

Fall 1989

1989 ANNUAL ROSE RUSTLE IN VICTORIA, TX.

This year's rose rustle will be in Victoria, Texas on Saturday, November 11th. We will be swapping plants & cuttings and having a picnic lunch in Riverside Park. The park is especilly nice, running along 4.5 miles of the Guadalupe River. We will be meeting first in the Optimist Club's area adjacent to the fountains & duck pond. Then we will visit the magnificent public rose garden also in the park. This rose garden has received the outstanding AARS maintenance award for each of the past 3 years! The garden is layed-out in 5 concentric rings with a gazebo at the center, containing 120 varieties of roses in 5,200 sq.ft. of bed space. The outer garden ring contains old garden roses from which we may take cuttings. In front of the garden is 250 ft. of split-rail fence covered over with yellow, red, and pink climbers. Next we will visit (nearby) the old Evergreen Cemetery on Vine St., which contains some exceptionally large and very fine old garden roses growing at many of the gravesites. The cemetary is managed by the Dept. of Parks & Recreation of Victoria and they will allow us to take cuttings there as well.

Port Lavaca

After the cemetery rustle is finished, an optional side-rustle will be organized to go 20 miles south to Port Lavaca to locate the unknown variety of red (or is it purple?) roses "growing all around town" (as reported to Pam Puryear). Total time should be 2 hours.

Schedule

The following schedule of activities is planned, but is not rigid:

11:00a.m. Meet at the Riverside Park Optimist Club area per the map.

Trade plants...share cuttings...visit....have picnic lunch

1:30p.m. Visit the Rose Garden in Riverside Park.

See modern and antique roses....take cuttings

3:00p.m. Visit the Evergreen Cemetery on Vine St.

Locate antique roses & identify them...take cuttings

4:30p.m. Optional Port Lavaca Rustle for the adventurous.

Unplanned....no advance preparation.....

6:30p.m. Optional dinner at the Sirloin Stockade for famished rustlers Good food...reasonable prices...3110 N. Navarro (Hwy.77)

What to Bring

- ...Bring your own picnic lunch. Nothing is provided except the facilities.
- ...Bring plants in pots to trade, cuttings of roses to share. Common varieties will be of interest to beginners, while rare varieties will be of interest to experienced 'collectors'. Variety is important. 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 that you can be found if someone wants to propose a trade.

... To take cuttings home for later rooting: bring large zip-lock bags with wet paper towel inside and a marker pen for the bag. Cut off green mature wood about pencil thick and with 4 leaves, striping the bottom two off.

... Keep the cuttings cool in a styrofoam cooler without ice inside your

car if it's a hot day.

Places to Stay If you would like to spend the night instead of driving back home the same day, there are several motels in Victoria. Included are Holiday Inn, La Quinta, Best Western, and Ramada Inn. There is also a bed & breakfast listed at 601 E. Santa Rosa (zip 77902), phone 578-1605.

-- Marion Brandes, Jr.

RUSTLER GATHERINGS FUN TIMES

Our picnic at the Parker's place in Montgomery, "Days of Thyme & Roses", on July 6th was lots of fun and certainly well attended. At least 25 members attended and about that many others who had heard about the meeting or read of it in the Magnolia newspaper.

The program by Bill Welch on the use of old garden roses in the landscape was the highlight of the affair - outside of the food we shared and the cuttings and potted roses we swapped. It was good to see all but one couple whose rose garden was on the tour that followed the spring Symposium & Heritage Rose convention, as well as several who lived in the area area and did not get to that event. All told, I can say there was

at least 50 people attending.

We had another "gathering" on September 24th, Sunday afternoon, at 1 p.m. at the home of Jackie & Terry Fischer in Houston. This event was also well attended with at least 30 members being there. It was a real fun event, seeing the Fischer's roses and swapping potted roses. The Parkers brought some they found being sold in Conroe and area nurseries that were from cuttings of a variety found growing in many locations in the vicinity. It appears to be some kind of red china but thus far is not identified.

