

Old Texas Rose

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Greetings Fellow Rose Rustlers ---

Message from the Chair — Kathy Hyatt

After an unusually long winter, the weather has finally moderated. I've recently enjoyed the signs of spring from my kitchen window. Bluebirds, mockingbirds, chickadees, and cardinals, to name a few, have been pairing up and gathering nest materials. A clever squirrel discovered an old pillow on an outside bench in a corner of my yard and decided to remove the fiberfill material to use in its



Spring Buds on Found Rose "Grandmother's Hat"

Photo Courtesy of Christina at organicgardendreams.com

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nest high in a pine tree. Even the hummingbirds have resumed their mid-air antics, dive bombing each other or me if I approach one of the feeders. Ahh, Spring, gotta love it!!!

Working in a garden center, I frequently hear customers lamenting the loss of plants due to the freezes we experienced. I know that while my spring garden may look a bit sparse, the majority of my plants came through without substantial damage and even those knocked back to the ground are coming up from the roots. As always, the roses thrived on the cold and came through without a problem. I often suggest roses for those customers who have lost shrubs in their landscapes. Time and again I hear "I don't want roses, they are too hard to grow". The impression

remains that roses are finicky plants ill-suited to most garden spaces. And if a rose is suggested, the nearly universal thought is it must be a Knockout rose that I'm talking about. I have worked on educating many people about the wonders of the old garden roses and have seen some very positive results. I think education should be a focus for our group as the days of true rustling are behind us. The revamped website has done a lot to attract people who search the web for information and is one aspect of educating the public. I know many of you also do speaking engagements on behalf of TRR which also helps spread the word. Several TRR board members have worked to create a booth display that can be used at events if we are asked to participate. We will be using it for the first time at RoseDango. I hope many of you will come to our Spring meeting and enjoy the festivities while promoting the joys of growing old garden roses. It promises to be a wonderful weekend so come and "smell the roses"!!!Kathy

Saying Goodbye and Saying Hello



We count on our volunteers, and they don't disappoint us! We've had a few changes in our committee chairs. Flora Tiedt is stepping down as Treasurer/Membership. We thank her for a wonderful job. I don't think our monies and membership list have ever been in better order. Arnold Knoche has volunteered to take on the duties of this role. Flora and Arnold will work together this April during the transition. Welcome aboard Arnold!

And, with her upcoming move, Faith Bickley has also resigned as Secretary. We thank her for her contribution to the Texas Rose Rustlers. Steve Spear has already stepped into this new role and, if I'm not mistaking, is already fielding emails, etc. Welcome aboard Steve!

As Editor, I am going to exercise my rights and still use my little Flora girl for selling Tee's and other miscellaneous tasks!

Mark Your Calendars: Thursday, April 10 --

"Hybridizing - A Simple Experiment for the Garden Owner" by Houston Rose Society President Mary Fulgham, 7:30 pm, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1819 Heights Blvd. Free Houston Rose Society event.

www.houstonrose.org or Facebook.



Bring your best blooms, lotto plants and join us for our
TRR 2014 Spring Symposium at

RoseDango — A Celebration of Blooms

May 3, from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm

Chambersville, Texas

by Audrey McMurray, Program Chairman

A heartfelt Thank You! to Pam Smith, Landscape Manager of The Rose Gardens of Farmers Branch; Claude Graves, Curator of the World Heritage Gardens in Chambersville; and Dean and Carol Oswald, owners of



the Chambersville Tree Farm, for graciously offering the Texas Rose Rustlers a place in **RoseDango – A Celebration of Blooms** again this year. As in the past, the event will be held at the Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden, and will include a winning schedule of speakers and activities.

Especially exciting will be the dedication of a new addition to the rose garden, the Anne Belovich Rambler Garden. Mrs. Belovich, a very special rosarian from western Washington state, is donating her collection of rare and unusual rambling roses to the Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden. See below for a list of events, times, and a list of speakers.

TRR members who are able to stay the entire weekend are also invited to two private parties and a tour of the Dallas Arboretum (denoted by the asterisks). Admission to RoseDango is free but we are asked to register and reserve meals at www.rosedango.com. Participants who do so before April 30th will be able to purchase lunch and dinner at a reduced rate. If you need help registering, Steve Spears, our TRR Secretary, can help you with that. You can contact him either mail, 5913 Paloma Ln, Needville, TX 77461; email, steves223@yahoo.com, or phone, (281) 455-9689.



