIS was their secret!

Joe Woodard, Editor of "The Yellow Rose", cited an article by Dr. Kalyan Chakraborti in THE INDIAN ROSE ANNUAL VIII in which was outlined the symptoms of "Soil Sickness":

1. Plants' growth reduced, foliage is smaller than normal. Upon transplanting to virgin soil the plant resumes normal growth.
2. Old plants continue to grow on the site but some die and replacements fail to flourish or gradually die.
3. Bloom quality and quantity diminish.
4. Original plants die despite care.
5. Plants become subject to disease & insect attacks previously abnormal.

It is assumed that roses will be planted in new soil when we expect to get ultimate performance. This is seldom the case and also it accounts for our first year rose bed being so great a memory. Soil Sickness is a complex problem and not fully understood. Several things are known, however, that lead to it and there are some things that can be done. One of the quick stopgap methods is digging out about one or two bushels of soil from the location in the old bed a new rose is to be planted. New "virgin" soil is placed in the hole and allowed to settle before planting the new rose. The new rose will probably do well for about 3 years before Rose Tiredness wins.

With every great rain, and every time you water the rose planting tiny particles of clay filter down through the soil to the root area of roses. If the organic matter is at all low a compacting of the soil occurs decreasing the soil porosity and this prevents osmosis - soil, air, water balance. Roots cannot function properly. A clay barrier that either prevents water and air from entering the root zone causes many problems. In this case good site drainage would not be enough as the clay could cause the plants to drown. Constant addition of organic matter, such as manures and compost and mulch to decay and improve the soil tilth is vital.

Decaying vegetable matter results in lowering the pH of the soil. Roses prefer a pH of 6.0 to 7. 5.5 is quite acid but roses will usually tolerate it, while 7.5 alkaline soil will produce notable dislike. We use soil sulphur @ 1 lb. per 100 sqft to lower pH and lime (calcium carbonate) to sweeten acid soil.

Over fertilization and treated water are the cause of accumulations of salts in the soil. Often we add chemical fertilizers to water to reduce the sodium salts, but it is easy to see that this does not overcome the salts problem. Rain is our best water to leach out the salts and organic matter the most salt free fertilizer. An exception to this might be horse manure that has not been leached or aged before adding to the soil. Manures that have come from sources that have had salt blocks to lick as part of their feeding are highly alkaline and full of accumulated salts. Such manures need to be leached for several weeks and heavy rains.

Soil borne microbes can damage soil. One of the most prevalent source for both good and harmful microbes and fungal diseases is the animal manures. This is why we should not add raw manure to the growing soil. It should always be aged and leached well in the rain for a month or two. Root knot nematodes are familiar to most gardeners. Recent discoveries show that a very high underlayment of organic matter in the root zone of roses, covered by a slightly less porous soil can prevent soil nematodes from hatching and thus from spreading.

It is important that rose soil have a supply of micronutrients. A deficiency of these miniscule minerals, like N-P-K, is a major soil sickness. Usually these micronutrients are added to the rose soil once a year to be on the safe side.



(Soil Sickness - Continued)

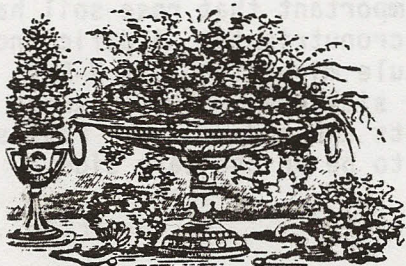
It is also interesting to note that research has determined that roses roots emit a toxic substance that "discourages" other roses and plants from growing nearby. We see this with shrubs and trees, such as the black walnut. It is a way the plant has of preventing competition for the food chain. And it is another reason removal of root area soil is a good idea.

