

members know, Mother, Diane Stewart, of Bryan, and I began these forays in 1979, and they have progressively snowballed over the years, becoming much larger, ranging further afield, and becoming more civilized.

Our guests this year were Bob & Ink Mendelsohn, of Washington, DC. Ink works for the Smithsonian News Service, and proposes to spread word of our rose collecting exploits across the nation's newspapers. A sobering thought.

Diane and Bill Welch began the festivities Friday night by entertaining the Mendelsohns. Tom Christopher and wife Suzanne O'Connell, the Shoups, Greg Grant, Mother & I. Much horticultural business was discussed between bites. Mike handed out his 1988 catalog, to much praise, especially for his inspired color photography. Greg showed the company the new firebush now commercially available, and brought in the new seedless watermellon. The hilarity of the occasion occured after we broached a bottle of my infamous "Old Gid" mustang grape wine.

Despite the excessive alcohol content of the latter, Ink & Bob were bright and chipper for our visit to A.R.E. Saturday morning. They admired all the proper Teas and Bourbons while Suzanne photographed the proceedings. Ink interviewed Mike, who (as usual) made a first class advocate for the roses he loves.

We made it to the SWAP and found Margaret and early comers at Old Washington Park with one table spread with labeled cuttings in ziplock bags, and another spread with food! After sampling both until satiated, we divided into two groups. The first, led by Margaret Sharpe, were eager to sample the pleasures of Weimar, south of Columbus. Another tour, led by A.R.E. co-manager, Liz Druitt, was to visit the nursery's retail center and then gardens in nearby Brenham.

Among the veterans at the Swap I was pleased to meet Myrna & Ron Jorgensen, who have recently moved to a farm near Scurry, TX, from Cedar Park. Elinor Cody introduced herself but her children's attendance precluded the longer trip. Recording Secretary and Good Girl, SJ Derby, brought cuttings and perennials. Her guidelines (?) for judging our upcoming November Rose Show will prove most entertaining. (Might I also suggest "Use of Building Materials" and "Use of Small Dead Animals" in the arrangement criteria???) Patti Wilson and Conrad Tips were there; luckily, Conrad brought some more of his semi legendary "Conrad's Old Quaint" (so named by his brother-in-law). Last year some PERSON, dead to All Decency, appropriated my cuttings of this classic from the container of willow water. I hope neither have prospered since!

As we prepared to go our separate ways, the Dallas Contingent of Joe & Helen Woodard, Belle Steadman, Betty Taylor, etc., appeared. Joe was amazed we were on schedule! I can only hope They got to eat later. They went on the A.R.E. and Brenham.

Bill Welch, Ink and Bob, and I went on to Weimar in Bob's shiny new rental car, which I have discovered is THE Way To Rustle! We took FM109 from Brenham to Columbus through the old section of Washington, Fayette, Austin and Colorado counties. All the Rustlers soon congregated at Mrs. Brasher's where that dear lady provided refreshments at her comfortable home. I admired her elephant collection and lovely needlework, not to mention her efficient air-conditioning. The misty rain cloud cover had by this time burned off and it was sunny and HOT!

Our first stop in town was the 1870 home of Annie Martinez. I have never seen a Tea rose the size of her Mrs. Dudley Cross! It was cheerfully blooming even though the area obviously had been needing rain. On the north of her porch, Myrna and Ron identified Paul's Scarlet because of its rounded leaves.

Our next call was at the cottage of Lawrence Rose, also of 1870 vintage, with a fine live oak draped in potato vine. Larry gave us pieces of his cream rose with blush edges. However, the concensus was that it was probably a China-Bourbon cross rather than a Tea. We studynamed it for him(- the Lawrence Rose).

The Insall house garden must have been quite a show in its day, with many fine old roses, iris, bulbs and perennials. Among the known roses were Marie Pavie, Duchess de Brabant, Old Blush, Radiance, and Mrs. Dudley Cross. One unknown Tea at the porch corner was NOT known, and we named it for the former owners. (Insall Rose)

On College Street at a dear restored, raised Victorian cottage, Ink got her first chance to name a rose! She innocently asked when we classed the bush as China, "So what do you call it in the meantime?" Obviously, it instantly became the Weimer Meantime China! Greg Grant carefully snipped and recorded a small dark china here. Greg is Extension Agent for Bexar County, and has the commendable but frustrating goal of classifying and clarifying the confusing Chinas. Margaret, "sharp" of eye, spotted a R. Cheninsis minima sort here also.