The program was by Margaret Sharpe on Rose Crafts, rose beads, rose attar and oils, rose soap, potpourri and variations, waxing roses, etc. Everyone enjoyed it and took home a copy of Margaret's booklet, "Fun With Roses" that is found in a few gift shops. It was interesting that some members came who live in the neighborhood and do not attend the

NOTE OUR NEW MASTHEAD!

In the Summer Issue we printed a request for some of the members to submit a new design for our masthead on the OLD TEXAS ROSE. were delighted to receive a design from one of our members, Nicole ("Nikki") Ehni that we are pleased to use this issue. Nikki wrote that she had not had time to make a few minor changes she had in mind since sending it, but it looks good to us so we are using it.

We are happy to receive any artwork from our members, as this is the newsletter of the membership and we love to have all the input we can receive from any of the members. We are happy to print any article you may send that you have written, any request for roses or books, or articles published regarding any particular rose subject or horticultural information that would benefit the members. We would like to print things you like most

if you will let us know.

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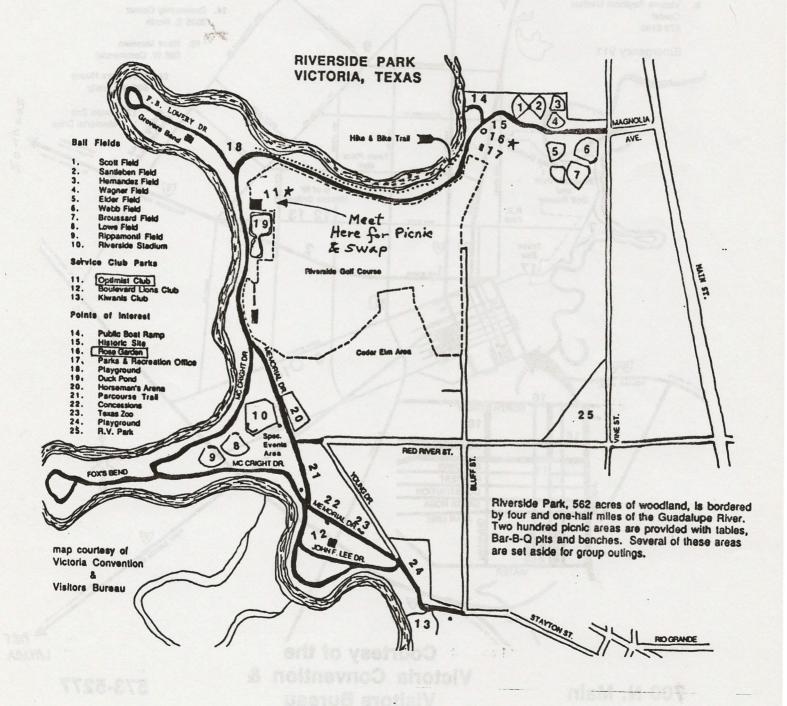
We have learned that Keener Classics, old rose "grower" in Friendswood, TX, has mailed a list to former clients that were not "Stung" in her previous operation. We cannot recommend this a reliable source for old roses.

