



Old Texas Rose

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Hello Fellow Rose Rustlers ---

Message from the Chair - Faith Bickley

TRR continues to lead an exciting existence. Fall and spring are always such busy times both in the garden and with garden-related activities. This will be the first year that TRR has been officially involved in the Houston Garden Club's Plant and Bulb Mart. Several of our members have worked at the rose area before, but now we will be part of the event, giving talks and answering questions.

Next comes RoseDango and the TRR Fall Cutting Exchange. This is an exciting opportunity which we hope many of our members will be able to experience. We will open our cutting exchange and lotto to all RoseDango participants so will need lots of participation on the part of our membership. Experiencing the National EarthKind Rose Trial Gardens in Farmers Branch and the Chambersville Heritage Garden are musts for rose lovers.



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TRR Wrap-up

We hope all of you will try to come join us in our interesting activities this fall. I realize that we have been traveling far afield the past couple years. Sometimes we just have to venture farther to experience neat things. However, next year I think you will find us staying closer to our home base.

Mom and I surely were sorry to miss the July meeting, but we have heard so many good things about it that we feel like we were there. I thank all who took over my duties so I could take care of Mom. She is doing very well and ready for the fall activities. Her mobility might not be great but her spirits are still high.

I hope to see many of you at our fall activities.

Happy gardening! *Faith*

Memories of Grace and Charm under the Fiery Heat of a July Texas Sun



By Doana Fite, Hospitality



Becky Smith

The summer heat wasn't the only thing that made Mercer Arboretum such a wonderful place to be on July 10. Peggy Martin came from her home in Gonzales, Louisiana to present a program on Climbing Roses. Peggy is currently Vice President and Membership Chairman of the Heritage Rose Foundation. She has identified many lovely and hardy climbing roses that thrive in the heat and humidity of the South. Her presentation was beautiful and informative.

Peggy also gave a brief account of her survival of Hurricane Katrina and showed pictures of the devastation of her home, her husband's business, and her parent's home where they lost their lives. The pictures of

the keepsake survivor rose, now named for Peggy, were touching and uplifting to the spirit. Peggy's charm and grace are deeply underscored with her love of this special rose that speaks so eloquently of hope.

Peggy also invited all Texas Rose Rustlers to join her as members of the Heritage Rose Foundation. Their goal, like TRR, is to preserve heritage roses and promote their culture. The Foundation has a very nice glossy journal that is full of great photography and interesting information about heritage roses. Just one copy is worth the \$25 membership fee (\$20 for over 65), and the journal is published quarterly.

Contact Peggy at peggyrosemartin@catel.net or mail your name, address and a check to: Heritage Rose Foundation, P. O. Box 1719, Gonzales, LA 70707. You will be glad you did.



Peggy Martin

Did you know ---

Cuttings for the "Fried Chicken" Rose were offered at our Rookie Meeting. Bet you don't see many of those roses in the nursery. This rose was rustled from a home on Scarborough Street in Natchitoches, LA while the owner, who was more than happy to share his rose, continued to eat his fried chicken on the front porch. The rose is a repeat bloomer and has been growing successfully in Monty Townsend's garden (Pearland, Texas) for the past 3 years. The original rose has since been cut down.



Delightful Phyllis

By Faith Bickley

Ray Ponton has done it again – registered two more roses with the American Rose Society. These will be announced in the September/October ARS magazine.

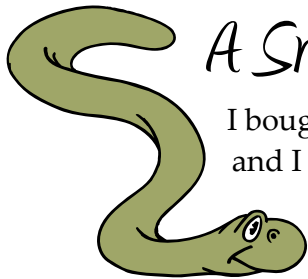
One of these roses is of particular interest to TRR as it is named Delightful Phyllis after our own Phyllis DeGelleke. The story of the naming of this rose goes back to last year when the Houston Chronicle was holding a contest to name one of Mike Shoup's new Pioneer Series roses. James and Barbara Buckley led a campaign to have that rose named Delightful Phyllis. Another very worthy woman won the contest. Then came Ray Ponton's suggestion that he register one of his new roses (then temporarily named Neon Moon) as Delightful Phyllis. Ray has given Mark Chamblee with Chamblee Roses a Delightful Phyllis to test. Mark was delighted with the description of it and said it might be his offering to replace Peace if his testing goes well.

So if you see a rose in the lotto labeled Delightful Phyllis, grab it and remember Phyllis when you see it bloom.



A Snake for all Seasons

By Doana Fite, Hospitality

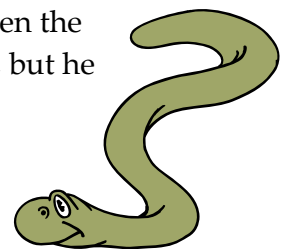


I bought a rubber snake for my garden. He is yellow with a few brown spots and I have decided he is masculine. He swells up when he gets wet. The wetter he gets, the more he grows. During the first months of summer his head got as big as a cobra, or what I think a cobra would look like. He reached about 3 ½ feet in length. The hotter and drier it gets, the more his body dries out and he begins to shrink.

My friend, Barbara, has plastic snakes in her garden for decoration. I decided that was a good idea and added a plastic snake near my walkway to remind me to always be careful. When friends visit my garden, they see him right away, and we discuss being careful as we walk and admire the roses.

My rubber snake has become quite a friend of the garden. He reminds me when the soil has dried out and its time to water. He also is a safety reminder of course, but he actually entertains me, because of his shrinking and growing activity.

Right now, he is smaller than when I bought him, so I think it is time to get outside in the 100 plus degree heat and water everything again before the plants shrink and shrivel like he has.



Mark your Calendars!