We will, of course, have our usual rose lotto and will revive our TRR Spring bloom display. Please bring your most beautiful blooms to show, including ones that you would like identified. All extra vases will be appreciated. Chambersville Tree Farm is a rose nursery and so for this event only, we will limit our plant lotto to paid TRR members.

If you are interested in staying at the [Galleria Sheraton](#), ten minutes from the Farmers Branch rose garden, there is a block of 25 rooms we are invited to use, reserved under the name "RoseDango". Get your reservation in early - the 18th is the deadline for these rates! The hotel is rate is \$79/night, a \$20 savings.



2014 TRR Spring Symposium Itinerary

***Friday, May 2** If you plan on arriving this day, **PLEASE** let Steve Spears know so we can get an accurate headcount for dinner

Before 5 pm Set up TRR area at site of RoseDango – all help appreciated

5:00-7:00 pm Opening Reception at the home of Claude & Pamela Graves, 2204 Canyon Creek Plaza, Richardson, TX 75080-2526 Ph: 972-234-5184

7:00 pm - ? We're on our own for dinner...we can vote on the best choices!

Saturday, May 3

8:00 am Gates & Rose Sales Open

9:00-9:10 am Opening Remarks by Steven Scanniello, President of the Heritage Rose Foundation, New Jersey

9:10-10:00 am Pamela Greenewald, owner of Angel Gardens in Alacha, Florida:
Growing Roses Organically

10:00-10:50 am Anne Belovich, collector of rare rambling roses: *Rambling On and On*

11:00-11:30 am Dedication of The Anne Belovich Rambler Garden

11:30-2:00 pm

Lunch Break - Box Lunch available (\$5.00 with registration, \$6.00 day of event). We can relax with our bloom display, vote on our favorite blooms, visit the vendors, interact with participants, and tour the gardens.



1 pm

Audrey McMurray will give a rooting demonstration.

2:00-2:50 pm

Dr. Bill Welch, one of our own paterfamilias rosarum: *Heirloom Plants and Gardens for the South*

3:00-3:50pm

Chris Wiesinger, owner of Southern Bulbs Company, Golden, TX: *The Adventures of a Bulb Hunter*

4:00pm

Wine and Roses

5:00-8:00pm

Mexican Dinner, (\$15.00 with registration, \$20.00 day of event), then gates close

***Sunday, May 4** If you plan on staying until today, **PLEASE** let Steve Spears know so we can get an accurate headcount for breakfast

8:00-9:30 am

Breakfast at the home of Pam Smith in Farmers Branch

10:00-11:30 am

Garden Tour of The Rose Gardens of Farmers Branch

11:30 am-noon

Travel to Dallas Arboretum (private car or maybe bus)