Before a "Sick Soil" diagnosis is final it should be determined that the plants have been receiving plenty of nourishment. A reliable soil test is a wise move before continuing the remedial steps. In southern climates such as ours it is recommended that old rose beds be abandoned and new beds prepared on a new site. If this is impossible it is necessary to dig the soil from the old site to a depth of 2½ ft. to 3 ft. if at ground level, and 1 ft. if the bed is to be raised about 3 or 4 landscape timbers high to 1½ ft. The soil may be shovelled onto plywood or plastic along one side of the bed where it is allowed to dry in the sun, turning occasionally to aerate and kill nematodes that may be present. Amendments of sand manures and compost to assure good drainage, and the addition of organic-inorganic fertilizers, micronutrients and N-P-K need to be added to obtain a good nutritional balance. The bed may then be leveled and allowed to settle and mellow before roses are planted or replanted. This is also a great opportunity to incorporate a "hidden" drip system to keep each rose properly supplied with moisture, if you plan to grow the finest of roses, be they old garden or modern roses.

Like any perennial flower, roses need major attention every spring, some requiring more than others. Just consider what you want from them, for they will respond in proportion to the treatment you give them.

So, my friends were not incorrect in their handling of their Tired Roses. They have done this every 7 years since and produce the most beautiful roses. I had another friend some years before who vowed that "Roses needed their feet washed every few years!" But, thereby lies another tale.....

-- M. Sharpe



ANTIQUE ROSE EMPORIUM  
FALL FESTIVAL IS  
LOADED WITH AUTHORITATIVE  
SPEAKERS

You sure don't want to miss the things available to you at the Antique Rose Emporium during the Fall Festival, November 2, 3 & 4! Besides the Retail Center being well stocked and the roses in bloom, AND A ROSE EXHIBIT IN THE OLD STONE KITCHEN BY THE ROSE RUSTLERS, the speakers each day will be well worth your daily return for those days.

Open daily from 9 am until 6 pm, there is no admission charge to enjoy the events. You will be able to either bring your picnic lunch and enjoy a picnic table, or you may purchase food from food vendors present.

Friday, Nov. 2nd:

- 10 am - Liz Druitt, "Beginning With Old Roses"
- 11 am - Elizabeth Carswell, "Bermuda's Mystery Roses"
- 1:30 pm - James David, "Garden Structures in Garden Design"
- 2:30 pm Madalene Hill & Gwen Barclay, "The New Taste - Traditional Herbs From Other Cultures"

Saturday, Nov. 3rd:

- 10 am - Charles A. Walker, Jr., "The Preservation of Old Garden Roses"
- 11 am - Beverly Dobson, "Hard-To-Find Roses (& Where To Find Them)"
- 1:30 pm Pamela Puryear, "Victorian Pillars, Posts & Pergolas - Early Southern Landscape Design"
- 2:30 pm Scott Ogden, "Old Bulbs in Modern Gardens"

Sunday, Nov. 4:

- 10 am - Sean McCann, "English Roses & Others The Influence of Old Garden Roses Today"
- 11 am - Tim Rhays, "Integrated Pest Management - Roses Without Spray"
- 1:30 - 3:30 pm ROSE IDENTIFICATION SESSION  
Bring your Mystery Roses to the Speaker Tent for Experts to Examine

Dr. Jim Johnson, Director Benz School of Floral Design, Texas A & M University, will be creating rose arrangements on the south porch of the stone kitchen during the program breaks Saturday & Sunday.



# NEW BRAUNFELS CONSERVATION SOCIETY TO DEDICATE THE HERITAGE ROSE CONSERVATORY

On Saturday, October 27th, at 4 p.m. in Conservation Plaza, 1300 Churchill Drive, New Braunfels, Texas, the Heritage Rose Conservatory will be dedicated in honor of Dorris D. and Christine Brown. Dr. Brown discussed his desire to develop an antique heritage rose conservatory to preserve the roses brought to Comal County by its early settlers. He wanted this developed on the New Braunfels Conservation Society property and that his family would make an endowment toward the project, specifying any recognition of him be in a very modest manner. He requested his close friend, W.L. Schumann, a professional horticultural consultant, to oversee the project. These arrangements were made in the summer of 1989 and roses were to be planted in the Fall of that year. But due to many delays this time schedule could not be met and Dr. Brown passed away before he could see his dream come true.