I looked for one yard I remembered, but too many years (herein uncounted) had taken a toll of its roses. At the cemetery - one of the nicest most of us had ever seen - we all blessed Agnes for her hospitality and patience, and headed our own ways homeward. Our car stopped at the local inn to lift one in celebration of a fine day. Richardson Rustlees, Margaret Buxton and Mary Scott, joined us. Bob capped our day by quoting the speech of my idol, Teddy Roosevelt. All I can remember is something about "arenas", "striving", and "sweat and blood." It seemed very apt a benediction for a Rustle!

Another fun rustle - and another good time of fellowship!



# Our Next Show-and-Tell

Our next Rose Symposium and Show is scheduled for APRIL 16th, 1988, at Mercer Arboretum and Botanic Garden, 22306 Aldine Westfield Road, Humble, TX. Aldine Westfield Road is 3 mi. east of I-45 and 6½ mi. west of U.S.59 on TX F.M. 1960 where it intersects. 1½ miles north of the intersection on Aldine Westfield

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is the location of the Arboretum & Gardens.

We will meet in the main auditorium of the main building, show specimens to be taken to a smaller building nearby for showing. We will open registration for the show and the symposium at 8 a.m. with the symposium to begin at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

Our Rose Rustle is temporarily planned for November 19th but several members at the last Symposium preferred an October date when the weather was warmer. The date of October 15 was suggested. We would like to hear your thoughts on this date. It seems to conflict less than the later October Saturday dates. Mark the APRIL 16th date on your calendar!

The newly planted rose garden at the Congress Street entrance to the Great Walk to the main entranceway into the State Capitol, in Austin, was designed by Stephen K.Domigan, ASLA, and Mitzi VanSant. Installation was done by Anne Steinhauser Landsscapes, all participants being Austin, TX, businesses.

Dr. Bill Greene, Capitol Historian, and Roy L. Graham, AIA, Architict of the Capitol, did basic research on the original 1903 rose at the site. Construction on the Capitolbuilding itself was completed in 1888 and in 1889-90 the Great Walk, iron fence and gates and curbing outlining the beds were constructed. At first only the lawn and all the trees that lined the walk were landscaped. Although the newspapers of the time recorded much discussion about the lack of flowers or greenery around the Capitol, no major planting occurred until 1903. In July 1903 the Austin American Statesman reported that soil preparation of the beds at either side of the Congress Avenue entrance had begun and that the beds were to be planted with "fine roses" in the fall. Receipts for large quantities of roses, without mention of varieties, were found in records kept by the Building & Grounds Supervisor. It is believ ved the bed remained in roses only a couple of years.

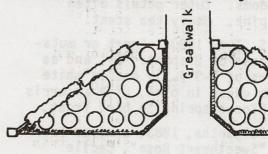
In planning the gardenwithout the original varieties being known to us, I had to speculate on which roses might have been placed there. Then, as now, the newest, most Highly advertised varieties were the most obvious choice. At the turn of the century a class of roses called Pernetianas were in voque - highly colored in tones of yellow and orange, but not at all garden worthy, being weak growers and very suseptible to blackspot. Had they been selected it would be no surprise that they were removed so quickly, since they required a lot of maintenance to remain attractive. Other more vigorous and more disease resistant varieties were introduced in following years and the Pernetiana roses fell from favor. Few remain today in gardens of collectors and are no longer propigated by commercial growers in the U.S.A. We, too, were looking for roses that would thrive with little maintenance and we chose to gather a collection of roses known for their vigor and free-blooming qualities

that were widely grown in Southern Gardens of that period.

Yellow Tea Roses form the backbone of the garden. The famous Marechal Niel to cover the stone wall behind the planting, with Marie VanHoutte and Mrs. Dudley Cross (growers to 6') immediately in front. Two plants of Champney's Pink Cluster are situated on either side of the Great Walk, since this 6'-8' shrub was found in many plantation gardens over the previous century. A border of somewhat lower growing bushes enclose the front bed area; Archduke Charles, Louis Philippe, Old Blush, Perled'Or; and Perle de Jardin. Once again, all these varieties were common to Southern gardens in the half-century preceding the original garden installation.

No only are the plants authentic to turn of the century gardens, but the soil has been prepared as it might have been at the time. A mix of topsoil, sand, pine bark, and compost, prepared by GardenVille of Austin, was used, followed by a dressing with composted manure and mulched with pine straw. We will only use (sparingly) organic fertilizers, such as alfalfa meal or cottonseed meal. Treated in this fashion, roses tend to be more disease and insect resistant, and require less preventative spraying.

