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TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS SYMPOSIUM TO HOST THE HERITAGE ROSE FOUNDATION ANNUAL CONVENTION

On April 20th through the 22nd, Thursday evening through Saturday evening, the Heritage Rose Foundation will join us at a welcome reception in the Foyer of the Hampton Inn in College Station, Texas.

Our Symposium will be held the next day at the Civic Center in College Station. The Symposium has been planned and arranged by Dr. Bill Welch and Charles Walker, Executive Secretary of the Heritage Rose Foundation. It is a most impressive and

delightful program, as you will note on the enclosed information sheet. You will also note that the Heritage Rose Foundation Annual Membership Meeting will take place in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to sit in on this meeting whether a member of the Foundation or not. None of us should miss this most informative and fun event! All current members of the Texas Rose Rustlers are members of the Heritage Rose Foundation, since our group holds a organization membership. Several of our members are also individual members of the Foundation.

Box lunches will be served at Noon, giving us time to visit and browse. Saturday evening we will dine together at a seated meal at the Civic Center. Afterwards, Charles Walker will review some recently published books on Roses and then we will have a showing of slides brought by symposium guest of their unknown roses, with the hope we will be able to identify them. So be sure to bring your slides. We will be using a Carousel Projector.

Since the Symposium will begin at 8:30 a.m. there will not be time to set up and to make individual entries of roses in a regular rose show. We will have tables set up in the lobby area of the Civic Center, where the Registration Table and Information Table will also be located. These tables will be marked with signs showing where to set each class of rose specimen brought for display. Vases with water will be found in the kitchen and you may place your own roses on the tables indicated. You will be given a card with a number on it and a place for your name on the back. You will be asked to place a card at the base of each vase holding your exhibit. During the day there will be a voting by the conventioners on their favorites at each table and ribbon rosette awards will be presented the winners. Marion and Frances Brandes will be in charge of this exhibit. You may call him at 713/324-1457.

RUSTLERS PLEASE NOTE

You may send your Registration in to our local Registrar, Jackie Fischer, at the address listed below the registration form. If you register for the Friday Symposium only, the \$40 fee includes the box lunch and the evening meal. Provisions were not made for those who cannot or do not wish to eat. This is also true if you can only attend the Friday morning portion of the Symposium, or only the afternoon portion.

In our next issue of the Old Texas Rose we will have further registration information. It will be delivered to you during the first week in April, after the registration deadline. We may be able to give you information by then as to how registrations are coming in.

The Saturday Tour of gardens in the area of nearby Washington County includes meals as well as the transportation. It would be hard to match this tour for its registration fee. We may have some nice extras on this tour that is not mentioned in the program. This is a Rose Tour you won't want to miss!

Mail your \$60 registration in NOW so as to be on the list for all the goodies! Make your checks payable to Heritage Rose Foundation
4807 Benning
Houston, TX 77035
or you may send it to: Heritage Rose Foundation
% Chas. Walker, Jr.
1512 Gorman Street
Raleigh, NC 27606

Just remember the reservations are limited due to the available space, so get yours in EARLY.

TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS TO HOST EVENTS

The Friday evening Reception to welcome the Heritage Rose Foundation convention guests and the Texas Rose Rustlers will be in the lobby of the Hampton Inn, headquarters hotel, at 6 p.m. to about 7 p.m. This will be a fun time and a chance to meet new old garden rose enthusiasts. The Texas Rose Rustlers will supply the liquid refreshments as well as the finger foods to lend Texas Hospitality to the week end event.

