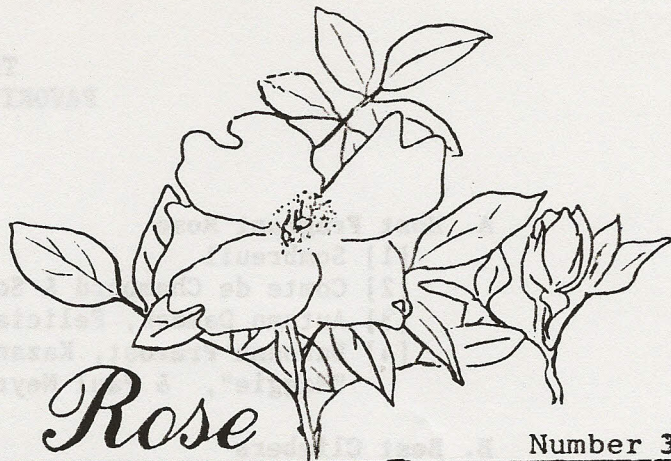




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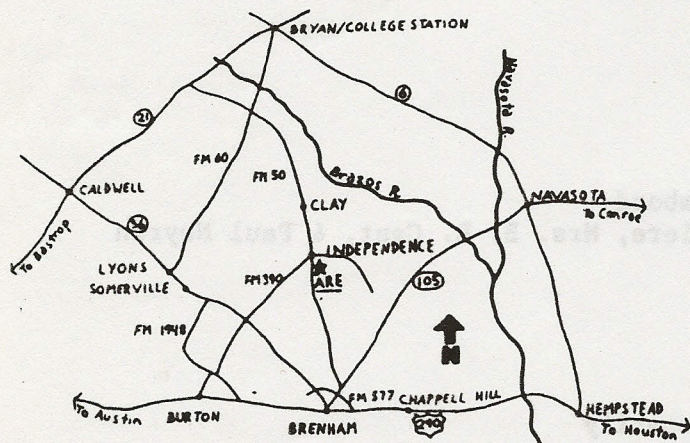


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## RUSTLERS INVITED TO MEET IN JANUARY

Most of us know exactly where the Antique Rose Emporium is located and every path that leads to it. For those who are not sure of the way we print this map.



### PICTURES & LOVELETTERS (of ROSES, that is)

This year's A.R.E. Catalog has been receiving raves from all sides! Mike takes his own photos and Liz Druitt compiles the layout. Both are, of course, Texas Rose Rustlers that make every Rustle! We congratulate them! If you are one of those who collect the nicest rose catalogues you must be sure to start collecting the ARE catalogs from the first one, 1984-85.

As you may know, the ARE publishes a quarterly newsletter, "Potpourri." They have tried to send it to all who sent in rose orders during the year or who specially request it. The list has become a MONSTER and they must devise a

The Texas Rose Rustlers have been invited to have our next get together at the **Antique Rose Emporium** to see Mike Shoup's extraordinary collection of slides. Mike, proprietor of the Emporium, traveled to New England and on the England in May of last year and took some 300 slides of *superb* old rose gardens on both sides of the Atlantic. This is a great time of the year for an indoor gathering, so plan now to come!

- [1] The program will begin at **10 am** on Saturday, **January 20th**.
- [2] Bring your own sack lunch - drinks will be provided.
- [3] If you want to purchase any plants you will have to call by phone or get a card in the mail **now** to have the varieties you want pulled from storage. See your catalogue for phone number and mailing address.
- [4] As usual, bring plants or cuttings to trade.

better way of handling it. The new policy is to take subscriptions for the newsletter and a copy of the catalog for that year for \$5. This takes effect in **JANUARY 1990**. Send your name & mailing address along with a check marked "subscription" and a little note to :

Antique Rose Emporium  
Rt. 5, Box 143  
Brenham, TX 77833

Better still, bring it with you when you come to the get together on the 20th, unless you send an order ahead to pick up while you're there!



TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS  
FAVORITE ANTIQUE ROSE SURVEY  
DECEMBER 1989

**A. Most Fragrant Rose**

- [1] Sombreuil
- [2] Comte de Chambord & Souvenir de la Malmaison
- [3] Autumn Damask, Felicia, & Marquise Boccella
- [4] Baronne Prevost, Kazanlik, Mrs. B.R.Cant, Mdme. Isaac Perriere, "Maggie", & Paul Neyron

**B. Best Climbers**

- [1] Mermaid
- [2] Reve d'Or & Sombreuil
- [3] Cl.Souvenir de la Malmaison (formerly misnamed as Devoniensis)
- [4] Lady Banks
- [5] Jaune Desprez, "Maggie", Prosperity, & Vanity

**C. Best for Landscape/Garden Color**

- [1] Archduke Charles & Cramoisi Superior
- [2] Mutabilis & Old Blush
- [3] La Marne
- [4] Cecile Brunner, Clothilde Soupert, Duchesse de Brabant, The Fairy, Lady Banks, "Maggie"

**D. Best Flower (form/beauty)**

- [1] Souvenir de la Malmaison
- [2] Sombreuil
- [3] Duchess de Brabant
- [4] Clothilde Soupert & Comte de Chambord
- [5] Margaret's Rose, Mme. Isaac Perriere, Mrs. B. R. Cant, & Paul Neyron

**E. Easiest to Grow**

- [1] Mutabilis
- [2] Old Blush
- [3] Duchesse de Brabant
- [4] Chestnut Rose, Lady Banks, & Prosperity
- [5] Champney's Pink Cluster, Cramoisi Superior, Green Rose, Kronprinzessin Viktoria, La Marne, Mermaid, Paul Neyron, & Souvenir de la Malmaison

**F. Most Disease-Free**

- [1] Lady Banks
- [2] Chestnut Rose, Duchesse de Brabant, Mons. Tillier, Mrs. B. R. Cant
- [3] Isabella Sprunt, Mermaid, Mrs. Dudley Cross, Mutabilis, "Natchitoches Noisette", Old Blush, Russel's Cottage Rose, Safrano, Swamp Rose

**G. Easiest to Propagate**

- [1] Old Blush
- [2] Clothilde Soupert & Cramoisi Superior
- [3] The Fairy, "Maggie", Marquise Boccella, Prosperity, & Natalie Nypheles

**H. Class**

- [1] Teas
- [2] Chinas
- [3] Bourbons

[Survey of membership courtesy of Marion L. Brandes, Jr. - Ed.]





# Tales of - An Old TEXAS ROSE RUSTLER

In checking back into our ARCHIVES we discover that the Fall 1989 Rose Rustle in Victoria, TX, was our 11th Annual Rustle! Our first one was in 1979, though we had been foolin' around some before that, unofficially of course. Anyway, here's the tale of Numero 11:

Our Fall Rustle was on Saturday, November 11th, 1989, at Riverside Park in Victoria, TX. Most of our gang arrived early, and the Rustle got off to a good start. Many people brought cuttings of roses and there were a least 4 dozen varieties represented. Some took home as many as 40 different cuttings or plants! It was great! About 50 adults and 4 children and a few pet dogs attended.

After we had our exchange, meeting and picnic, we traveled down the road inside the park to the beautiful City Rose Garden. There was a wide variety of roses from which to choose cuttings, thanks to the Park Director, Paul Locher. The roses were in full bloom and the colors and fragrances were wonderful! It was a hot November day but it did not wilt our spirits for we stayed a while and gathered lots of cuttings from such old roses as Marie Pavie, Nastarana, Old Blush, Marquise Bocella, and a huge specimen of Autumn Damask that had a huge full bloom and lots of buds! There were several other once bloomers like, La Reine Victoria, Himalayan Musk, Mme. Piere Oger, Eglanteria, Crested Moss, Lawrence Johnston, and Konigin von Danemark. Despite the unseasonably hot weather, some of the Rustlers were afforded nice snapshots.

Next stop was outside the park and down the road apiece to the very old and beautifully cared for Evergreen Cemetery. Here again we had permission to take cuttings of any old roses we found and we did find some! Varieties like Mme. Joseph Swartz, Agrippina, Old Blush, Marie Pavie, "290 Pink Buttons", a dark red China with large blooms, and Tip-Top, a beautiful 1909 polyantha that has blooms with three colors in them,

cream, carmine and bright, canary yellow. It roots easily and makes a nice compact bush. Many of the old roses there had been in full bloom in the spring, but, due to the severe drought Victoria had suffered during the summer and fall, the roses had taken a beating so the blooms in November were sparse.