Donations to this project were generous. Maryland Club Coffee Co. gave major financial support; Antique Rose Emporium, Independence TX, contributed 30 of the rose plants and Keener Classic's supplied the Marechael Niel plants required; GardenVille of Austin gave a discount on the soil mix and mulch supplies; Rainbird Sales, Inc., donated irrigation equipment and Texas Turf Irrigators Assoc. donated the labor to install the irrigation system.



## Eleventh Street

(White Alyssum Borders) Congress

(For varieties see next page)

# VARIETIES PLANTED IN THE CAPITOL ROSE GARDEN

ARCHDUKE CHARLES, China, 1840, 3'-4', rosered bud opening white center, aging to deep red. Repeatedly flowering. Light fragrance.

CHAMPNEY'S PINK CLUSTER, Noisette, 1811, 6'-8', self-supporting shrub,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ '-2" double pink blooms, usually large clusters, very strong fragrance. Original Noisette from Charleston, S.C. popular Southern rose.

LOUIS PHILLIPE, China, 1834, 3'-5', crimson flowers double cupped,  $1\frac{1}{2}$ "-2", constant bloom to hard frost.

MARECHAL NEIL, Tea/Noisette, 1864, 15+' if sheltered location, Buttery yellow, 3"-5" blooms, tender below 20° usually, strong tea scent, heavy spring bloom, some each' 40 days and good fall repeat. Most famous yellow rose of the Old South.

MARIE VanHOUTTE, Tea, 1871, 4'-6', large buffy yellow bloom with red petal edges getting pinker in summer heat. Dark green foliage with reddish new growth. Fragrant.

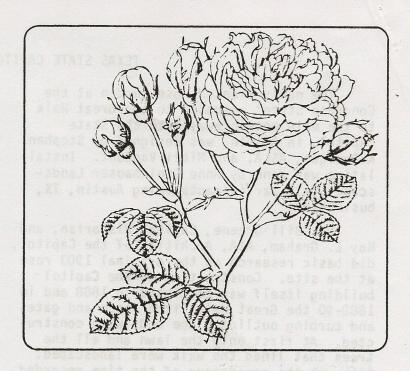
MRS. DUDLEY CROSS, Tea, 1907, nearly thornless stems, to 12', full, well foliaged, pale yellow huge flowers at times tinged with rose pink, exceptionally long lasting qualities. A favorite Tea rose.

OLD BLUSH, China, cultivated for centuries but not introduced until 1793, to 5'-6', well rounded shrub, rose pink flowers that darken with age. loose, semi-double blooms. Most perpetual blooming of the roses, this was probably the most commonly planted in early Southern gardens. Scent like sweet peas.

PERLE de JARDINS, Tea, 1874, 5+' and as wide, everblooming, very full, quartered, canary yellow with soft coppery yellow center to blooms. Outer petals often shaded soft pink. Heavy tea scent.

WHITE DUCHESS, Tea, 1880. Sport or mutation of Duchesse de Brabant. 5+' and as wide, clusters of 2-3 fully double white cupped blooms edged in pink, with an orris fragrance. Blooms spring to hard frost.

PERLE d'OR, Polyantha, 1883, similar bush form to the "Sweetheart Rose", Cecile Brunner, 3'-4' & as wide. Salmon pink buds opening to shaggy flower, fragrant. Seldom without bloom from March to hard frost. Blooms heavier with age.



Alain Meilland: A LIFE IN ROSES. Carbondale, Ill.: Southern Illinois University Press, 1984. Illus.

Marie-Joséphe-Rose Tascher de La Pagerie. Vicomtesse de Beauharnais, Madame Bonaparte, chatelaine of Malmaison, sometime empress, had her faults. She did not altogether embody the intellectual spirit of the age, nor was her character profound. Flighty and extravagant, she was often silly. On the other hand she was a loving and much loved mother; was generous to a fault; had charm and chic and a most wooing allure. The doting French called her "Our Lady of Victory" - Marie-Louise, her successor, they called the "Austrian Bitch" and Napolean's enemies wept when she died. Even her husbands, though sorely tried, were fond of her. She, for her part, loved roses and where Joséphine led, fashion followed. Her influence created a grand progression of remarkable nurserymen - glittering dynasties, of which the Meillands are not the least eminent. Since M. Meilland's book, an affectionate tribute to the generations of his family, comes from a university press, one is saddened to find errors. What must the uninformed think of a Scarlet Knight with the peachesand-cream complexion of a Princesse de Monaco?