Following the Saturday tour, Sunday will present an opportunity for those who wish to tour the gardens of Texas Rose Rustlers and members of the Houston Rose Society who grow old garden roses along with the modern exhibition roses. This tour will, of course, be free and individuals must supply their own transportation. ANYONE WHO IS WILLING TO OFFER THEIR GARDEN FOR THIS TOUR PLEASE CONTACT MARION OR FRANCES BRANDES at 713/324-1457 or drop Marion a card or note at:

Marion L. Brandes, Jr.
27326 Farm Creek
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We have several members who live in the vicinity of the Intercontinental Airport, that may be on your way to East Texas and you could visit before you return home. Perhaps you live in the area and wish to spend Sunday touring old rose gardens! Let us know if we can put your garden on our tour. That will be on Sunday, April 23rd, 1989

Another bit of hospitality you may note will be the hospitality tid bits available on the Saturday Bus Tour - courtesy of the Texas Rose Rustlers.

Congratulations! To Texas Rose Rustlers who have opened their own businesses!
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"The garden-maker soon becomes keenly observant, and by cultivating a watchful eye, learns much that cannot be found in books. Returning from the country, you will remember how those trees were closely clustered, producing an effect reminding you of a Midsummer Night's Dream; you will visualise the low growing shrub drifting off until it merged softly into another species; those massive stones, all patterned with lichen and moss, showing just above the surface at the foot of a tree....All this will be stowed away in your mind ready to be recalled for inspiration in the placing of plants and rocks."

How little we know about gardening in the Antipodes. For instance, I've only just learned that Australia had its very own Gertrude Jekyll. Edna Walling was born 4 December 1896. As a child she lived in beautiful and, in those days, remote Devon, where she attended a convent school. It didn't take. She was indifferent to the processes of formal education, but she enjoyed the expeditions to pick wildflowers and she remembered vividly her visits to the cottages of the district. At length, her family emigrated to New Zealand and then to Australia. In 1916 Miss Walling began a horticulture course at Burnley College (a most reputable institution, by the way), which she found dull, apart from the ploughing. Design, her absorbing interest even then, did not feature too strongly in the curriculum, it seems. No matter; she knew all about William Morris and John Ruskin, and the Robinson/Jekyll/ Lutyens axis, and the revival in England of the art of the garden.

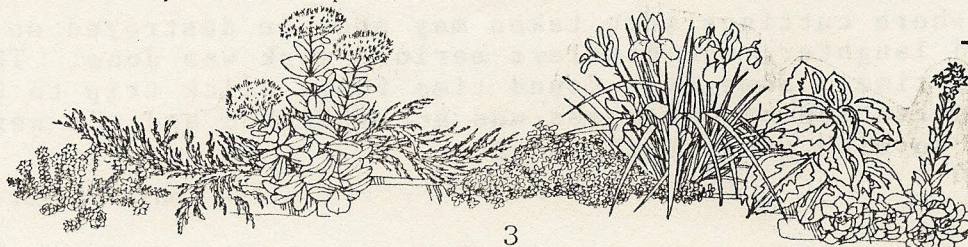
"I most ardently desire a camomile lawn, and I shall have it one day. Up to the present, all that has been achieved outside the vegetable garden is a patch a foot square where few grasses will thrive, beneath a gum. At least it has proved itself there, and made me long all the more to be able to walk across a whole sward of it. It appears that it would take most kindly to the mower and would, I imagine, demand far less cutting than grass. For the country garden with no water it would prove a boon."

She set up her practice in the early twenties and soon after began to develop the village at Mooroolbark, all very pastoral-romantic and Old English Traditional. Picturesque is hardly the word. Satisfied with her own house - Sonning, it was called, after a little country town on the River Thames - she divided the land, selling only to people who were prepared to accept her ideas about architecture and garden-making. Miss Walling did not accept opposition with grace. Indeed, she was apt to become seriously grumpy when crossed. About this time, she began to write, which brought her to public notice and brought her hundreds of commissions as well: modest suburban plots, cottage gardens, grand country places. She was willing to take anything that appealed to her taste or combative spirit or sense of fun, but on her own terms. Fools she did not suffer; clients she did not spoil.