Evergreen Cemetery was established in the 1850's and there is a historian buried there by the name of Victoria Rose. We thought that to be a most appropriate name! In early days when families would spend Memorial Day and Labor Day afternoons at the cemetery getting everything cleaned up and in top shape while they picnicked and held a general family outing. In those days the roses in Evergreen Cemetery bloomed profusely and filled the air with their perfume. This gave Victoria the logo name of "The City of Roses."

Some of the group decided they had to head for home, and the rest of us decided to make a side trip for further searching in LaSalle and Port Lavaca. Everyone agreed that Victoria is a very lovely place and we wouldn't mind coming back for another visit soon. We had heard there was a purple rose growing and blooming in Port Lavaca and also one in LaSalle, so half the group, led by Marion and Frances Brandes headed toward Port Lavaca and the other half, led by Margaret Sharpe, headed for LaSalle. Brandes's group arrived in Port Lavaca and met in a parking lot there. They decided to search separately and meet at the parking lot in 15 minutes to report any findings, as nightfall was falling fast. They were misdirected to an old cemetery on the edge of town where they found no roses of any consequence so chose to return to the parking lot and regroup to return to Victoria. Only one of the Rustlers was missing so they drove back to Victoria. All was not lost for they witnessed one of the most beautiful sunsets along the coastal plains.

Margaret's group found the lady in LaSalle, mother of a Houston Rose Society member, who had a rose that needed identification, and who knew the lady who grew a purple rose. We knocked on





the door of the house and a very frightened lady peeked out to see what in the world had hit town. There were only a few houses, a Catholic Church, a crossroads with a beer joint on one corner and a convenience store with gas pump on the other corner. When she understood what we were after she was very relieved and directed us to the house next door. It seems the lady who lived there, whom we were looking for, was quite deaf. We got her attention well enough and she was so glad we had come as she was expecting us. She wanted us to identify her antique rose in the garden, which was no problem since it was another Archduke Charles. While she busied herself trying to clip us a few cuttings of it we asked if we could have some seeds of a beautiful native perennial that bordered all her flower beds and were laden with seeds. "No," she didn't know what it was, she said, so we shucked the seeds off like crazy, leaving her plenty, of course. Finally we learned from her that the lady who had the purple rose was the Postmaster and proprietor of the convenience store. We rushed down to the crossroads before she closed the store to go to church. We explained what we had heard about her purple rose. Turned out that someone had given her a Sterling Silver rose earlier in the week and she had it on display in the store. Our friend's mother had seen it and thought she heard that the Postmistress had grown it herself! But she DID have some old roses that needed identifying. She lived in a nice home behind to store, and she had a nice specimen of "Maggie" and a real nice specimen of Slater's Crimson China, one of the prettiest we have seen.

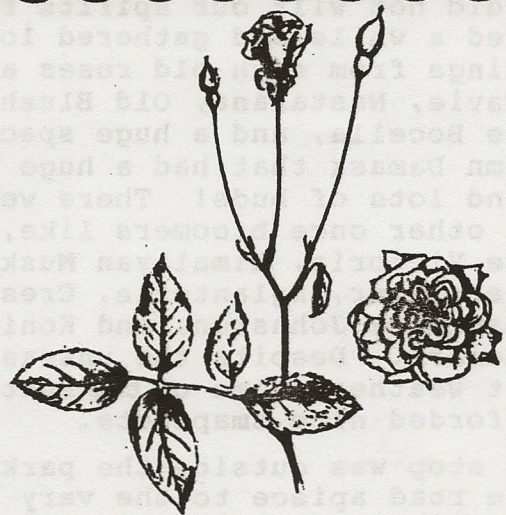
All arrived back in Victoria after dark although it was only 6:30 p.m., at the Sirloin Stockade. We had a great time eating great food while we enjoyed hearing some stories about Rustles of the past from Margaret. We especially like the one where it rained cats & dogs and every one was starving. So all jumped into one car and ate cucumber sandwiches

that Pam Puryear and her mom, Missy, had made. We were told they were QUITE delicious!

We thought this was the end of the Rustle, but, as it turned out, the lost Rustler, David Allen and his son Andrew, and Mr. Kellum, asked the local police department if they had ever seen a purple rose in Port Lavaca. They were guided to a very helpful police dispatcher, Harriet, who found a collection of old roses and some information on other possible old roses from a local rose enthusiast, a Dr. Smith. Dr. Smith gave David an unknown Bourbon Rose that is pink and already rooted in a pot. We have a very detailed letter from David on his adventure and discoveries and of the nice people of Port Lavaca. Perhaps we can fill you in later on the way things turned out for David, a new Texas Rose Rustler.