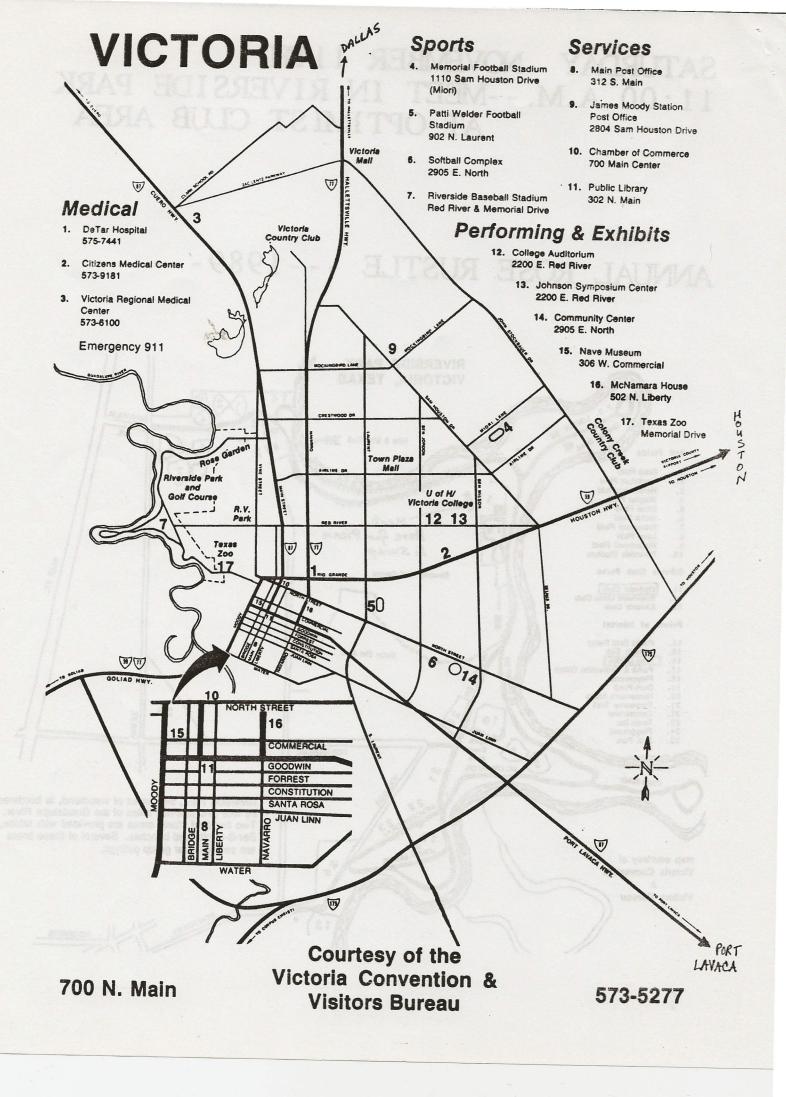
Rustles or Symposiums because they do not drive very far or on the freeways. It is so good to get to know these people in person.

We will not be "gathering" again until after Christmas, at which time members who live in the proximity of the gathering place will receive postcards announcing it. AND TO THE PARKERS AND THE FISCHERS - THANKS!

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 11TH 11:00 A.M. -- MEET IN RIVERSIDE PARK AT OPTIMIST CLUB AREA

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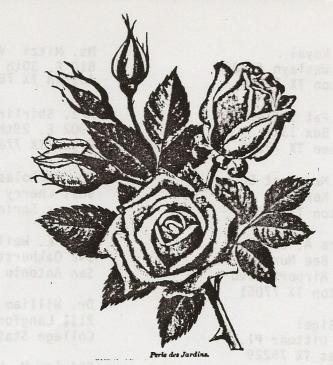
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EXPERIENCES WITH GROWING OLD ROSES

Some twenty years ago an ardent old rose grower moved from Rochester MN to southern Florida. He soon learned that old roses are a natural to grow in the South, but careful planning is necessary for varieties that have certain features in the colder climates have different ones in the South. Reading the descriptions of Maman Cochet, for example, will describe them as being "a light pink" while in southern gardens it blooms a light to medium red. His first blooms being the "wrong" color, he ordered 5 plants in two successive years from three different sources and all blooms were the same color as the first plant's. This proved to him that he had not received a "misnamed" plant the first time. He also found that the plant habit and size was just as variable.

There are several reasons for this and each variety has its own. He had grown R. soulieana as a medium sized, rounded bush covered with fragrant white blooms. He put a R. soulieana in the corner of an L shaped bed in his new southern garden and soon the "Soulie's" canes were running joyously over the other roses, in and out of hedges and out on the lawn some 50 ft. one way and 25 the other! It didn't take long for him to realize that the Tea roses were the roses that fit the southern climate best.