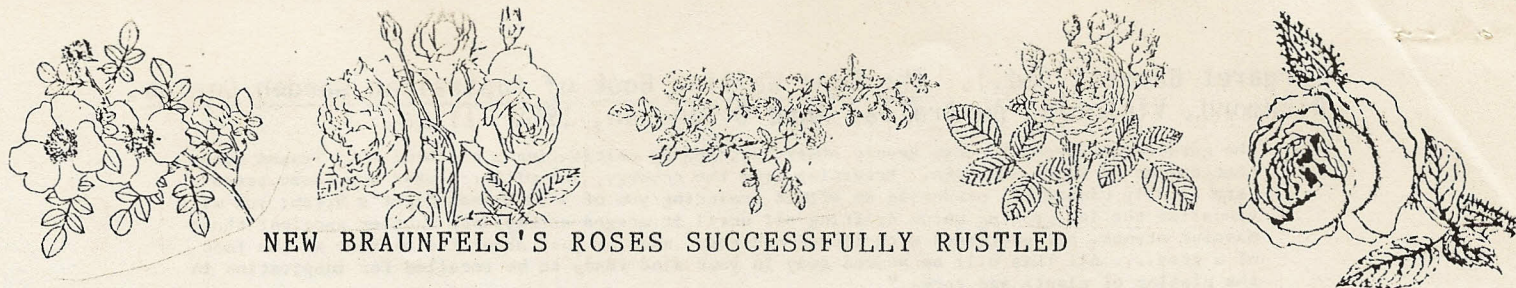
"Thousands and thousands of gallons of water are wasted each year from unnecessary watering. A well mulched garden will stand up to a great deal of heat before it requires watering, if at all, and watering should never be started before it is absolutely necessary, for once you start the resistance of the plants is weakened, and they no longer survive without this artificial aidthere are usually fewer casualties in the well mulched garden than in one lavishly watered but unmulched."

By the end of the last War she was a legend. In jodhpurs and a shady hat, Miss Walling cut a notable figure, even in Australia, one imagines. Not quite the ordinary lady of her generation! She could be severe but mostly she was kind, warm, and humorous. She loved cats, painted charmingly, was an expert photographer, practised various crafts, popularized the native flora (and what flora), spoke forcefully for conservation and the environment long before it was modish to do so. Since her death, in 1973, she has become the acknowledged saint and presiding genius of Australian gardening. But why are her books not in print? Homage is all very well in its way, but practical application is more to the point. Afterall, the principles of design she advocated are timeless. Readers of today will find her their contemporary.

"I love all the things most gardeners abhor: moss in lawns- lichen on trees; more greenery than 'color' (as if green isn't a color!); bare branches in winter; and root ridden ground, wherein one never attempts to dig, with a natural covering of leaves, of grass, or of some amenable low-growing plant. I like the whole thing to be as wild as possible, so that you have to fight your way through in places. I like sheets and sheets of forget-me-nots, and anything that will self sow and look beautiful. I like soft grey-green leaves, and blue, mauve and pale yellow flowers, with only the tiniest spot of red."



- Conrad Tips



NEW BRAUNFELS'S ROSES SUCCESSFULLY RUSTLED

New Braunfels residents were astounded as a caravan of some 20-odd cars whipped up and down their streets discharging people armed with pruning shears, willow water in an assortment of containers, cameras, note pads, and other assorted paraphernalia. Clusters of them gathered around rose bushes while several men seemed to be giving lectures. Blooms were pulled this way and that as roses were snipped and photographed.

Local residents stared through their windows and some brave souls ventured out into the mass shouting: "Is somebody ill in that house?" or: "Do the people know you are cutting their roses?"

Rolf Moore would declare that they did indeed have permission. Neither the "snippers" nor the photographers batted an eye. The first day of the rustle 16 different places were visited in 6 hours. This same scene was repeated on Sunday when the rest of the Rustlers arrived from their meeting in Austin.

Rolf Moore was responsible for selecting sites. He was ably assisted by local expert, Dr Dorris Brown. The New Braunfels Rustle was the farthest rustle the group has made. Greg Grant came from San Antonio bringing several varieties of old rose cuttings. Dr Bill Welch joined the group on Sunday as did our beloved Margaret. Margaret got ahead of the group and scouts were sent out to find her so she could see the newly "found" rose which was given her name, a beautiful deep pink rose with a green center.