-- Conrad Tips



## SAN ANTONIO ROSE

In San Antonio, Texas, a search to find locally adapted old garden roses was initiated by Greg Grant, Bexar County Extension Agent in Horticulture.

In order to stimulate participation, a reward of \$500 is being offered for the oldest living bush in San Antonio area and a reward of \$250 is being offered for the oldest identifiable variety.

All once-bloomers, climbers, modern, and grafted roses were declared ineligible. The search was promoted during the entire month of October, 1988, being advertised in both the San Antonio Light and the San Antonio Express newspapers, WOAI Radio, and KENS-TV Channel 5. The purpose of the search is to find hardy, disease resistant, everblooming, own-root roses which can be used as landscape shrubs in South Central Texas. These selected varieties will then be introduced through the local nursery trade.

To have survived in the San Antonio area, these roses not only have to be disease resistant, but have to be extremely drought tolerant and able to grow in a heavy, alkaline, caliche based soil.

As of November, 1988, a 97 year old plant of Lamarque, an 1830 Noisette, and a 99 year old unknown China X Bourbon cross are leading in the oldest bush category. Old Blush, a pre-1752 China, is heading up the Oldest Variety category. Other impressive finds have been an abundance of the Tea, Mrs. Dudley Cross, a very hardy 1907 thornless rose. Numerous plants of Cramoisi Superieur, a floriferous 1842 China; and a rose that appears to be a Damask or a Portland, brought to this country by boat from the Canary Islands. In addition roses have been found that were brought from a various assortment of foreign countries, including Germany, Prussia, England, Ireland and France.

Included among the other identifiable varieties found were: Archduke Charles, Cecile Brunner, Duchesse de Brabant, Ellen Poulsen, Etoile de Hollande, Gruss an Teplitz, Hermosa, La France, Marie VanHoutte, Paul Neyron, Radiance, Skyrocket, Souvenir de la Malmaison, The Fairy, "The Green Rose" (cheniusis Veridiflora), and a host of unidentifiable roses.

Approximately 75 people entered roses over the phone, where secretaries filled out form sheets with numerous questions about the rose. Another 25 were rustled up out of local yards. Others either mailed in entries, brought cuttings by, or sent them with one of the County Agents. All entries had to agree to share cuttings if necessary.

Old Rose experts, Dr. William Welch, Landscape Horticulturist with Texas Agricultural Extension Service, and Miss Pamela Puryear, a Navasota historian, were brought in to help with identification and judging. Plans are currently under way to exhibit these and other Old Roses at The Alamo, Sea World, the San Antonio Botanical Center, and several private rose gardens. The search will continue through the spring of 1988, when the winners will be announced.

The Search is being sponsored by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, Miller Brewing Company, and KENS-TV Channel 5, San Antonio.

-- Greg Grant

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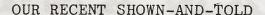
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Many Unavailable in Local Nurseries
Friday March 25, 1988 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Saturday March 26, 1988 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.
Sunday March 27, 1988 Noon - 4 P.M.

22306 Aldine Westfield Road (See directions bottom p. 2 this issue)



Mistle Thrush and Rose bips





News from Charles Walker of the Heritage Rose Foundation is most interesting. The Bermuda Rose Society enthusiastically picked up the inquiry by the Foundation's Trustees as to the establishing of a Foundation Garden in a warm climate for heritage roses to be preserved. Working with the Bermuda National Trust, the Society selected a site at "Waterville", headquarters of the National Trust, and are planning a lovely informal garden, kindly designed by Mr. Robert Duffy. Work has progressed rapidly and the garden is already ready for the 150 plants it will eventually contain. This garden will not only contain the Bermuda "mystery roses" but also feature other heritage warm climate roses that appear to be rare or not widely grown. If anyone knows of any of these old rarities please inform Charles at once.

It is about time for many of us to renew our membership in the Foundation. It was at this time a year ago that the appeal for new members was made and this organization is a member. The dues are \$25 for organizations, Regular U.S. Member \$10 Checks to: HERITAGE 8. ROSE FOUNDATION Over 65 Family \$12 1512 Gorman Street Raleigh, NC 27606 Student 8

It is also suggested that you list the roses you grow, including the source and history of each as far as you know, especially any "mystery" roses. This information will be compiled into a data bank to aid in the Foundation's preservation efforts and every member's imput is important.