Members of the New Braunfels Men's Garden Club, with the help of a local nursery, have propagated over 200 cuttings of some 30 varieties of roses and many more identified and unidentified roses from Comal County have been collected. This Fall of 1990 some 159 roses have been planted from containers in which they were grown for the purpose, cuttings having been taken by persons from the Conservatory.

It is interesting to recall that Dr. and Mrs. Brown collected some rose cuttings from bushes growing from original cuttings brought by original settlers in New Braunfels from Europe. They recorded the history of many such rose bushes, roses known to have grown that have long since disappeared. This was their hobby and we are proud that they have been members of our Heritage Rose Rustler Group. Specimens of family roses in the new park will be labelled and space is available for more as they appear.

The Dedication will be followed by a reception in the Forke Store in New Braunfels. Should you be able to attend this most interesting and memorable event please try to come early enough to view the roses before the Dedication and visit with these lovely people, especially Mrs. Brown, and Bill Schumann and all the people that helped make this great dream of Dr. Brown's come true. They have truly built a Heritage Rose foundation.

# ROSE RUSTLERS TO DISPLAY BLOOMS

The Antique Rose Emporium is holding their annual Fall Festival November 2,3, & 4th. Admission to the events are free and you won't want to miss any of them. We have been asked to exhibit what rose blooms we can bring for the public to view and to vote on their favorite exhibits. Winning exhibitors will receive complimentary rose plants.

THE EXHIBIT WILL BE ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3 BLOOMS BEING ENTERED BETWEEN 9 a.m. to Noon. Vases will be furnished by the Emporium. The PUBLIC VOTING WILL BE HELD FROM NOON UNTIL 4 p.m. Winning exhibits will be announced at 4:30 p.m.

Roses will be displayed by classes listed below and the show will supply variety name cards and the appropriate identifying class letter and entry Number. Ballots will be in ample supply and choices voted on by entry number.

PLEASE NOTE THAT ENTRIES ARE OPEN TO EVERYONE WHETHER A MEMBER OF THE ROSE RUSTLERS OR NOT. THE ONLY REQUIREMENT IS THERE BE ONLY ONE ROSE ENTRY PER VARIETY PER PERSON AND IT MUST HAVE BEEN GROWN BY THE EXHIBITOR.

TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS'  
1990 FALL FESTIVAL  
BLOOM EXHIBITION

## CLASSES ON EXHIBIT BY GROUP:

- A. HYBRID PERPETUALS
- B. BOURBONS & PORTLANDS
- C. NOISETTES
- D. CHINAS
- E. TEAS
- F. POLYANTHAS & HYBRID MULTIFLORAS
- G. RARE FLORIBUNDAS & HYBRID TEAS
- H. HYBRID MUSKS & RUGOSAS
- I. SPECIES & MISCELLANEOUS
- J. UNIDENTIFIED

## Rules:

- 1. Unknown varieties under a "studyname" may be entered in any of the above classes.
- 2. To exhibit a rose it must be entered under the name of the person who grew it.
- 3. Any rose exhibited must be shown in standard bud vase provided.
- 4. Public vote by ballot will determine winner by group and best of show.



# ROSE ROOTS

## WHERE TO DIG\*

**THE ANTIQUE ROSE EMPORIUM** - Route 5, Box 143, Brenham, TX 77833. (409/836-0975)

Grows most of cuttings Texas Rose Rustlers rustle. Own Root roses. Ship Jan.1-Apr.15th  
Keepsake color catalog \$3. Source of newest & most popular rose books.

**ROSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY** - 802 Brown's Valley Road, Watsonville, CA 95076. Ship  
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garden roses and new popular roses. Telephone orders (408) 724-2755.

**HERITAGE ROSE GARDENS** - 16831 Mitchell Creek Drive, Fort Bragg, CA 95437 (707/984-6959)

Large selection own root old roses. Will custom root. Ship Jan. & Feb. with catalog  
for coming year arriving January - \$1.00.

