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THE RUSTLE, 1984

This year when planning the Rustle, President Bill Welch instructed me that we were too many and too civilized to go out and pillage the countryside as had been our wont. We would just do our nursery tour, picnic, and afternoon lecture. Joe Woodard had requested the date, Sunday, November 4th. A few weeks before Buddy Harrison called and in a small voice asked we have a Rustle the Saturday before. I was overjoyed; you can't take the "rustle" out of old Texas Rustlers!

So Buddy, Joe and eleven other Dallas/Ft Worth folk drove down. Saturday afternoon we all convoyed off to loot in the Navasota environs. Jessie Mae Nelms gave us cuttings of Pam's Pink, that wily China as yet unnamed, and her huge yellow tea, discovered by Cleo Barnwell (who hopes it will prove to be Perle des Jardins, T, 1874). A rent house yard yielded both Cecile Brunner and Bloomfield Abundance, though I'm sure we couldn't help getting those cuttings mixed. Both were blooming and Joe showed us the fuller flowers and differing habit of BA.

Another rent house was vacant, but gave us the Cute Rose, named by Susan Urshel Schmidt for its dwarf China habit.

The by now famous Hole Rose was visited again, and after comparing it "side by side" I'm sure that it is Marie vanHoutte, T, 1871.

South of town Martha Gonzales tolerated us another year. We are assured her Tea is Mrs Dudley Cross, 1907, because of its lack of thorn. Cleo identified her small red China as "Dresden."

Another yard in this general area had something that looked like Champney's, plus a long-budded pink Tea, that I christened Helen for Mrs Woodard. One cutting holds tenuously to life in my mister!

The Rustlers, weary but unbowed, returned to my house where Missie fed us homemade hamburgers, and we caught up on lots of good rose gossip.

The morning of November 4th dawned about four hours too early for me, as people began arriving before I was all set up with lists, name tags, rose tags, etc. I was so glad to see some members I knew only by name -- now I can add the faces. I was completely undone to meet my favorite TV personality, Bill Adams, Harris County Extension Agent. Bill has long advocated Louisiana iris, Chinese veggies, and recently Texas red Maples, and now he has begun to recommend old roses. Among our officers present were Margaret Sharpe (VP), Sara J Derby (Sec), Conrad Tips (2nd VP), and Joe Woodard (Chmn Council).

Wr "headed up and moved out" for Independence about 10:00. I'll bet you-all thought you would never get there by my favorite short-cut. I told everyone that the La Bahia Trail was laid out by deLeon in 1690 -- of course, I didn't mention that few people had used it since! I did want everyone to admire those wonderful live oaks on that road.

Mike greeted everyone at the "blue office." Bill Welch met us there; he had just rolled in from a convention in San Antonio, and had had to bring the food from Bryan that morning. We romped around the growing field, especially the alphabetized 2 gallon roses until almost noon. We certainly had glorious weather, and I hope everyone got great photographs. Mike gave us each his Petite Scotch Pinkie as we left; it is a favorite of his, and comes from the Cape Fear region of Carolina, about 1750.

The Shoup Srs, Mike and Nancy (brave folk!), hosted us at their country place nearby where we dined on BBQ and the trimmings. (Mike Sr has an oil company in Houston.) We posed and had our "beauty struck" and then returned to Navasota for our lecture.

Many thanks to Brent Pemberton, Jean Williams of La Grange, and Buddy Harrison for their programs. I'm sorry the Episcopal Parish House

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was not set up well, but we hadn't expected so many -- nor everyone to stay for the program.

Next year I hope we can have a plant sale. Let's all work on rooting some of our favorites, and bringing them to sell or swap with each other -- not large or expensive plants, of course. This way we can all have practical souvenirs of our day.

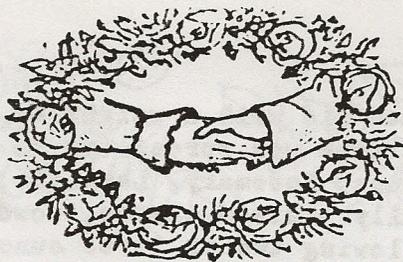
THE OLD TEXAS ROSE is published irregularly by the Brazos Symposium, more commonly called the Texas Rose Rustlers, for the area of Houston and Central Texas.