There were several other "found roses". One rose was given the study name of "Alleen's Rose". A beautiful cream tea rose was also unable to be properly identified but was not given a study name. So far, Mike Shoup has said in his newsletter that he hopes to have "Margaret's Rose" for sale by this fall. The Parker's are hovering over cuttings of the cream tea as well as "Alleen's Rose". Greg and Dr Dorris Brown and Mike have not reported back as to any luck in rooting "Alleen's Rose".

The drought and the unseasonable heat as well as the usual different hues of the roses in fall bloom made identification of all the beautiful old roses in New Braunfels impossible. Specimens were outstanding. The rose cutting exchanges were excellent.

One of the many high points of the "Rustle" was the visit to the Locke Nursery. Otto and Telke graciously received the rustlers both on Saturday, and Sunday-which, by the way, was Otto's 86th birthday! They allowed the rustlers to visit their private gardens which were beautiful despite a spring tornado and the drought. Mr Locke even let rustlers purchase some of his roses! One rustler was thrilled to be able to buy a Margo Koster with a white sport tinged with purple.

Several sites where cuttings were taken may soon be destroyed so despite the squeals and laughter, the Rustlers serious work was done. The Rustlers had a wonderful time. Some even found time for a quick trip to Gruene for barbeque. Preservation of old roses was accomplished and the next rustle is looked forward to with great anticipation.

-- Sonja Parker

ROSE RUSTLE TO NEW BRAUNFELS

OCTOBER 22 & 23

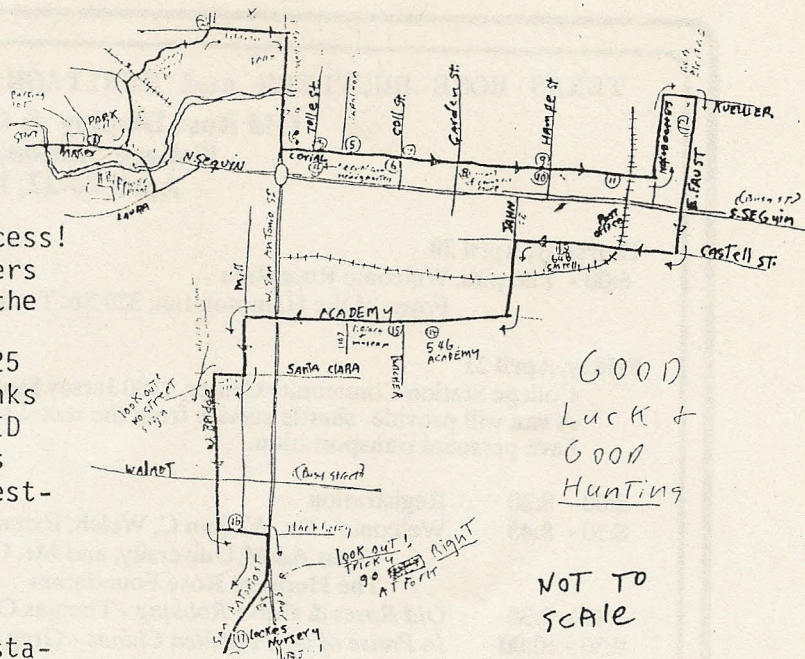
GREAT SUCCESS !

Our Fall 1988 Rustle was a tremendous success! It covered 2 days to accomodate all the members since there were several conflicts, besides the distance from our usual "haunts". Both days saw about the same number of Rustlers, some 25 to 30, most of whom were not repeaters. Thanks to Rolf Moore, we DID see old roses and we DID get lots of cuttings. Most we knew the names for but many we did not. The one most interesting to this editor was a large rose pink Tea Rose that no one could come close to identifying, so it was given the working name of "Margaret Sharpe" Tea Rose, or "Sharpe Tea". Several of us have our cuttings pretty well established and looking forward to a few blooms this summer. We recommend you tour New Braunfels in the spring and follow the map we used. You are sure to see many more interesting roses in bloom as you drive around the city.

