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WHAT TO BRING ON A ROSE RUSTLE

First thing to have is a good idea of the kind of old roses you can grow in your collection. You may not be able to grow every old rose in your garden, and you may not want to grow most of them if you know their habits and needs. BE SELECTIVE in taking rose cuttings. When you find a variety you think will be suitable take only 2 or 3 small tip cuttings at the most. If you cannot get one of 3 to "strike" it won't increase chances to take 13 to 30.

Have good "scissor" type, sharp, and sanitary clippers to use. Take your cut just below a leaf scar, and 5 leaves or leaf scars are more than enough per cutting. Remember that growing tips have fast-growing cells that produce leaves or roots readily. Cells around leaf scars are also prolific growers.

Immediately after taking a cutting place it in a moist & cool plastic bag. Label the bag and put it in a cool place like a small picnic cooler with ice to take it home. Some collectors take a fruit jar with a small amount of WILLOW WATER TEA in it, label the cutting with a plastic label & twistum and drop in the jar, which is carried in a small cooler of ice. (If you don't have willow for tea use 1 asperin dissolved in 2 qts. of water for the rooting stimulant.)

TO START AT INDUSTRY AT HISTORIC WELCOME HALL

THIS YEAR WE WILL RUSTLE INDUSTRY, FAYETTEVILLE, AND SCHULENBURG. WE WILL MEET AT THE HISTORIC "WELCOME HALL" ONE-HALF MILE NORTH OF INDUSTRY ON FARM ROAD 109. INSIDE THE BACK COVER YOU WILL FIND A MAP OF THE AREAS WE WILL BE TRAVELING.

COME AS EARLY AS 9:00 A.M. WITH YOUR CUTTINGS AND PLANTS TO SWAP. WE HAVE HAD A TREMENDOUS VARIETY OF CUTTINGS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS - EXCEEDING 100 VARIETIES! PLEASE BRING RARE AND UNUSUAL VARIETIES AS WELL AS THOSE IN COMMERCE. REMEMBER TO BRING THEM IN A PLASTIC BAG WITH MOIST PEAT OR PAPER TOWELS AND A CARD INSIDE WITH DESCRIPTION &/OR NAME. PLEASE KEEP ONE VARIETY PER BAG TO PREVENT TOO MUCH HANDLING AND LEAVING OUT OF THE PLASTIC TO DRY OUT. ALSO REMEMBER TO KEEP THEM IN A COOL PLACE OUT OF THE SUN.

BRING YOUR OWN SACK OR PICNIC LUNCH. WE WILL BE INDOORS BUT LOTS OF FRESH AIR WILL BE CIRCULATING THRU THE HALL...AND WE WILL ENJOY LIVE FOLK MUSIC WITH OUR FESTIVITIES! WE WILL BE LEAVING ON OUR RUSTLE (FIELD TRIP) AT ABOUT 12:45 P.M. HEADING FOR FAYETTEVILLE, SOUTHWEST OF INDUSTRY ON TX 159. INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE GIVEN AT EACH STOP WHERE WE WILL BE VISITING NEXT.

PLEASE DO NOT TAKE CUTTINGS UNLESS YOU
1) KNOW HOW TO TAKE THEM AND HAVE A PROPER WAY TO PRESERVE THEM FOR ROOTING; 2) TRULY WANT TO PROPAGATE THAT PARTICULAR VARIETY.

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FRIDAY

- 10 am - KRISTIN JAKOB, BOTANICAL ILLUSTRATOR FOR major horticultural publications, who will present "The History of Roses in Botanical Illustrations."
- 11:30 - MADALENE HILL and GWEN BARKLAY, co-authors of Southern Herb Growing, will enchant and entice everyone with their "Texas Native Seasoning."
- 1:30 pm - TOM KLEPPER - Manager of Home Orchard Nursery, Bandera, presents "Growing Apples and other Tree FRuits on Dwarf Rootstock in Texas."
- 2:30 - PAMELA PURYEAR - TEXAS ROSE RUSTLER'S MAMA, who will expound upon, **"SYLVANI VICTORIANA:** Being an enlightening discourse on the choice, collection, history, culture and appreciation of Victorian shrubbery."

