

Did you know?

We now have a new Treasurer / Membership Officer, Gladys Cronquist. Lucille Idom has decided to take a well deserved break from the job. Gladys was officially voted in at our Tyler meeting and is already hard at work. Many thanks are due to Lucille for all the time and labor she spent on completing her job.

I recently received this note from Pamela Puryear.

I recall Margaret Sharpe was much taken with the gleanings of a purple gallica (?) she found in La Grange. Did anyone "get it"? Does anyone remember? I never saw it but the fact she mentioned it often makes me suspect it was something special.

A big thanks goes out to Mike Shoup of the Antique Rose Emporium for mentioning rose rustling and the Rose Rustlers on his two recent television appearances. One mention occurred on Martha Stewarts Show and the other was during a recent Rose Special on Home and Garden Television. I would encourage all to look for reruns of either of these specials and to thank the folks at the Emporium for the publicity.

One of our members has registered a couple of his rose seedlings with the American Rose Society. Ray Ponton has singled out two of his roses as being good enough to register. **Katy Girl** is classed as a Shrub Rose and is described as light pink. **Cameron Bohls** is also registered as a Shrub and is described as being dark red. So much for the "official" descriptions, if you've had the

opportunity to see either of these roses you know how wonderful they are. Both of them were raised from **Katy Road Pink** stock so you can imagine how heat tolerant and disease free they are here in Texas. Cutting wood from both of these has been made available to Kings Nursery in Teneha. Don't bother calling just yet though because the road from cutting wood to selling size plants takes a couple of years. The next time you see Ray be sure to thank him for raising roses here in Texas for Texans.

The American Rose Society recently had their Old Garden Rose Seminar at the American Rose Center in Shreveport Louisiana. It was nice to see the increased interest in our old roses by the membership of the American Rose Society. Several of their members told me of the old roses they've "rustled" near the Shreveport area which is great news. Anything we can do to encourage rustling/preservation should be our highest priority. Recent issues of their magazine, The American Rose, have featured more articles on old roses than in years past. In addition to the increased articles in their main magazine they also publish the OGR & Shrub Gazette which is a newsletter type publication that comes out four times a year. Their membership seems to be concluding what we've known all along, the older roses have proved themselves in the hardest test of all, the test of time.

A recent news article said that more money was spent on gardening than on any other hobby in America. Of course we won't comment on how much money we've spent on our gardens will we? It's really pretty cheap therapy!