Another Rose Rustle notch has been cut into the handle of our shovels. What excitement! What fun!

-- Frances Brandes



"I know countless people who grow Cecile Brunner, some who say it's their favorite rose and that it was their grandmother's, too. For my taste, Cecile Brunner is insipid, but I've learned not to say that to those who cultivate this son of a polyantha."

R.C. Reddell, Growing Good Roses, 1988



# 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 100 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  
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**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.  
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**ROSE ACRES** - 6641 Crystal Boulevard, Diamond Springs, CA 95619 (916)626-1722

Interesting list of about 22 classes of some 160 varieties.  
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**WAYSIDE GARDENS** - 1 Garden Lane, Hodges, SC 29695-0001(1-800-845-1124)  
This year has several of the David Austin rose varieties to offer including the sought after "Graham Thomas".  
7 Varieties offered from \$14.75 thru \$18.75 + shipping and your state sales tax on final total. Also have other fine OGR selections but restricted listing.

**\*ALL LISTED GROWERS WE BELIEVE TO BE RELIABLE. HERITAGE ROSARIUM IS SLOW TO REPLY TO CORRESPONDENCE BUT EVENTUALLY COMMUNICATES. SOME UNLISTED DUE TO BAD REPORTS AND MORE UNDOUBTEDLY DUE TO LACK OF INFORMATION.**

#### OVERSEAS ORDERING

Not all growers will ship individual orders to the USA, but there are a few who do. We list three of the most popular sources overseas for old roses. If you are seriously considering such an order you need to plan well ahead and find out the necessary requirements to handle the order once it arrives. A special rose bed is required and a special USDA permit is needed, which may take several months prior to your ordering. Send for catalogues.

**DAVID AUSTIN ROSES** - Bowling Green Lane, Albrighton, Wolverhampton, England WV7 3HB.  
Minimum order \$50.00

**PETER BEALES ROSES** - London Road, Attleborough, Norfolk, England NR17 1AY  
Minimum order \$50.00 + 10% surcharge

**CANTS OF COLCHESTER LTD.** - The Old Rose Gardens, London Road, Stanway, Colchester, Essex, England CO3 5UP. Export orders, prepayment in sterling from new customers requested (see your local bank). The shipping costs will be billed when known.

#### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

**BEV DOBSON'S COMBINED ROSE LIST:** Paperback book full of indispensable help in locating the source to purchase any rose commercially propagated. A yearly publication received about January and should be ordered in spring or early summer of the preceding year to assure delivery. The cost is \$10 + \$1.50 mailing. Send to Beverly R. Dobson, 215 Harriman Road, Irvington, NY 10533.

**BELL'S BOOK STORE:** This is Barbara Worl's own project. Her *BOOK LIST ON OLD ROSES* is packed with her inimitable opinions of rose books, old as well as new, that makes good reading in themselves. She asks \$2.50 for it and sends updates. Send order to her at Bell's Book Store, 536 Emerson St., Palo Alto, CA 94301.

**CAPABILITY'S:** The largest list of horticultural books in the country. Catalog is free and can be obtained by calling 800/247-8154, or send a card requesting to them at Highway 46, Rte. 1, Box 115, Deer Park, WI 75007.

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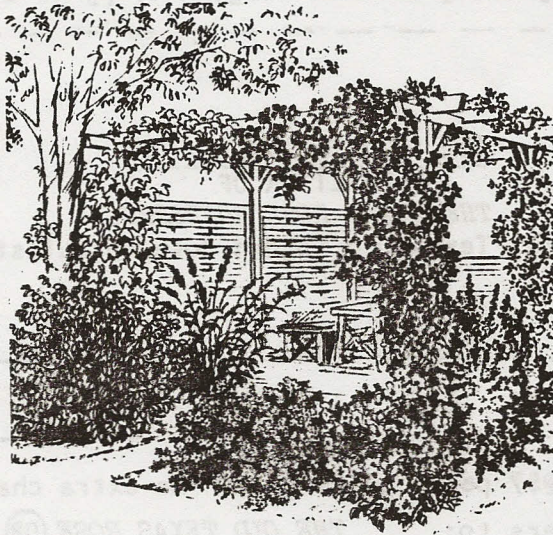