**HERITAGE ROSARIUM** - 211 Haviland Mill Road, Brookville, MD 20833-2311 (phone evenings &  
week ends only 301/774-2806. Orders by May 1 for fall of 1st or 2nd yr. Own Root only.  
Ship Nov.1 - Dec.1 or Feb.15-Apr.1 UPS. \$1 catalog list. Business has snowballed but  
while slow, is reliable. This new grower is on site of old roses from Bobbink & Adkins,  
et al, one time tested for the USDA facility there, and many partially surviving. Some  
450 to 500 varieties listed.

**HIGH COUNTRY ROSARIUM** - 1717 Downing @ Park Avenue, Denver, CO 89218. Founded to  
specifically sell roses tolerant of high altitudes and low temperatures. They grow  
well other places too, of course. Free list but \$1 helps assure you'll get one.  
own root plants only. Beautiful color listing of about 70 varieties.

**HISTORICAL ROSES** - 1657 West Jackson St., Painesville, OH 44077. List free but \$1 helps  
assure receipt. Ships early spring only, budded plants of good selection of the oldest  
varieties. No tender varieties. 216/357-7270

**HORTICO, INC.** - 723 Robson Road, RR#1, Waterdown, ONT LOR 2H0. 416/689-6984. Beautiful  
color catalog \$2 - put 30¢ stamps on letter requesting. Mostly modern roses but have  
a few shrub roses and a nice selection of old garden varieties budded to rootstock,  
usually canina, Laxa, multiflora, rubiginosa or rugosa. Ship Jan. & Feb. UPS.

**LOWE'S OWN ROOT ROSE NURSERY** - 6 Sheffield Road, Nashua, NH 03062. Extensive listing  
with even the tenderest sorts. Rooted cuttings \$8 to \$9 each with min. order of 10  
rooted cuttings. Custom rooted shipment 18 months or more later. Send \$2 for list.

**PICKERING NURSERIES** - 670 Kingston Road, Pickering, ONT LIV 1A6. Budded or grafted.  
roses only. English & shrub roses. No patented roses shipped USA. Good selection  
old garden varieties. Modern varieties. Catalog \$2 is in color. Send letter of  
request with 30¢ stamps to assure Canadian delivery. They prefer fall shipping  
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**COUNTRY HERITAGE ROSES** - Rt. 2, Box 1401, Scurry, TX 75158. 214/452-3380. Own root.  
Newly started in business with wide collection of varieties accumulated over the years.  
Send for free list, or visit them on Texas FM 148 out of Scurry, which is southeast of  
Dallas, TX about 60 miles. Wholesale Only. No Retail Sales.

**GREENMANTLE NURSERY** - 3010 Ettersburg Road, Garberville, CA 95440. 707/986-7504.

Some stock on hand but will bud to order from listed varieties. Ship Jan. thru Mar.  
Free list, but \$1 assures receipt.

\* All listed growers seem to be reliable. Some undoubtedly overlooked or unknown and some  
deliberately omitted due to bad reports. All may send an occasional misnamed variety.

FOR OVERSEAS SOURCES SEE OVER



## THREE MORE ROSES FOR THE UPPER GULF COAST

'Cloth-of-Gold' (or 'Chromatella', as one prefers) is a Noisette, and Noisettes come in two sizes: Large and LARGER. Just how large 'Cloth-of-Gold' will eventually get is yet to be seen, but, after a tediously slow start, it's building nicely. This means that one must place the thing carefully; in fact, one had best decide in the first place to have it or not. After all, there are many Noisettes and this parent of Maréchal Niel, as I believe, offers certain problems. According to 19th century authorities it is difficult of culture - hardly my experience - and rather shy of bloom. True. Perhaps it needs time to make a sufficiency of mature wood. The foliage is exceptionally handsome and clean, the blooms large and full, a subtle blend of buff, ochre, gold, and creamy yellow, with orange shadings in cool weather. Luscious! They haven't quite got Maréchal Niel's suave elegance of form - but what does? - nor yet its sparkling clarity of color. Such is life. My plant came from Heritage Rose Gardens and is thoroughly satisfactory, as everything I've ever had from that source. Note: a little shelter from the west sun is helpful - the color bleaches something awful.