The Rustlers are about 125 members from this area who grow, but more importantly, collect the old garden roses which are a particular part of our heritage. With collection also comes the responsibility to preserve by distribution, and to identify, if possible. Old roses are beautiful gifts from the past to us and to the future.

Dues are \$5/yr for about four copies of The Old Texas Rose, other information sheets, and the yearly Great Rose Hunts, usually held in either November or December. Dues are payable to Corres. Sec. Miss Pamela A. Puryear, 708 Holland St, Navasota, TX 77868, phone 409 825 3220.

Other associations which replicate our purposes are the Dallas Rose Society's sub-group, Historical Roses of Dallas. Mr J W Harrison of Richardson is president, and Mr Joe M Woodard of 8636 Sans Souci Drive, Dallas 75238, is editor. Dues are \$10/yr to him for The Yellow Rose, published monthly.

On a national level, the Heritage Roses Group also acts as a clearing house of information on old garden and species roses. Our SouthCentral Co-ordinator is Ms Mitzi VanSant, 4806 Evans Avenue, Austin 78751. Dues are currently \$4/yr, and their journal is the Rose Letter, four times yearly.



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FEATURE ARTICLE. The lead article for this OTR is Conrad's study of that strange but great gardener, Vita Sackville-West. Part I covers her ancestry and early life; Conrad will conclude with her gardening achievements. The illustrations are of her garden at Sissinghurst Castle, Kent, from Peter Coats, Great Gardens of the Western World.

PUBLICITY. Has everyone noticed how much old roses have been in the news of late? My article on old-fashioned plants appeared in Leaf & Liesure in November. Texas Homes ran a fine piece on Mike Shoup Jr and the Antique Rose Emporium in January, beginning on page 35. Bill Adams certainly has faithfully mentioned old roses in his newspaper articles. December's Flower and Garden also mentioned Mike. The American Rose Magazine ran Mike's article "Old Roses As Landscape Plants," with Dr Welch's address (How did they manage that???) The Houston Chronicle's "Lifestyles" also did Mike & Co proud with a color spread, mind you! (Dec 11, Sec 6).

Upcoming is the January Nieman-Marcus catalogue, and an article by new member Sally Squires in May/April Houston Home & Garden. I don't know if Texas Gardener will take the bit I wrote on my old rose collecting memoirs. If so, it would probably be out by June, 1985. Don't worry; I don't name names -- or, at least, not many!

A MUST TO DO. Why hasn't everyone subscribed to Buddy and Joe's The Yellow Rose???. It's WON-DER-FUL, \$10/yr or \$1/ea. Write Joe Woodard at 8636 Sans Souci Dr, Dallas 75238. I must know who won the "I'm Just a Willow Water Widow" country song-writing contest!

NEW MEMBERS. Speaking of willow water, if you are a new member, you recieved in early January a sheet on how to root rose cuttings. The sheets are available to everyone for the postage, so send a big SSAE for as many as you want.

OLD-TIMEY IRIS. Friend Bill Hunt from Raleigh, NC, an old rose lover and Founding Father of the Southern Garden History Society, identifies our old "white flags" as Iris X albicans, a native of Yemen. No wonder they don't mind our Texas heat!

DISCOVERIES. For all you old old rosers, we think we have finally named a few of the stars of previous Rustles!

STUDY NAME	SOURCE	REAL NAME
West Emma	Emma Renz, Brenham	Etoile de Lyon T 1871
The Hole Rose	near rr, Navasota	Marie vanHoutte T 1871
Caldwell Mini Pink	re Bill Welch	Mignonette P 1880
Dillard	re Pat Harrison	Climbing Clothilde Soupert P ?
Eloise Adams	re Tom Adams	Clothilde Soupert P 1890
White Carl/Brenham Wh	Mrs Carl Meyer, Bren	Krönprincessin Viktoria B 1887 (wh sport of Malmaison)
Giddings Pink Cup	re Tom Adams?	Hermosa Ch 1840
Josephine	J Kennedy, LA	Nestor G 1846 ??
Andrea	Andrea Abad, Nava	Mrs Dudley Cross T 1907
Dwarf Red China	Martha Gonzales, Nava	Dresden ND