**Noon-2:30 pm**

Self-Guided Tour of Dallas Arboretum, food available in the gardens

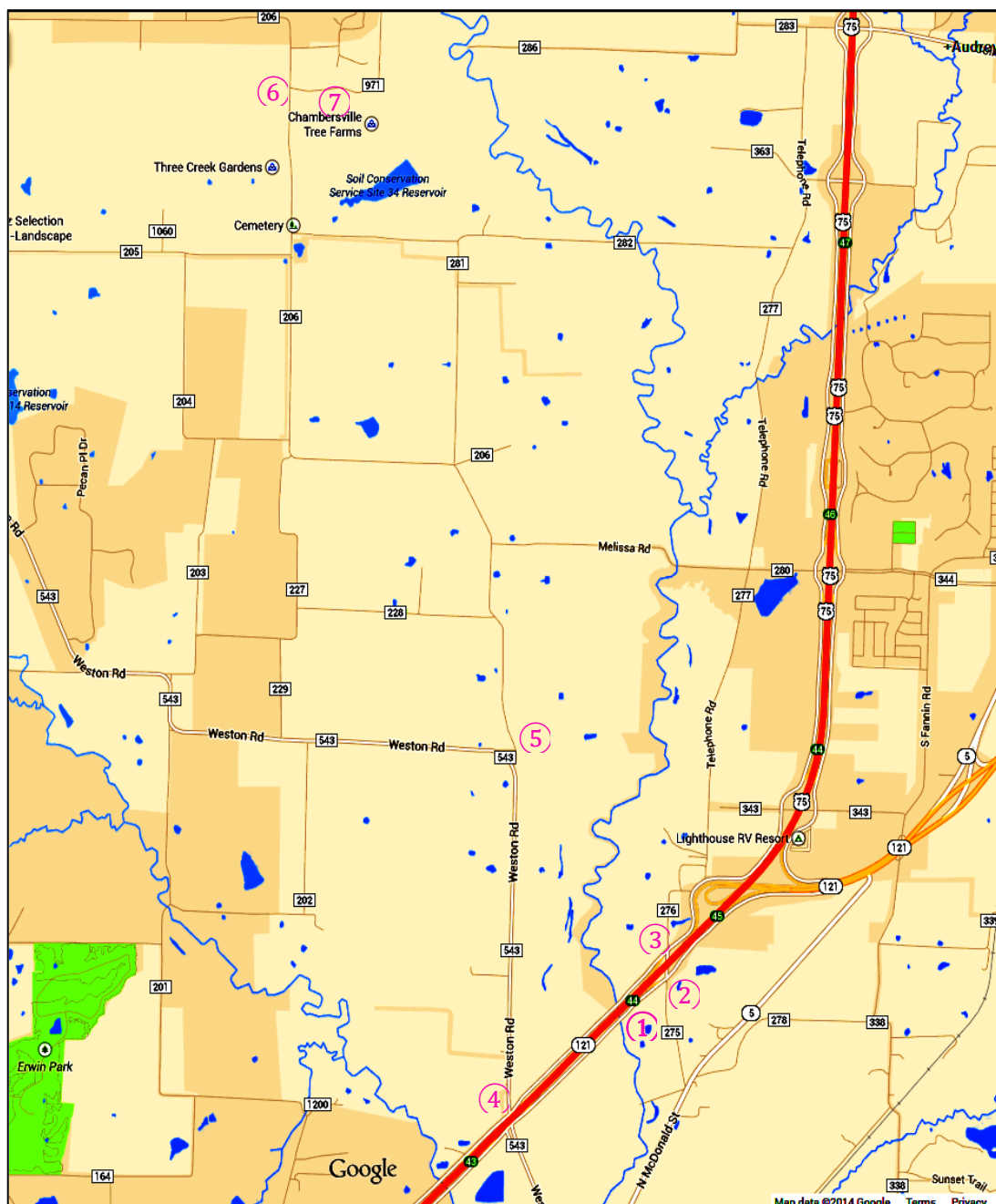
2:30-3:00 pm Bus returns to Farmers Branch or leave for home

I have prepared a Google Map, [TRR Google Map](#), with landmarks and locations needed for the fun weekend, in addition to instructions on the next page.



Directions to RoseDango – modified 3-31-14. There is quite a bit of construction going on around I-75 north of Dallas. These directions will be updated closer to the date of the event, please check the TRR website.

Take 75 North to exit 44. ① This exit currently does not have a sign except for an electronic board flashing: “Keep Right FM 543 Weston Rd”. Turn left at the bridge/stop sign ② and left again at stop sign over bridge. ③ Head south on the service road for 1 mile, make sure you do not enter the ramp to get back on 75. At stop sign turn right onto 543. ④ Go about 1 mile and turn right on 206. ⑤ Go 3.5 miles and turn right on 971. ⑥ Entrance to RoseDango will be on the right. It is the entrance to the Chandler Gardens. ⑦ Follow the signs to the parking area.



New Orleans & Roses

A collection of articles & photos from a recent trip

Thanks Extended to TRR



Faith Bickley

In March Becky Smith and I had an opportunity to speak about the history of TRR for the New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society. What a welcoming and knowledgeable group they are! They asked us to extend their thanks for the roses and companion plants that we sent to them after Hurricane Katrina (thanks go to Sandra and Michael Smith for transporting these). Peggy Martin also commented on how grateful they were to the early rustlers for rescuing so many roses from obscurity. I will be writing a couple articles about this trip so that all of you can partake in the experiences we had in New Orleans.

The Armstrong Rose Garden



Faith Bickley

On one side of the Louis Armstrong Park in New Orleans is a gem of a rose garden with old gardens roses thriving. Leo Watermeier, with the help of the New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society (NOOGRS), has assembled a remarkable group of old roses. Although Becky and I do not classify ourselves in any way as rose experts, we were amazed at how many of the roses were new to us. These roses have been given plenty of room and are showing their appreciation of that and the care that Leo and friends have given them. I can just imagine how spectacular they are in full bloom.

The NOOGRS propagating committee uses cuttings from these and from members' roses to root all the roses they sell at an annual sale which provides the funds for their speakers. Wouldn't it be wonderful if a group of interested TRR members could go help with the spring pruning sometime and maybe bring home a few cuttings so we can add some new blood to our gardens??!!

Becky and I thank Leo for taking us through the garden and Peggy Martin and Marilyn Ganier for taking us there. New Orleans has much to be proud of with this rose garden!