We are greatly indebted to Rolf Moore for the tremendous job he did for us in arranging permission to take rose cuttings and planning our tour. A most interesting incident took place that Mrs. Dorris D. Brown related:

Mr. R. F. Patton, of New Braunfels, came to the Lindheimer House just after the tour ended, at about 5 p.m. He was seeking information from Dr. Brown (a TRR member who lives in New Braunfels) and Mrs. Ethel Canion concerning the gifts of a red and a pink rose bushes, wedding gifts to Kasper Feick and Anna (Reinartz) Feick on July 11, 1847. Mrs. Feick was the sister of Mrs. Eleanor Reinartz Lindheimer, whose husband was the Father of Texas Botany. Mrs. Canion confirmed the wedding date and the relationship to Mrs. Lindheimer but knew of no record of the rose wedding gift. There is, however, and 90 year old gentleman who is a possible source of information regarding the rose and Mr. Patton is persuing all avenues in his enthusisam. It is so wonderful to have someone searching out this tidbit of rose history for it is highly likely that some of these roses are growing elsewhere in New Braunfels and can be identified. There are so many unidentified roses to be seen there.

The Feick home has recently been sold and is being remodeled. It is a "faekewerk" house and has the typical shaped stone basement and



ROSE RUSTLERS' TREASURE MAP OF
NEW BRAUNFELS, TEXAS 1988

foundation and the adobe brick and cedar beam construction. Mr. and Mrs. Canion drove the Browns out to the old home and Mrs. Brown could not help but remark how fortunate it was that Mr. Patton had rescued the two very healthy rose bushes he had found at the Feick home prior to its sale. He plans to give young rose plants from them to the new owner after the reconstruction is completed.

The pink rose is four distinct plants linked by a "walking" root, and the red is a single plant with many canes. The flowers are about 1½ inches dia., very fragrant and a deep red. The Browns were unable to identify them other to know what they were not. It is obvious that they must be an early China variety as they bloom from early spring into late fall. We can easily speculate that they came from some early Texas nursery that imported it from Europe via Galveston & wagon. But it is also possible that the original plants were brought from Europe by some of the earliest settlers of New Braunfels. Prince Carl of Solms-Braunfels came to the area to establish a colony in 1844 and the roses were received by the Feicks in 1847.

At any rate, we can feel assured that these are definitely Heritage Roses and finding them is as much fun as growing them and sharing the cuttings with others. It is so much fun to have your own "Storybook Garden" to enjoy.

TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS and HERITAGE ROSE FOUNDATION SYMPOSIUM
Old Rose Display & Garden Tour
College Station, Texas
April 20-22, 1989

Thursday, April 20

6:00 - 7:00 p.m. Welcome Reception

Foyer of the Hampton Inn, 320 So. Texas Avenue, College Station, TX 77840

Friday, April 21

College Station Community Center, 1300 Jersey Street, College Station, TX 77840, (409)764-3720.

A van will provide shuttle service from the motel to the Community Center for those who do not have personal transportation.