### THREE ROSES FOR THE UPPER GULF COAST

Two years ago I got from the Antique Rose Emporium, the rose 'Gabrielle Privat', a polyantha of 1931, unknown to me and highly recommended. It's certainly lived up to all that I was told. The bush is healthy, neat and rounded to about three feet, taking up little space. Thrift, I suggest, is an important consideration in most town gardens. The double blooms are of moderate size and good quality, a very delicate blend of sepia-pink and cream. Never have I seen one ball. Also, the plant is intensely floriferous, four lavish flushes of blossom, covering it to the ground. As for my cultural practices, such as they are: no spraying except a daily shower; mulch, water and manure tea as required. Gabriel Privat is also available from Limberlost Roses and Pickering Nursery.

'Jean Bach Sisley,' called for the great French rosarian of the last century, was once classified as a Bourbon and is now classified as a China. From its appearance I'd always imagined it to be a Tea, but a rose by any other name..... Mine came from Heritage Rose Gardens five years ago, to try on the Gulf Coast - it was unknown hereabouts then and it has performed brilliantly. About five feet tall, with an open habit and clean foliage, it seems not to suffer from blight and insect depredations, a blissful relief. The blooms, a glowing rose-pink, are perfectly set off by the matte purplish green leaves, and there are lots of both. 'Jean Bach Sisley' needs space to show itself to advantage. Mine is not as carefully placed as it might have been. It should be pruned very discretely, I think, a little tidying of the twiggy stuff as necessary.

Such water as it gets is supplied by the Almighty, apart from a daily bath and the occasional bucket of manure tea. Spring blooms are pretty, the summer ones are negligible and are pinched off, but the fall/winter flush is exceptional for size and color. An excellent cool weather rose and best in a half-open stage of bloom. They lose their shape and fade to a dreary grey-pink. The perfume some mention I cannot detect. 'Jean Bach Sisley' is also available from the Antique Rose Emporium.



'Kronprinzessin Viktoria' (or 'Souv. de la Malmaison Jaune', if you prefer), named for the eldest child of Queen Victoria and her Prince Consort, was the tragic, and in fact penultimate empress of Germany, appears to be the dead spit of its better known parent. Apart from the color, of course. For me it's yellow but not a flagrant yellow, more of a refreshing lemon-ice tint. Beautiful! The habit, the foliage, the size, form, quality, and fragrance - heavy but, to me, not the least unpleasant - of the flowers are identical. After an agonizingly slow start, it has built up slowly, but I have great expectations. The autumn blooms are the best, I understand. 'Kronprinzessin Viktoria' was offered in times past by the Antique Rose Emporium as "Brenham White." It is available from Heritage Rose Gardens and also from Limberlost Roses. I might add parenthetically and also historically that it is, in a manner of speaking, the mother-in-law of the much loved old hybrid tea, 'Kaiserin Auguste Viktoria.'

-- J. Conrad Tips



# ROSE FRAGRANCES

For years studies have been made of rose fragrances and chemists have identified some of the wonderful scents that combine to make a rose smell like a rose, if conditions are right.

ODOR	PROBABLE SOURCE	DESCRIPTIVE VARIETY
Rose	Rose Alcohols + unknown compounds	Kazanlik, D.
Nasturtium	Benzyl & Phenylethylisothiocyanates	Miami
Orris	Irone or Alphasomethylionone	Duchess of Wellington
Violets	Irone or Ionone	Mme. Jules Bouché
Apple	Acetaldehyde, Nerolidol+unknown	Tip Toes
Clove	Eugenol, Methyleugenol	Dolly Darling
Lemon, Lemon Verbena	Citral, Neral, Nonylaldehyde	Suzon Lotthé
Hyacinth, Jonquil	Phenylacetaldehyde	
Parsley	Apiol, Nonylaldehyde + unknown	Autumn
Orange	Nonylaldehyde, Linalool	Red Radiance
Bay	Chavicol, Methylchavicol	Amy Vanderbilt
Anise-Licorice	Anethole, Methylchavicol	Gay Debutante
Lily-of-the-Valley	Linalool, Farnesol	Austrian Copper
Linseed Oil	Esters of Linoleic or Linolenic Acid	Sepals of moss roses
Pine	Terpenes, Sequiterpenes	Pedicels & Receptacles
Pepper	Unknown	of Gruss an Teplitz

(ARS 1962 ANNUAL, "A Preliminary Study of Rose Fragrance," pp 79-89.)

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