SATURDAY

- 10 am - TOM CHRISTOPHER, TEXAS ROSE RUSTLER, freelance writer for several horticulture publications and author of "In Search of Lost Roses", that outlines and parallels the activities of the Texas Rose Rustlers. He will speak on "Old Roses for Modern Gardens."
- 11 am - WILLIAM C. WELCH, Texas A & M Extension Horticulturist, author of Perennial Garden Color and Antique Roses for the South, speaking on "Time Tested Plants for Texas Gardens."
- NOON - Lunch break & signing party for Tom Christopher and William Welch.
- 1:30 pm - JOHN WALDEN - Research Manager for Bear Creek Gardens, Somis CA. He is a rose breeder with over 15 years experience with Jackson & Perkins. He will present, "They Kill Roses, Don't They? - A Breeder's View."
- 2:30 - MARK ABBOTT, Operating Manager of Stone Ridge Farms, Kerrville, TX, and son of the late Carol Abbott. "Zeroing in of Xeriscape; What, Where, and How to Save Water, Time and Money in Your Home Landscape."

10:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.

TEXAS ROSE RUSTLER'S BLOOM EXHIBITION

SUNDAY

- 10 am - RUTH KNOPF, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina. Has collected and rooted over 500 old roses for her private garden since 1976, a truly "Southern Belle", she will present "They Grew Good Roses."
- 11 - M.A. MAEDGERN Jr. - An Aggie, he is president of BIOFAC, Inc., Mathis, TX, and pioneered the use of beneficial insects commercially to control garden pests. He will present, "Biological Control in the 1990's."
- 1:30 pm - G. MICHAEL SHOUP, Jr. owner of ARE who will present, "Old Garden Roses; from a Rustler's Viewpoint."
- 2:30 pm - JOHN DROMGOOLE, Organic gardening guru of the '90's, manager of Garden Ville of Austin, TX, since 1985, consultant for "Organic Gardening" magazine and host of "Gardening Naturally" KLBK AM. He will present "Organic Products; Old Techniques in New Containers."

If you want to learn about Old Garden Roses this is your GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY! All these experts will give of their knowledge FREE for you to benefit. DON'T LET THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY SLIP THROUGH YOUR FINGERS!

Remember, there is more to collecting old roses than getting them and trying to grow them. This is a chance to learn about them and their interesting heritage as well as their unique mannerisms.

TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS'
1991 FALL FESTIVAL
BLOOM EXHIBITION

Members and Friends
Bring Roses to the Festival
SATURDAY, November 2nd

Between 9:30 am & 1 pm

Vases Furnished

Bring Roses Named or Not
Popular Voting 1 pm to 4 pm
WINNERS ANNOUNCED

at 5 p.m.

(P.S. Bring unknowns
for possible identi-
fication.)

CLASSES ON EXHIBIT BY GROUP:

A. HYBRID PERPETUALS

B. BOURBONS & PORTLANDS

C. NOISSETTES

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 "studynome" 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.*

TEXAS GERMANS AND THEIR ROSES

(Editor's Note: The settlement of Industry was one of the earliest in south central Texas. A farming community, but other very interesting trades were practiced to make a cash income such as furniture making, etc. Evidently the residents had several things that occupied their time and named the town "Industry". It is amid a section of Texas that the German immigrants settled and they brought many roses to Texas. At the April Symposium this year Pamela Puryear gave a most interesting talk on the early Germans in our area that we are printing for you to read and become aware of their historical significance on our 1991 Rose Rustle as on several others. Industry was settled in 1834 and was the site of one or more horticultural nurseries supplying early Texans.)

There are several reasons why it is possible to treat this ethnic group separately when discussing Texas horticulture:

- 1) The first wave of immigration in the 1840's was composed of middle class, well educated - some college professors - people who left German electorates after several revolutions due to repressions of democracy and free speech by the Junker class. This meant that a good many of this group were able to write of their early days in Texas.
- 2) Germans, by & large, thought they were better farmers and gardeners than their Anglo Saxon cousins, the "Americans". Dr. Terry Jordan, in his German Seed in Texas Soil, has exploded this myth, but Germans did pay more attention to horticulture.
- 3) Besides the indigenous Mexican population, and the black slave population before 1865, constituted the largest non-Anglo group.