TRR Members Becky Smith & Faith Bickley, current NOOGRS president Peggy Martin, and former NOOGRS president Margaret Ganier

The Presentation



Faith Bickley presented Becky Smith's Power Point, *The Story of the Texas Rose Rustlers*. It was a wonderful presentation that was well received by the New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society.

The Roses of Armstrong Park



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Louis Armstrong Park is home to one of the largest and most beautiful collections of old roses in this country. It features varieties that do best in the warm humid climate of New Orleans - Teas, Chinas, Noisettes, Tea-Noisettes, and Bourbons. There are presently about 175 different roses. With 8 new Tea roses being added this winter.

Located just across the street from the French Quarter on N. Rampart, the garden was established in 1992 through the efforts of Leo Watermeier, who was then park manager, the New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society (NOOGRS), and the Department of Parks and Parkways. Maureen Detweiler created the original garden design. The goal was to beautify the park while preserving these mostly forgotten roses. Donation came from members and famous rose nurseries.



The roses are integrated into the park's landscaping rather than set in a separate rose garden. Roses are grown individually about 14 feet apart. These plants are mulched with chips from the City's tree trimming crews. After the first year they are no longer watered. Spraying and fertilizing are seldom provided.

The roses bloom through most of the year with peak spring bloom in March

and April, and peak fall bloom is October through early December. Winter pruning is done between Christmas and Valentine's Day. In late August they are given a lighter pruning to promote the fall bloom. The roses are maintained entirely by volunteers, including Leo, who serves as the garden's curator and is at garden 8-12 on Sundays.

Historically, hurricane weather has damaged this garden several times. In August 2005, the winds and flooding of Hurricane Katrina killed about a dozen roses. After each hurricane setback, the roses were quickly replanted and today, like the city itself, the rose garden has come back even better.

The garden is receiving greater recognition. In June, 2010, three of the co-authors of the Australian book "Tea Roses - Old Roses for Warm Gardens" visited New Orleans during a book signing tour of the United States and Europe. One author later wrote that the visit to the park was "the high point in a tour that had many the roses grown exactly as they should be - with room to grow to their full potential and show the world what wonderful, healthy garden specimens they can be".

In 2012, The Vieux Carre Commission presented both the NOOGRS and Leo Watermeier with a Certificate of Recognition for Beautification for outstanding work at the rose garden.



Spread information about this important collection of rare and historic roses to attract park visitors and inspire them to plant old roses in their own gardens. The garden is open 7 days a week from 8am until dark. For more information, contact Leo Watermeier at (504) 529-2367 or leowatermeier@cox.net.

Photos Courtesy of Leo Watermeier



There are several long sleeve tee-shirts that are being reduced from \$14.00 to \$10.00 until April 30th.

The green shirt is available in small and medium sizes. The blue shirt is available in medium and large sizes. Please contact Flora/Arnold at thetexasroserustlers@gmail.com for ordering information.

Shirts Reduced to Sell

Welcome New Members!

Melanie and Kenneth Welch,
College Station, Texas;

Gwen Hattaway,
Wellborn, Texas; and

Maureen Detweiler,
New Orleans, Louisiana.

*We look forward to
meeting you at TRR events.*



The Website Peek —

NAVASOTA LANDMARK ...

*The house that Jesse Youens Built
by Leon Hale, The Houston Post,
Saturday, February 20, 1982*

In Navasota I turned off Highway 6 and drove out past the First Methodist Church on Holland Street and made a call on Laura and Pamela Puryear.

They live in a big white house that's more than a century old and has a historical marker on the front. But I like it anyhow. I mean it's a place you can go in and feel comfortable...

Want to read a little more?

Go to: <http://www.texasroserustlers.com/rustler-wisdom/founding-members/insights-of-pamela-puryear/>

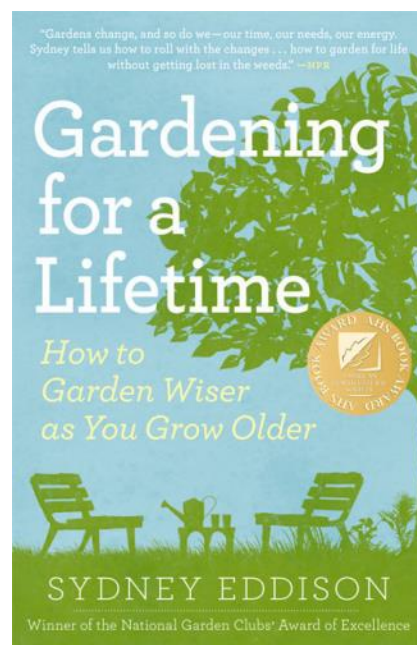
Select the 14th bullet. *ENJOY!*



**BOOK
REVIEW***Gardening for a Lifetime**by Sydney Eddison**Reviewed by Gean Ann Nelson**As seen in January 2014 issue of ARS & You, Mary Hertz, Editor*

Nature and our own lives teach that perfect moments, in or out of a garden, are both rare and fleeting. Everything changes in both our gardens and our lives as the seasons quickly spin through time. We learn that we cannot still the passing years and one day we may awake to find that our garden has become a reality far greater than our aging hands and body can manage. What then?