RoseDango 2010 – October 16-17

RoseDango 2010 is coming — If you received Faith's email on August 28, then you know that TRR and the Fall Cutting Exchange is a part of the RoseDango event. And that on Friday, October 15, TRR members will be given a personal tour at 2 pm of the National EarthKind Rose Trial Gardens in Farmers Branch by Dr. Steve George.

On Saturday, October 16, the official RoseDango activities will begin at the Rose Gardens of Farmer's Branch, Texas. There will be music, food, speakers, and blooms! And did I mention wine-tasting? Seminar times are still being established but the general time is from 9 am to 4 pm.

On Sunday, October 17, the festivities will begin at the beautiful Chambersville Heritage Gardens near McKinney with TRR having their annual fall cutting exchange. The exchange will include several demonstrations of different methods for propagating roses. We need volunteers for this. Please contact [Faith Bickley](#) to volunteer. This year's lotto promises to be fun with all RoseDango attendees



participating. Be sure and bring plenty of cuttings and lotto plants to share! (Again, times are not yet set, but Sunday's general time is from 10 am to 4 pm.)

In addition to all of this fun, there will be a Bloomin' Bluegrass Festival with two day of great music. You can hear the tunes at Farmers Branch Historical Park on Friday 5 pm to 10 pm and Saturday 12 noon to 10 pm.



What to bring:

- Lots of Cuttings
- Lots of Lotto Plants
- Supplies for taking home cuttings: water, Scott towels, markers, baggies, etc.

- TRR Name Tag
- Water, sunscreen, and all the essentials
- And of course, a smile and a laugh!

Where to sleep:

Faith Bickley has been kind enough to contact several area hotels for special rates.

- Comfort Suites in Addison for Friday night, October 15th, in the Farmers Branch area (972-503-6500, \$71 with 10% off for AAA or AARP, ask for the TRR rate as it may be less). Some may be going up Thursday and will stay there that night also.
- Comfort Suites in McKinney for Saturday night, October 16th (972-503-6500 \$89 with the same discount).

Of course, as always, you can stay wherever you wish. You will need to make your own reservations, and I would suggest you do it as soon as possible.

Need More Information:

The latest information, updated activities, times, maps, etcetera can be retrieved from the [Rose Dango Website](#) and the [TRR Website](#).

Calling All TRR Members — Make Plans for the 68th Annual Bulb and Plant Mart

TRR has been invited to participate in the Garden Club of Houston's Annual Bulb and Plant Mart. This will be our 1st year to participate! TRR will be working in the in the Rose Sale Section with roses provided by the Antique Rose Emporium.

The entire sale takes place on October 7, 8, and 9th. TRR will be involved on Thurs, October 7th and Friday, October 8th. **We are putting out a call for volunteers:** we need a morning crew of 4 and an afternoon crew of 4 for each day. The Garden Club has requested an informal talk at the rose booth at 10 am and 2 pm each day. TRR members will also be answering questions about roses and rose care.

The tentative schedule would have the morning workers there from 9-12 and the afternoon workers there from 12-3. If you are interested in working this sale please email [Faith Bickley](#). Becky Smith and Faith hope to work on Thursday, and Doana Fite and

Donna Martin are already scheduled for working on Friday. But we still need more.

Please consider volunteering, enjoy sharing your knowledge about roses and speaking with other plant enthusiasts, and then spend the other half of the day shopping for bulbs and plants!

Spreading the Word about Old Roses

Faith Bickley and Doana Fite will be representing TRR on October 26, 2010 at a special gathering of Bluebonnet Master Gardeners at the Antique Rose Emporium. The Bluebonnet Master Gardeners represent Austin, Colorado, Fayette, and Washington counties. In addition to Faith and Doana speaking about the Rose Rustlers, Mike Shoup will give a presentation on the best varieties of old garden roses. With ARE's Fall Festival of Roses beginning on November 11, the gardens should be in fine shape for this fun gathering.



A TRR Logo

Logo, what logo??? That's about the response Nancy Joslin, a volunteer with RoseDango received when she requested such an item for a RoseDango Flyer. We scrambled and created the logo that rests on the cover of this newsletter. It will serve its purpose for RoseDango, but I say it still needs tweaking. Faith says to order new T-shirts! That said, the logo will go through the proper channels with the TRR Board reviewing, changing, and approving an "official" logo at the January Board Meeting.

Okay Rose Rustlers — There's A Lot To Do!

- October 7, 8, 9: Volunteer to work at the TRR Booth at the Houston Bulb & Plant Mart
- October 15, 16, 17: Get your reservations in for RoseDango
- Volunteer for the Rose Propagation Demonstrations at RoseDango
- Check your Membership – Are your dues current? Need info: email the Membership Chair at trrmembership@texasroserustlers.com
- Check the TRR Website for new events and updates at <http://www.texasroserustlers.com>



Aunt Honey, a Buck Rose, is just one of the roses that will be mentioned during the Buck Rose portion of RoseDango

A Change in the Newsletter Editor

The TRR board wants to welcome Carolyn Stracik as our new newsletter editor. We appreciate so much her taking over for Jane Schnell. Jane, thanks for your good job while you were editor. It always amazes me how our members jump right in to help when the need appears. Carolyn will be letting you all know the deadline for each newsletter and welcomes your articles. You can send them to her at cstracik@warpspeed1.net.

A Call for Articles

As the new Old Texas Rose Editor, I am putting out a request to keep this newsletter in mind when you are gardening, visiting nurseries and rose & gardening events, or even walking a friend's yard. There are so many stories out there – take a picture and jot a note – and send it to me. This newsletter is yours and the content is yours – Enjoy! Thanks for the privilege – Carolyn

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