In the 1840's, Germans settled around two centers in Texas: South Central (Austin, Fayette, Colorado & Washington counties), and the Adelsverien headquarters in Comal County - New Braunfels. Almost everyone, regardless of former profession, began farming and stock raising at least on a small scale. There are quite a few reminiscences by these pioneers, one of which were the Rombergs, whose Austin County farm was purchased in 1847. "The path leads up past a rosebush with dark red, velvety roses, up to the old log house," a Romberg cousin later recalled. A trellis boasted a madeira vine and "roses that grow in clusters in shades from the faintest pink to the darkest red.

even some into blue." All good Rustlers will recognize the former as 'Cramoisie Superieur' and the latter as "Seven Sisters." Because of the chickens loose in the yard, the Rombergs planted in clay pots for porch and windowsill, the seeds and bulbs of which were often requested of friends and loved ones "back home." These written accounts emphasize one truth for all old rose collectors: Any water was hauled in barrels from a nearby creek by the children on a wooden sledge, pulled by pony; thus, very little "gray water" was just about all that could be spared for luxuries, even in drought.

Another interesting Central Texas family were the Willrichs of La Grange. Elise, the mother, wrote letters from 1850 that have been preserved. She asked for bulbs and roots like Queen's Crown, gardenias, lilies, tulips, hyacinths and narcissus. The Willrich house, "Mt. Eliza", burned (or was razed) long ago, but the Ernest Williams, who live on the site now, have a china rose surviving - certainly 'Fellenberg' 1857. Dr. Bill Welch has cuttings we hope to distribute widely at sites in this area. Other letters (also translated) of Elise's are held by the local library.

Because of dependable interest, both William Watson's "Rosdale" (1859) outside of Brenham and J.F. Leyendecker's "Pearfield" (1870) were created. These nurseries were well known, and "Pearfield's" papers and early catalogs are held by U. of Texas. (Wm. Watson was an extremely hard working man and expected his sons and employees to be the same. W.A. Yates was employed by him for many years, staying with him longer than any other employee. Finally he saw that he would never advance himself and bought the land next to "Rosdale" and opened his own nursery, "High View." His son now lives in LaGrange and has the records of what was carried in stock. Another famous nurseryman of the area was Thomas Affleck, of New Gay Hill, TX, who moved there from Natchez, MS, in 1960. He suffered misfortunes of war and fire and died from pneumonia in 1868. See the OLD TEXAS ROSE, Fall of 1988 and the July 1983 issue for list of rose varieties he sold.)

Of the collected roses we have found in this area of the state, there is an interesting cerese Gallica hybrid from Frelsburg, and Shelby Cemetery's "Highway 290 Pink Buttons". We might watch for Leyendecker's 'Marie Guillot', 'Glory of Mosses', 'Mme Chas. Wood', 'Jales Finger', 'Mme Margo', 'Mary Mason', 'Perle de Jardin', 'Maréchal Neil' this time.

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Another large German settlement was New Braunfels, in Comal County. The early years were hard indeed, but even then it was said that at L.C. Erdvenberg's first sermon under the trees, his wife placed a vase of flowers on the simple altar. Erdvenberg, Viktor Bracht, and especially Ferdinand Lindheimer and John O. Meusebach were noted horticulturists, collecting specimens for Asa Gray of Harvard University & world famous. In 1852 a garden club was founded there and they ordered over 1500 trees and shrubs - a large number in those days. Because of this interest, no doubt, J.J. Locke founded his downtown nursery in 1856, which his son, Otto, Sr., a talented fruit tree breeder, continued. Letters exist ordering their new stock of roses from Vestal, in Arkansas, in the 1900's. Otto, Jr., moved to the "new" location in 1926, where he now lives, his wife, Etlke, having died last year.