It should be remembered that the Tea roses we refer to are the old true Teas. They, like other old varieties and species, should be given time (two or three years) to build up wood upon wood - which they cannot do very easily in colder climates. When the root system is well established and the top attains size and strength, then the blooms will reach perfection and bloom profusely. Blanc Double de Coubert (HRg) was his most favorite white climber in the North but Sombreuil quickly won him. He also found that the Rugosas grow quite large but do not bloom enough to be worth the trouble of keeping their rough foliage free of disease and insect attacks. This is true of the Kordesii roses, the Spinosissima hybrids, the Albas, the Centifolias, and sadly enough, the wonderfully perfumed Damasks. In fact, the Centifolias and Damasks just do not take the hot soils we have, or the very hot daytime temperatures in the summers. Hybrid Perpetuals do not like our weather, either, producing less than a few blooms.



To obtain fragrant petals for potpourri mixes our best bet is to grow roses with a strong Damask heritage, such as Crimson Glory or Mirandy, both Hybrid Teas of the mid 30's-40's. Even these roses do best for me if planted on the north side of a wall or building that will shade the ground from the intense sun's heat.

We need more accurate descriptions of the Teas we grow here in Houston since the ones described in catalogues from California do not match the ones grown in New York, much less in Houston. The Bourbons make fine roses to grow in the South, especially for fragrant bouquets, but one should be prepared for the tremendous growth. Not having a high disease resistance in most cases, there are difficulties in spraying these thorny canopies. Also, if one has sandy soil, or unusually well drained soil, the cames of these roses tend to die back and, while constantly replaced with new wood there is a problem of removing dead canes. The popular more moderate growing Souvenir de la Malmaison is easier to manage for this, but one will seldom get the lovely quartered blooms for very long, as will be enjoyed in cooler There are other features we find, climates. such as the fact that the Teas seem to do best in dappled light or part shade; that cloudy weather causes balling of blooms of some, and rainy weather produces ugly yellow balls for blooms on Marechal Niel that hang on forever. And the Tea rose, Jean Bach Sisley is proving to be a great Tea rose for Houston. It seems to be impervious to disease and stressful weather. Let us hear of your experiences.

TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS & DALLAS HISTORICAL ROSE GROUP

1989 FAVORITE ANTIQUE ROSE SURVEY

LIST CHOICES BELOW IN ANY ORDER ON THE FIVE LINES PROVIDED

A. MOST FRAGRANT ROSES	B. BEST CLIMBERS/RAMBLERS	
1.	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	
C. BEST FOR LANDSCAPE/GARDEN COLOR 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	D. MOST BEAUTIFUL FLOWER (FORM/COLOR/SUBSTANCE) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	
E. EASIEST TO GROW: 1	F. MOST DISEASE FREE: 1	
G. EASIEST TO PROPAGATE (FROM CUTTINGS): 1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	H. FAVORITE ROSE CLASS: I. NAME AND ADDRESS	

Classes included in survey include all those except minature, hybrid tea, floribunda, and grandiflora. Rose varieties must have originated prior to 1940 (I.E.--50+ years old). Unknowns may be listed under their "study name". send completed surveys before NOV. 15th to:

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The November issue of "Fine Gardening" magazine carries a most interesting article by Sonja Parker about our Rose Rustle last fall in New Braunsfels. It is found on page 74 & 76. It is a most interesting account but there was lots of things on that trip that it was not possible to record! You had to be there to reap its full benefits. Just don't ever miss a rose rustle!

As you know, the Parkers are getting started with the growing of old roses. They have a nice, small collection, as we saw when we visited there at our July "gathering". They want a larger variety and would appreciate any cuttings of not-so-common old rose varieties.

Don't fail to make this 1989 Fall Rose Rustle! It will be a most productive one, so bring your equipment for lots of cuttings!

By the time you receive this issue you will be aware of the American Rose Society National Convention at the JW Marriott Hotel at the Galleria area. The Rose Show will have a large Old Rose section worth your visit to see. The Show will be open free to the public on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 28 & 29, from 12:30 p.m.- 5 p.m. There will also be a section for Rose Crafts that is most interesting. You may park in the hotel garage or across Sage in the parking area there. As you may already know, the president of the ARS, Dr. Charles Jeremias, is a real Old Rose grower and enthuiast. He has a library of books on old roses that is enviable, and he knows what is in them!

This is a great opportunity to see some ine old roses and old rose bouquets!

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