

Old Texas Rose

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Hello Fellow Rose Rustlers ---

Message from the Chair — Kathy Hyatt

Ah, Spring!!! One of the best times of year in Texas. My roses are starting to bloom beautifully and I'm enjoying other spring bloomers as well. Due to the strange weather, my azaleas were very delayed in blooming so I have a "first ever" in my garden, roses and azaleas blooming along with Confederate jasmine, day lilies, amaryllis and many others. It certainly makes for a colorful display.

Speaking of displays, I can't help but think what a treat it will be for the Rose Rustlers to enjoy the gorgeous gardens at the Antique Rose Emporium for the April 17th Spring Symposium. Mike Shoup has once again welcomed us and we look forward to touring the gardens and the back working areas. Of course, the nursery and gift shops are sure to beckon us to explore and find something we must take home. We also look forward to our speaker, Dr. William Welch, always a Rose Rustler favorite! Remember to pack a sack lunch; drinks and dessert will be graciously provided by the ARE. So come on out, bring a friend or two and have a great day at an incredible spot.



*Kathy Hyatt at the
TRR Fling with Felder*

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The word "incredible" also brings to mind a project taken on by one of our board members, Doana Fite. Doana is presently serving as one of our Hospitality Chairs.

She has been working with the Rutherford BH Yates Museum and members of the Mt. Carmel Missionary Baptist Church in Houston to put in a Prayer Garden on the site of the razed, historic church. Doana gathered volunteers from TRR as well as willing friends and family and had several hard days of creating something special from nothing. All are commended on their efforts in bringing a bit of beauty to an otherwise forlorn spot. Doana will have more to tell about the series of events that led to her being the leader for a most challenging project. Bravo to all involved!

One last thought before I end this message. Be sure to check the TRR website. Barbara Buckley does a wonderful job on keeping the website current and interesting. I also want to extend our deepest appreciation to Carolyn Stracik for her willingness and great effort with the newsletter. Without these two dedicated workers, we'd not be kept informed of all the wonderful things our members are doing out and about. They can always use interesting articles, photos, even some good recipes. See what you can contribute to help them out.

Hope to see you all at the Spring Symposium! *Kathy*

2011 TRR Spring Symposium —

By Becky Smith, Program Chair

Spring is here AND so it's time for TRR's Spring Symposium. This year we are "going home" to the [Antique Rose Emporium](#) in Independence where we are always graciously welcomed by Mike Shoup. We will be meeting on a Sunday (April 17th) as ARE has become quite the wedding spot on Saturdays in April.



The day will begin at 11:00 am with a "behind-the-scenes" tour at ARE. Mike himself will be showing us around and explaining his operation. We will assemble at the retail area and then progress wherever Mike leads us.

Bring a sack lunch to enjoy amid the roses. Mike will provide drinks and dessert.

At 2:00 pm Dr. Bill Welch will be speaking to us which is always a treat. We are hoping he will have copies of the new book that he has written with Greg Grant on heirloom gardening.

Since most of us are familiar with how to get to ARE, no maps will be provided. This year our Spring Symposium is a one day event, but there are plenty of things available nearby (not the least of which is riding around to see the spring wildflowers) if you choose to make a weekend of it.

And what would a TRR event be without Lotto!!! Be sure and bring some plants for exchanging – such fun!

We are looking forward to seeing all of you in Brenham.....*Becky*



Old News Is New Again!

The TRR is fortunate to have numerous old publications of *The Yellow Rose*. Published by the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society, these booklets contain a wealth of history and rose information. Becky Smith has been kind enough to mark articles that may be of particular interest to our members. With permission granted from the DAHRS, this 2nd article is chocked full of good information and is about the April TRR Symposium in 1992 – perfect timing for our upcoming event. Enjoy!!!!

Texas Rose Rustler Symposium 1992

Joe Woodard, Editor

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April is a hectic month for rose people in our area. When you belong to two or three different organizations the conflict of activities is compounded. The date for our annual spring picnic had been set for April 11 for over a year at the Jorgensen's.

The panic button squealed when we received the information that the Symposium had been set for the same date in Brenham followed by the "Country Gardens Day" the following day – a visit to five outstanding Antique Rose Gardens. After a review of activities scheduled, it was determined that there was no other open date that the picnic could be moved to. Marion Brandes had made firm commitments for space and speakers for the symposium. After considerable deliberation, it was decided to present the information on both activities to our membership and let them decide which

activity to participate in. This was agreed to at our meeting with the majority vote to continue the picnic schedule and those that preferred could attend the symposium.

Several members worked out car-pool arrangements for the symposium. Marion Brandes stressed that members should bring cut blooms for the rose exhibition. I spent a half-day cutting and labeling some 40 blooms. Other members responded in this area and we had 268 different specimens of old roses on the display table.

Peter Schaar and I left Dallas at 4:30 am. We arrived in Brenham, some 225 miles later, right on schedule at 8:30 am. Marion and Frances Brandes and Bobbie McKenna met us. Those who had roses went to work getting them in vases. The others found tasks setting up tables and chairs.