Comal Street, New Braunfels, where Lindheimer's house is located and now a museum, is the oldest part of the town. We collected there in 1988. Old Blush, Archduke Charles, Marie Pavie, Banksiae, Mermaid, a pink tea we think is Maman Cochet, Etoile de Lyon, Duchess de Brabant were some of our gleanings. One Tea rose growing in the yard of an old house, now converted into a boutique, we gave the "working name" of "Margaret Sharpe" after our editor. It is peachy pink, thick petals, green carpels in the center. Dr. and Mrs. Dorris Brown, of New Braunfels, have been collecting a few old family roses for years and were inspired by this "Rustle" and renewed their efforts to make it possible to plant a rose garden of these family roses in the Conservation Society's Garden in a local city park. The park was built and planted and dedicated in the fall of 1990, soon after the death of Dr. Brown. Following the dedication Mrs. Brown drove Margaret Sharpe and me around the town to look for more roses. We found a climbing Tea Rose thick Scott Ogden identifies as Souvenir de Pierre Notting. We had given it the study name of "Christine Brown". It is of 1902 vintage and a cross of Marêchael Neil and Maman Cochet.

On previous Rustles we have scoured Bellville, Weimar, Brenham, Navasota, LaGrange, Round Top and a few farmhouses between. We are searching for not only varieties new to us in this area, but plants of known varieties older than the stock we have. Perhaps they will grow and bloom stronger than the ones we are now growing. ¶ -- Pamela Puryear

SUMMERTIME ROSES

During August and September some of the Rustlers enjoyed two evenings of sitting in air conditioned comfort, cold and hot drinks with cookies and cake, looking at the most gorgeous display of spring bloom of old roses. These were video tapes taken by Marion and Frances Brandes on their visit to California Rose Country this spring after they attended the annual convention of the Heritage Rose Foundation, in Santa Rosa in May.

It was truly a display of roses and a wonderful way to learn what many of the old varieties we talk about and read so much about really look like growing on the bushes in the yard or garden. Some you can only believe by seeing with your own eyes. The printed photos and great transparencies in magazines just don't do them justice.

Meetings were held at the HL&P Service Center on Loop 610 West, southbound, at Bellaire Blvd. We met at 6:30 p.m. - 9. We certainly are indebted to Marion and Frances for this wonderful opportunity that they so generously shared with us. Perhaps we can do it again sometime. If we do, make it a point to be there!

MRS. KAREN WALBRUN, RUSTLER, NEW HERITAGE ROSES GROUP COORDINATOR

We wish to welcome the new South Central Region Coordinator for the Heritage Rose Group, Karen Walbrun, of Pipe Creek, TX! Karen is a member of the Texas Rose Rustlers and has attended several Rustles with us, so many of you may know her. She will be doing the mailing of the Rose Letter of the Group that many of you may be receiving. If you do not receive the Heritage Rose Letter you need to subscribe pronto! This is the arm that started the gathering together of we Texas Rose Rustlers. Mitzi Van Sant was the Coordinator but has moved to California this summer. We will miss her and truly appreciate her faithful service to us.

USA Membership is \$5 per year for 4 Rose Letters. Mailed 1st Class, it is in booklet form & full of Old Rose News. Send Karen your dues today! Mrs. Karen Walbrun
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RELIABLE SOURCES FOR BUDDED ROSES

ELAINE ALPERT, 1958 Hopkins, Berkley CA 94707. Send SASE for list of some
20 varieties she can supply. May be on own roots and may not
ship outside California.

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Same as above.

HERITAGE ROSE GARDENS, 16831 Mitchell Creek Rd., Ft. BRagg CA 95437. Catalog \$1
Very reliable. Some roses on own roots, most not.

HISTORICAL ROSES, 1657 W. Jackson St., Painesville OH 44077. Price List 50¢

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GREGG LOWERY, 3003 Pleasant Hill Rd., Sebastopol CA 95472. Send 29¢ stamp &
25¢ for price list. May not have much stock to ship this fall.

PICKERING NURSERY, 670 Kingston Rd., Pickering, Ont. L1V 1A6. Color catalog \$2.
NO PATENTED ROSES SHIPPED TO USA. Put 30¢ stamps on letter
requesting catalog to assure delivery. Fall shipping in
late October thru April only by Air. No import problems or
duty, inspection, etc.

ROSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY, 802 Brown's Valley Road., Watsonville, CA 95076
Catalog \$3. formerly best source for old roses. Keepsake
catalog with color on covers and halftones inside.