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| 8:00 - 8:30 | Registration |
| 8:30 - 8:45 | Welcome - Dr. William C. Welch, Extension Landscape Horticulturist,
Texas A&M University, and Mr. Charles A. Walker, Jr., President,
The Heritage Rose Foundation |
| 8:45 - 9:30 | <i>Old Roses & Grave Robbing</i> - Thomas Christopher |
| 9:30 - 10:00 | <i>In Praise of the Forgotten Chinas</i> - Greg Grant |
| 10:00 - 10:15 | Break |
| 10:15 - 10:45 | <i>Historical Methods for Controlling Rose Diseases</i> - Dr. H. Brent Pemberton |
| 10:45 - 11:30 | <i>On the Trail of Old Roses</i> - Stephen Scanniello |
| 11:30 - 12:00 | <i>Trials and Tribulations of a Beginning Collector</i> - Pam Puryear |
| 12:00 - 1:00 | Box Lunches and time to visit the displays of Old Garden Roses
(Rose Show Coordinated by Margaret Sharpe and Jackie Fischer) |
| 1:00 - 1:30 | <i>Finding Old Garden Roses In California</i> - Virginia Hopper |
| 1:30 - 2:00 | <i>... In South Carolina and the Southeastern U.S.</i> - Ruth Knopf |
| 2:00 - 2:30 | <i>Producing Own Root Roses</i> - Mike Shoup |
| 2:30 - 2:45 | Break |
| 2:45 - 3:45 | <i>Heritage Rose Foundation Annual Membership Meeting</i>
Charles A. Walker, Jr., Presiding |
| 3:45 - 4:30 | <i>Old Garden Roses - the Role of Viruses and How They May Be Controlled</i>
Malcolm Manners |
| 4:30 - 5:00 | <i>From the Garden to the Vase...Arranging Your Old Garden Roses</i>
S. J. Derby |
| 5:00 - 6:00 | Visit the Display of Old Garden Roses at the Community Center |
| 6:00 - 7:00 | Catered Meal |
| 7:00 - 7:45 | <i>Review of Recently Published Books on Old Garden Roses</i> - Charles A. Walker, Jr. |
| 7:45 - 9:00 | Sharing of slides of Old Garden Roses brought by anyone interested
in trying to identify their "found" roses. |

Saturday, April 22

8:30 a.m. Bus departs the Hampton for tour of several gardens in nearby Washington County, including:

- The Don & Karen Lehto Farm near Burton
- The Mike Shoup, Sr. Garden near Brenham
- The Peaceable Kingdom School near Washington
- The Antique Rose Emporium near Independence

Box lunches will be provided enroute. Dinner will be compliments of the Antique Rose Emporium. and will be served in their garden.

8:30 p.m. Bus return to the Hampton Inn..

The Texas Agricultural Extension Service of Texas A&M University and the Houston area members of the Texas Rose Rustlers organization are pleased to serve as co-hosts for the first symposium of the Heritage Rose Foundation.

TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS and HERITAGE ROSE FOUNDATION SYMPOSIUM GENERAL INFORMATION

LODGING: The motel chosen for the symposium is the Hampton Inn, 320 S. Texas Avenue., College Station, TX 77840, phone (409)846- 0184, contact person: Debbie Esterak. Special rates of \$35/single and \$41/double (plus 12% tax) per night have been arranged. A complimentary continental breakfast is included. The Inn is also furnishing space for the Thursday evening reception, rental fees for the Community Center, and shuttle van service between the Inn and the Center. Cards are available from Foundation headquarters for making your reservations directly with the Hampton Inn and to ensure the special rates. To receive one, send the Heritage Rose Foundation a self-addressed stamped envelope.

REGISTRATION: \$65 per person (\$60 if postmarked on or before March 31, 1989). Includes all meals and activities listed on the symposium schedule. For those who cannot attend the whole symposium, the following one-day options are offered. All meals and activities listed for the day are included:

Friday, April 21, 1989 only: \$45 per person (\$40 if postmarked on or before March 31, 1989)

Saturday, April 22, 1989 only: \$35 per person (\$30 if postmarked on or before March 31, 1989).

NOTE: The HRF Annual Membership Meeting on Friday is open to everyone at no charge.

NOTE: Since the Community Center can accommodate only about 100 persons, please register as early as possible so that we can try to make other arrangements if needed.

REGISTRATION FORM

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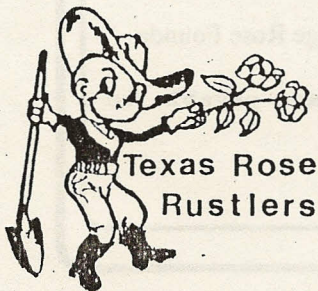
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