The Dallas area delegation consisted of Julie Vick and Carla McClendon, Alice Jumper, Joe Coulter, Peter and I all from Dallas; Belle and Lamond Steadman from Mesquite and Margaret Buxton from Richardson. (Carla McClendon and Joe Coulter are new members).

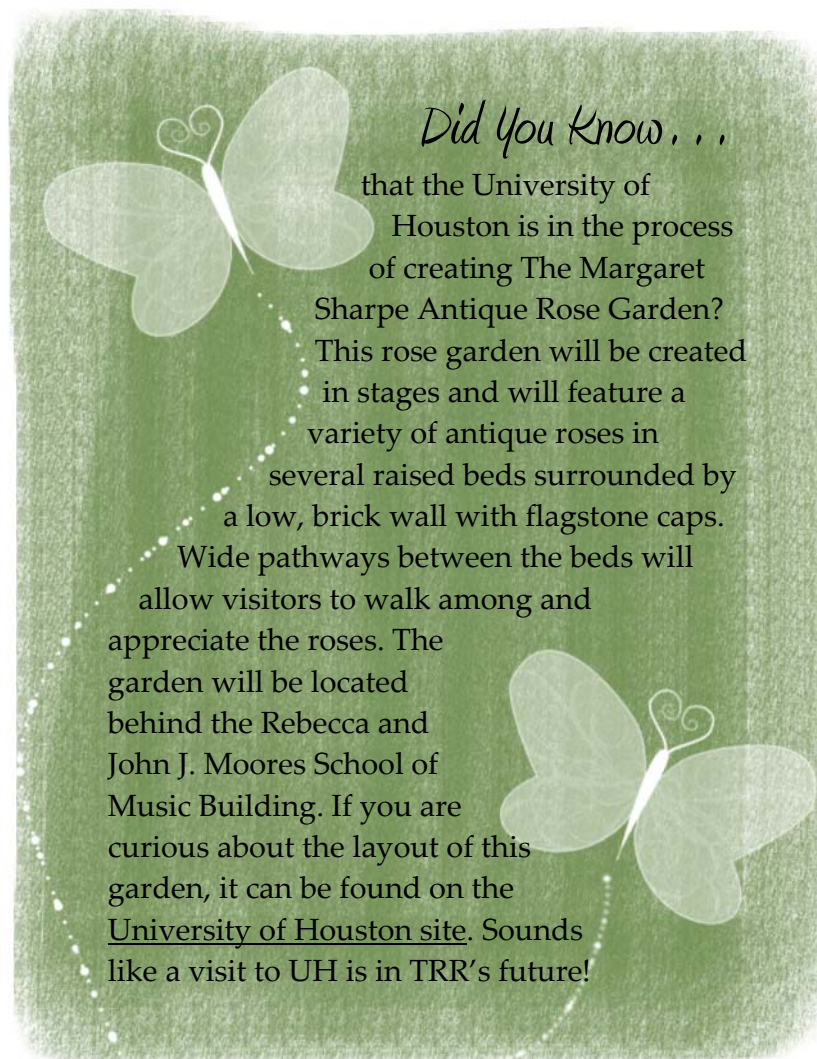


We joined other members Fred Boutine (Tuolumne, CA); Maurine Detweiler and her husband (New Orleans); Peter and Charlotte Haring (Shreveport); Liz Duit (Washington, TX); Jackie Fischer, Bobbie McKenna and Margaret Sharpe (Houston); and Mr. and Mrs. Amos Welder from Beeville.

Fred Boutine was the first speaker on "Collecting Old Roses in the California Gold Rush Country." Fred is a botanist and was responsible for the fabulous collection of old roses at the Huntington Botanical Gardens. Fred showed slides of old roses that he had collected all over California, New Mexico and Arizona (even Mexico). One of the roses that Fred rediscovered, researched, identified and returned to commerce was *Souvenir de Pierre Notting*, a 1902 Tea rose. I had a specimen of this variety on the table and



Souvenir de Pierre Notting
Photo Courtesy of Duckpond1 / Phyllis



as soon as Fred showed the slide of his, I knew that mine was misnamed. My specimen of this rose had been purchased from Tom Liggett, a grower from San Jose, CA. He thought mine might be *Prosperity*. I checked this out the next day at the Antique Rose Emporium and it did not match to my satisfaction. After his presentation, he reviewed some of the specimens on the table and discussed some with exhibitors. He found three more of mine that were improperly named: *Mignonette*, a polyantha that I had purchased from High Country Rosarium in 1983. This is a very prolific little rose that I have not been able to confirm. Fred thought that it might be

one of the seedling *Fairy* roses; however, I have never seen one of them that match my bush. The late Clyde Greer found an old rose growing in North Fort Worth that was believed to be *The Rose of Castile*, a synonym for Autumn Damask. Clyde gave me a cutting and my first bloom appeared in time for the show. Fred Boutine said "NO" and I saw the real Autumn Damask at the Peacable Kingdon School the next day. I had to agree that mine was