THOMASVILLE NURSERIES, 1842 Smith Ave., (P.O. Box 7) Thomasville, GA 31792

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old Teas & Noisettes

YESTERDAY'S ROSE, 572 Las Colindas Road, San Rafael CA 94903. Ships bare root.
Small color catalog. ph. 415/472-2119.

NOTE: Most growers of old roses work on a shoestring and it is necessary to send
a SASE if you want a reply to any questions. Also, if no price is given
for a catalog, a "donation" or \$1 will bring you some kind of reply.

HERITAGE ROSES

Rose Rustlers who have joined within the last year may not understand what the different Heritage Rose fellowships are.

The Heritage Rose Group formed in May of 1975. It is a fellowship of those who care about the old roses and who grow and/or collect them for their gardens. Some just like reading about them or just look at them. They started sending a Rose Letter to members, which they distribute to them through a Regional Coordinator. There are no officers or any organization to the Group as most have. There is an Editor who puts the letter together from items sent by the membership. This job is passed around as an editor retires. We are most fortunate in having a well known horticultural illustrator who specializes in old rose culture at the present time. Her accurate detailed drawings of roses truly enhances the Rose Letter, and rose illustrations of Léonie Bell are envied collections. It was through the efforts of Pamela Puryear, who obtained the names and addresses of members of this group living around this area of Texas that the Brazos Symposium of Old Roses was first originated. While we eventually became the "Rose Rustlers" we started a newsletter of our own, edited by Pamela, that was called The Old Texas Rose, that has continued. Even though we exchange cuttings and rose plants among ourselves, the Heritage Rose Letter is the publication that will keep one abreast of what is happening among the old roses, who wants what and barter & trades available between members. Membership is \$5 yearly USA, sent to OUR Regional Coordinator, Mrs. Karen Walbrun,

Rt, 2, Box 6661, Pipe Creek, TX 78063
Not being an organized group, we are not entitled to non-profit permits, etc., and all mail is sent first class. Checks may be made to Karen personally, or to the Heritage Rose Group, if you prefer.

The Heritage Rose Foundation is the result of some of the Heritage Roses Group to organize to expand the preservation and study of old roses on a large scale. It was the Bermuda Rose Society that offered a model in hopes that the work they had done with their "mystery roses" could be extended. The Foundation organized in 1986 and was established as a non-profit corporation. Its Annual Meeting is held in conjunction with a conference or symposium, at which time the president reports to the membership and receives input for the Board. The Texas

INTERESTING RESEARCH FROM CHINA

Miss Ma Yan is a doctoral student in Beijing, People's Republic of China, who is doing interesting work with old varieties of China roses she finds in the wild. She has been in touch with a number of HRG members and we are all looking forward to her finding the yearned for everblooming Banksiaae! Cat Yronwode, HRG California, asked her the meaning of the name "Fun Jwan Lo", rootstock once distributed by USDA under name "Odorata 2249". She replied that it translated to "The Women's Dressing Building." Cat comments that "a more romantic translation might be "Milady's Boudoir."

Ma Yan has collected some old roses that have a cultivation history of more than 200 years. Some are endangered and she is propagating these by tissue culture in hope to use them in her hybridizing with modern roses. They are more cold hardy, disease resistant and better adapted than modern roses. She has crossed wild species of Pimpinellifolias and Cinnamomeae using the seed setting ability of Queen Elizabeth, 'Mount Shasta', 'Golden Glow' and some China modern roses. She wants to come to the USA for postdoctoral work in rose breeding.

It would be great if she could come to A&M where Dr. Bayse has already growing two amphidiploids, one a Banksiaae X Cherokee Rose, and one a Chestnut Rose X Cherokee. These roses well adapted to the south, usually have only 14 chromosomes and will not cross with the mostly 28 chromosome roses. The chromosome number can be doubled by the use of colchicine, from the autumn crocus!

Rose Rustlers are charter members of the Foundation and have retained a Group membership. Several of the members are also individual members of the Foundation and receive the quarterly Heritage Rose Foundation News. The Rustlers also receive a copy of this and it may be borrowed from our Chairman, Jackie Fischer, if you care to see it. Very interesting news on identification, rose breeding and tissue culture of endangered roses, etc.