The 'Maréchal' presents another set of difficulties, finding a vigorous, disease-free form among them. The jungle drums say that Mike Shoup may have - let us pray - that form. In the meantime, has anyone tried Longee's strain? This firm, 90-odd years old and still in the hands of the founder's descendants, specializes in exotics, perennials, and tender rarities of all kinds, including roses for pot culture. The catalogue, tremendously informative and very well illustrated, costs \$3.00, which is well worth every cent. As for culture Maréchal Niel grows here like a tropical weed and is no more bothered by heat, floods, bugs and blights than any other rose, and less than most. Noisettes are the tough guys of our Southern gardens. Like 'Cloth-of-Gold', it may be slow to start and the blooms should be protected from the afternoon sun. The Combined Rose List for 1990 records six American nurseries as sources for Maréchal Niel; Logee's makes seven, and 19 nurseries abroad, which suggests that no lack of forms are available to the curious gardener. But which one has a really superior form? Logee's Greenhouses, 141 North Street, Danielson, Connecticut 06239.

Peter Beales, in *Classic Roses*, tells us that 'Sothie's Perpetual' is "a superb shrub or small climber." News to me for my plant scarcely grew at all. It defoliated every 15 minutes, spotted, died back, declined to bloom and, in general, resisted every effort I made to bring it along. When at last I dug it up (the spectacle of its misery was unendurable to a tender heart) I found it had no root system to speak of. A mystery. Perhaps it was a weak plant, perhaps it hated our tiresome climate, perhaps it hated me! Death rather than those hands, that face! People often say that 'Sophie's Perpetual' is very like that old and beautiful china, Archduke Charles, which is true; so, why not grow the Archduke? It thrives hereabouts, as do all the chinas, it's just a matter of finding a good form. They exist, I've seen two, the first by way of blooms from the garden of one of our members, the second a photograph sent me by a friend in the North who found an exceptional plant in (I think) New Jersey. 'Sophie's Perpetual', by the way, is not so old. The late Humphrey Brooke found it in his garden and restored it to commerce in 1960. Since then it has been identified as 'Dresden China', an E. Paul creation of the mid 1920's.

-- J. Conrad Tips

## WORD ON 'BLUSH NOISETTE'

We have heard from Virginia Hopper of comparative work on a rose sold in Europe as 'Vichy Soise', our own 'Blush Noisette', and the floundling rose so popular in California that they call 'Memorial Rose'. Study has seemed to show that all three are one and the same rose! If this be true they should all be called 'Blush Noisette.'

Ruth Knopf has found the same rose in South Carolina, so this form should be added to the list. While these fascinating studies take time and garden space one still wants to do further work on this. Charles A. Walker, Jr., is reportedly doing work on this identification also.





## TRADERS' CORNER



*This is a new feature added to our "Old Texas Rose" newsletter for your convenience. Send your ad of what you have and/or what you want to the Editor for publication.*

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-- J. Conrad Tips 713/866-5606

No other items were sent to "Trader's Corner" for this issue. Please send in information as to your needs by January 15, 1991. Send all requests to the Editor.

REMEMBER OUR MEMBER IN SINGAPORE WHO NEEDS CUTTINGS ROOTED IN A SOILESS MIX TO BE TAKEN TO HIM BY FRIENDS OF "OTR" JUST BEFORE THANKSGIVING AND FOLLOWING OUR ROSE RUSTLE. SINGAPORE DOES NOT PERMIT SOIL ON ROOTS OF PLANTS TO ENTER THE COUNTRY. FOR THIS REASON WE ARE REQUESTING OLD ROSE ROOTED CUTTINGS IN SOILESS MIX, LET THE EDITOR HEAR FROM YOU SOON IF YOU WILL ASSIST IN THIS PROJECT TO DR. JACOB JOHN, OUR MEMBER WHO LIVES IN SINGAPORE. HE SAYS GROWING CONDITIONS IN SINGAPORE ARE SIMILAR TO OURS, AND HE ESPECIALLY WANTS TEA ROSES - "BIG, BEAUTIFUL BLOOMING TEAS."

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