Rosa Roxburghii

Photo Courtesy of [Sakurai Midori, Wikimedia Commons](#)

incorrect. Four misnamed plants out of forty is not a good score but considering the number of new small nurserymen that I purchased roses from, the number rustled and the number exchanged with other members and friends that might not be a bad record. My fourth slip-up was a European rose that I found locally. It suckers freely with medium-green foliage with 5-leaflets and about 40 petals. The flower is a two-tone pink with a white base and yellow stamens. It does have a nice fragrance. The rose has underground runners that will pop up in another bed as far as 8 feet away. So far, it has

been a once bloomer. One of our members thought that it might be the Gallica *Anaïs Ségales* as pictured in Gwen Fagan's book, "*Roses at the Cape of Good Hope*." There was another rose in the display that was also labeled *Anaïs Ségales* that was more heavily petaled and about four shades darker. Back to ground zero! Activities such as this are helpful and educational in learning more about the old roses. Identification of old roses is a very complex process.

The next speaker was Liz Druitt, the coauthor of the recent book, *Landscaping with Roses*. The topic was "Roses en Route." Liz had a very interesting presentation on the source and method of transport for some of the old roses that found their way to this area. Before the Civil War, Thomas Affleck, a Scot nurseryman who had established a nursery at Natchez, Mississippi moved it to Gay Hill, Texas near the location of the Antique Rose Emporium. *Old Gay Hill Red China* was found in this area. During the last century the steam boat trade flourished on the Brazos River. One of our rustling expeditions was to West Columbia, Texas in 1982. We visited several old Victorian houses built by Steamboat Captains. This was where I first saw *Rosa Roxburghii*. Liz told us that during the eighteenth century, a rose introduced in Europe one year would be found in American gardens two years later. Transportation was by boat and steamboat.



Old Gay Hill Red China

Photo Courtesy of [Paul Zimmerman](#)

The last topic was "Floral Designs with Old Garden Roses" by David Simpson of the A&M Horticultural Design School. Prior to that program there was a drawing for eight beautiful 1-gallon container old roses. Joe Coulter was the only one from the Dallas area to bring home a rose.

Altogether over 100 were in attendance. I considered this to be one of the best symposiums since they started about 1982. Our thanks and appreciation to those who worked so hard putting the program together.

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Editor's Note: I will continue with Day 2 of this outing "TRR's Tour of Open Country Gardens" in our next edition.



Sighting Roses

By Faith Bickley

Are you like me and always snapping your head when a flash of color appears along the road? Of course occasionally this will be an oleander or a bougainvillea, but most of the time I am treated to a rose.

The next fun is trying to identify the rose from a distance. Knockouts are easy and aren't even glanced at by my friend, Becky Smith.

Right now, I am waiting for a rose to bloom across the street from my dentist that I noticed last fall. It was pink with blooms down the branches. Maybe Becky will be able to identify it.

My head always turns when I pass a cemetery, but unfortunately few roses are to be found where once there were many. My grandson and I found a yellow rose blooming in a cemetery in McKinney a while back. I got all set for a little rustling (of course I have all the supplies in the back of the van) when Phillip asked if this was lawful. I explained our rustling rules, but he soon announced that he would wait for me in the van.

I have been admiring two rose bushes often in full bloom under the Wharton Super 8 Motel's sign. I finally stopped and talked to the man at the registration desk. He looked at me strangely when I started to question him about the roses. He had no idea of their names, but beamed when he announced that he got them at Sam's Club.

Of course there are lots of rose sightings in public gardens, and it can be such fun to be with a bunch of TRR friends while the guessing progresses (no fair reading the labels first!). Roses found in other parts of the country (or world) are fascinating as we see ones that would never survive in our heat and humidity and also are surprised to find some of our favorites.

So enjoy, as I do, the unexpected treat of roses along your travels.....*Faith*

Save These Dates!!!

Becky Smith, Program Chair



April 17th, Sunday

TRR's annual Spring Symposium will be at the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham. For more info, please read Becky's article on page 2.



May 19th, Thursday

The Ft. Bend Master Gardeners, Sugar Land Garden Club, and the Texas Rose Rustlers are sponsoring a presentation by Andrea Wulf on May 19th, 2011 at the Sugar Land Community Center. Andrea is an award-winning author of three garden history books, including *"The Founding Gardeners. The Revolutionary Generation, Nature and the Shaping of the American Nation"* (published by Knopf on 29 March 2011) and *"The Brother Gardeners. Botany, Empire and the Birth of an Obsession"* (2009). The program will go from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm with a reception and book signing following from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. "The Founding Gardeners" and "The Brother Gardeners" will be available for purchase. Quantities are limited. The Sugarland Community Center is located on 226 Matlage Way in Sugar Land.



July 9th, Saturday

The annual Rookie Rustlers' Meeting will be at Mercer Arboretum again this year. Plans are still being formed, but the intention is to have a panel of early rustlers and also Doana Fite giving her PowerPoint program, "Who Are the Texas Rose Rustlers?"



October 22nd, Saturday (Tentative)

Our annual Cutting Exchange date and location is still being worked out at this time but will be in the general area of Houston.

We hope that you plan to join us and the fun we will be having. Keep checking the calendar on the TRR Website and future newsletters for even more information on all the meetings. **And don't forget to grow those lotto plants!!!**

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