USA individual dues is \$10 per year. Seniors over 65 and Students under 21, \$8, with double the rates for 2 years. Make checks payable to The Heritage Rose Foundation and mail to them at 1512 Gorman Street, Raleigh, NC 27606.

The Foundation plans to establish rose gardens for the preservation and display of old roses, as well as establish a library.

HINTS ON GROWING CUTTINGS

Many of the members have obtained the set of articles on Cuttings & Propagation that we have collected from articles run in The OTR at one time or another. You will find it listed on the back cover and we will try to have some sets for you at the Rustle if you care to purchase them for \$1 sans envelope & postage.

Mentioned on the front page under what to bring to a Rustle is the "secret rooting" solution, Willow Water Tea, that some bring. This is simply a tea made from steeping the leaves and stems of a willow branch (cut in 1" lengths) in boiled water, after the heat is turned off, overnight. About 2 cups of clippings to 1 gallon of water is plenty. This is a weak solution of salicylic acid that is a widely known rooting solution. It is also an ingredient in common asperin. A good solution of the same procedure can be made with 1 asperin tablet dissolved in 2 quarts of water.....if you want to use a rooting solution. Take it in a mayonnaise jar with lid and when you take a cutting drop the end into the solution to absorb all it will before you take it home and put it into a rooting medium.

Most Rustlers plant their cuttings in black plastic pots of a good potting soil and cover with a dome made of a plastic soda water 2 liter bottle with the base end cut off (by a hot knife). Some get the cuttings to make roots readily by putting them entire in zip lock bags (1 gal. size) with a small amount of water. Cutting ends are not necessarily in the water and bags are hung on a line by clothespin in well shaded, protected location 60°-70°. In a week to 10 days roots will be sprouted and they may be carefully transplanted into small pots to develop.

All cuttings need to be in temperatures about 45° to 72° in bright light but no sun shine. Cleanliness is quite important and often we pour the asperin water thru the new potting soil before we put in cuttings. The asperin water (willow tea) has some disinfecting qualities. Some use a 1 tsp. per gal. water of Triple Consan 20, a widely used fungicide, as a soil drench. Because roses seem to root in sand quite readily, some make a deep hole in the potting soil with a dowel or finger, stand the cutting in the hole with 2 or 3 leaf joints below the surface level and gently pour clean, washed mortar sand around the cutting to hold it in place. Pour a little water on top to settle the soil and sit pot in a

dish of water to thoroughly moisten.

Cover the cutting either with a dome of plastic liter bottle or using 2 large wire "hairpins" put them over the cutting, crossing the wires on top, and slip pot and all into a plastic bread bag. The top may be kept closed with a wire twistum or it may be left open for air ventilation if it is warm weather. The same is true with the cap on top of the plastic 2 liter "dome".

Take care not to let cuttings get too hot or too cold, and certainly do not keep them too wet even though plenty of moisture is important. They need to be watched very carefully for the first 2 or 3 months and attention given them nearly every day during their first year.

We prefer to root cuttings in containers so we can move them as necessary and repot them to larger pots to prevent their becoming root-bound. It is very important never to let them start a circular root growth pattern in a pot because they will continue it when placed in the garden and perhaps be short-lived because of it. This is the reason we cut off the outer roots of a potted rose when we replenish the pot with fresh soil every 3 or 4 years.

We do not feed newly rooted roses but wait until they bloom. Even then we use only a weak (1 tsp per gallon of water) of soluble fertilizer, like 20-20-20. Osmocote tossed on the surface of the soil would also be sufficient since it will not burn. Most old roses do not need much fertilizer anyway. They need to build wood for their first 3 years to start producing blooms, so never give up!