Attention was called to a "permanent" label advertised in HortScience that used 1 mm thick styrene plastic lable on which was used a marking paint that held up well for 6 years in the field. Sounded good! Paint available from Ritchey Mfg.Co., 13821 Sable Blvd, Brighton Our thanks to all who participated and helped! CO 80601; styrene from several plastic sources.

November 21, 1987, we held our Annual Symposium and this time we had our first Rose Show, too! Members brought in quite a number of fine rose exhibits for the show, and there were also some lovely floral arrangements of the Old Beauties. This time the judging was done by popular vote of the visitors.

The Symposium began on schedule, opened by Margaret Sharpe, Editor & VP. She passed out copies of the proposed Constitution & Bylaws for members consideration before voting on them later. They were changed and approved, a copy being in this issue on page 7. We hope they will serve to qualify us for a non-profit club status with IRS.

Dr. Bill Welch opened with a slides presentation of Traditional Landscaping with Roses; Tom Christopher followed with a most entertaining and informative paper on Rose Names. Adams showed us a real exhibit of photographic equipment for taking pictures of our roses, and showed us how to use each piece! It was most informative and challenging.

We broke for lunch at Noon, and spent 15 hours eating and viewing the Rose Show. When we resumed the Symposium our next speaker, Greg Grant, was unable to come and Dr. Welch filled in a resume of the search for the San Antonio Rose. Greg's account and program presentation is found in this issue on the back of this page. Mike Shoup presented his favorite subject, the planting of perennials as companions to our Old Roses. It was very interesting and most informative. Myrna Jorgensen turned her spot on the program over to her husband, Ron. He gave a wonderful slide presentation of how they moved their entire rose garden in the middle of the summer to their new home. An account of this feat will be in the next newsletter so you will know how to accomplish this in the hot summertime coming - if you need to. Pam Puryear, our Corresponding Secretary, gave us one of her great programs on Early Texas. Nurserymen. It is very informative and we will be printing this account in our coming issue. You will find this a most interestin bit of history.

Mitzi VanSant, our Heritage Rose representative who lives in Austin, was unable to attend and present an account of her work in planting some old roses at the Texas State Capitol grounds. She sent her story of the project to OTR and by now you have probably read it on page 3 & 4.

ARTICLE 1 Name

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

ARTICLE II Object

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

#### ARTICLE III Membership

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

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

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

#### ARTICLE IV Meetings

Section 1. This organization shall meet at least once annually, at which meetings cuttings of roses will be exchanged, native and naturalized plants appropriate to growing with old garden roses, and a symposium in which knowledge is exchanged through forums, panels, lectures, exhibits or tours.

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

## ARTICLE V

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

Section 2. The officers shall be chosen by the members in attendance at any annual meeting held. They shall serve until the membership chooses to replace them or any one of them resigns.

Section 3. Duties of Officers:

- A. Chairman shall call the meetings of the organization, plan the program and appoint any committees necessary, preside at all meetings, and see that the newsletter, THE OLD TEXAS ROSE, is provided to the membership four times each year.
- B. Secretary shall preside at any meeting that the Chairman cannot be present and shall assume the duties of the Chairman at any time the Chairman cannot function. The Secretary shall write all correspondence in cooperation with the Chairman.
- C. Treasurer shall handle the funds of this organization in cooperation with the Chairman. Both the Treasurer and the Chairman shall be able to sign checks on the bank account of this organization, there being at least two signatures on the bank signature card at all times that are available for signing checks and conducting the bank business. The Treasurer shall deposit all funds received into the organization's bank account and shall pay all bills presented after approval by the Chairman. The Treasurer shall maintain the financial records as set up, without changing the method unless so ordered by the Chairman and the Secretary together. The Treasurer shall render any information required by the Internal Revenue Service relating to this organization. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the Chairman.
- D. Editor of THE OLD TEXAS ROSE may be appointed by the Chairman or the Chairman may perform this duty. In either case, the newsletter must be mailed once each three months to each member and to the publishers of related information with whom this organization exchanges publications.

## ARTICLE VI

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

Section 2. Members shall send their dues to the Editor of THE OLD TEXAS ROSE, who will record their subscriptions and forward the funds to the Treasurer for deposit and recording in the financial ledger.

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

#### ARTICLE VII Dissolution

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

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

## ARTICLE VIII Amendments

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

Approved by membership November 21, 1987

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