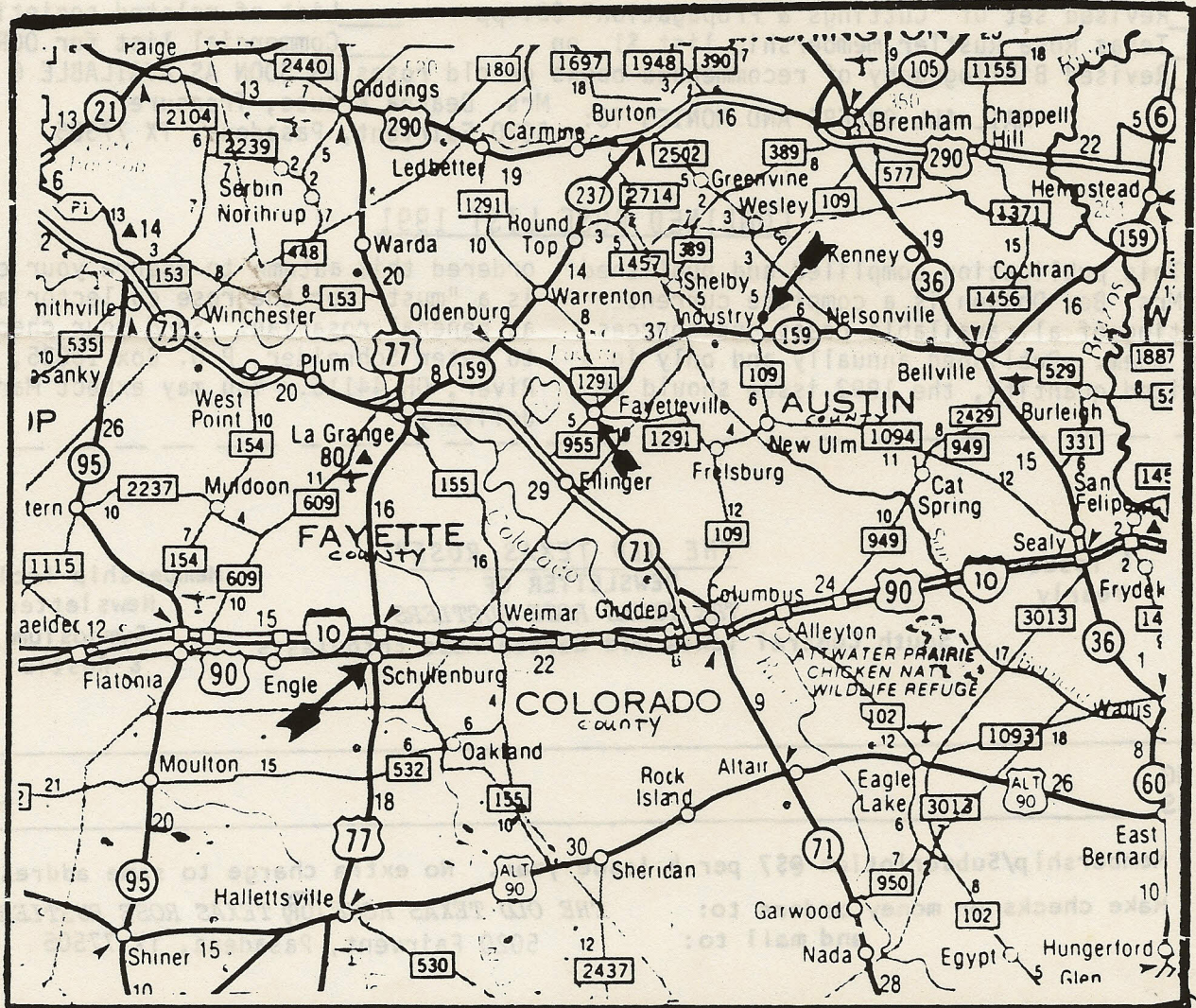
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Also available is his first book, Perennial Garden Color, not first edition but at the same price and shipping cost.

Copies of these books will be available from Margaret Sharpe at the Rustle if you are interested.

- SATURDAY -
OCTOBER 19TH



1991 ROSE RUSTLE
- WELCOME HALL -
1/2 MILE NORTH OF
INDUSTRY ON HWY 109

(TALL WHITE STRUCTURE ON WEST SIDE)

BEGINS @ 10:AM FIELD TRIP (CARAVAN) BEGINS @ 1:00

PLANT/CUTTING SWAP - MUSIC - PICNIC LUNCH

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