Gardening for a Lifetime is Sydney Eddison's honest and wise answer to her own such garden dilemma. After the death of her husband, Martin, she chose to stay in her beloved Connecticut home and garden which was created over five decades and held a life time of memories. This decision to stay despite decreasing energy, limited income and numerous large garden areas required many changes in how the author gardened and in her plantings. Many beloved but high-maintenance plants were replaced, and she tells us both clearly and poignantly of the decisions faced and the answers chosen.



Sydney relates changes in herself as she learns to be more methodical in handling garden tasks and in dealing with those tasks that had previously been Martin's. She admits to being a perfectionist whose high standards were no longer attainable, given her limited strength and garden help. Some unplanned losses were mourned, but brought unexpected benefits to her garden. Over time Sydney finds that her garden had improved and yet remained a place of safety and comfort despite less-stringent standards of care and many changes.

The book includes stories of others in Sydney's circle of friends who faced similar problems but who chose differently. In her clear and gentle writing style, the author explores other, less traditional ways to build a garden, ending each chapter with a distillation of her main points, reinforcing hard-earned lessons and garden knowledge.

Sydney's perspective over many years of gardening and her age reminds us that life and gardens are perfect only briefly, if ever. And while her choices will not fit everyone, the lessons and stories will be helpful for anyone concerned about gardening with an aging body. *Gardening for a Lifetime* swept me gently into Sydney's life and garden, and I was by turns emotionally touched and educated. Reading this book is like sitting at the feet of a wise and experienced gardener. Who would scorn such an opportunity?

A Good Member



As many of you know, Faith Bickley is leaving Texas and heading for Pennsylvania - where her daughter, son-in-law, and five grandchildren are very eager to have her. Faith has been a valuable TRR member, serving with her Mom, Phyllis, as the first Hospitality Chairmen; then Chairman; and then Secretary. She enjoyed these responsibilities and did them very well. I know from listening to her how dear she holds the friendships that she has gained through this group of rose lovers. She will continue to be a member of TRR. Enjoy the snapshots shared by friends and family.

A Gardener's Guide to Kordes Roses

by Gaye Hammond, MR, Houston Rose Society

The German family-owned, W. Kordes Sohne (Kordes), is one of the oldest rose breeding companies in the world. They are responsible for some of the best-loved garden roses in this country, including: 'Iceberg', 'Blue Girl', 'Crimson Glory', 'Westerland', 'Sunsprite' and 'Dortmund'. These roses are still commercially available up to 70 years after introduction.

In the 1980s, Kordes' breeding department began focusing their breeding operations toward greater sustainability of garden roses with increased disease and pest resistance. Today's modern Kordes roses are grown without any applications of chemicals. Kordes roses come to us through NewFlora, LLC. NewFlora is the licensed distributor of Kordes roses in North America.

Kordes has not only been an innovative leader in breeding for disease resistance, they are also concentrating their efforts to develop rose collections for specific landscape and other uses. These developmental innovations allow the consumers to readily identify roses appropriate for their specific needs and space allowances.

I have to admit, when I visited the NewFlora's Oregon trial fields, I was almost overwhelmed. How in the world out of that sea of roses could they possibly pick the next additions to the various collections? Chris Pellett of NewFlora explained, "We watch these plants for years and years. We want to make sure that the roses we choose for our collections live up to the high standards that we set for those collections and will be a compliment to the other roses in the collections."



Climbing Rose Dortmund ®, 1955



Cream Veranda®, 2007

This article discusses the great diversity of uses for Kordes roses and the Kordes "collections" where those types of roses can be found.

Veranda® Roses. Roses in the Veranda collection were designed for gardeners with limited space. They are usually heavily petaled floribunda roses and are typically 2 to 3 feet tall and wide. They are perfect for small gardens and excellent choices for containers.

Balconia® Roses. Roses in the Balconia collection are low-growing, spreading and vigorous which makes them perfect for planters and hanging baskets. Blooms are formed in clusters and repeat throughout the growing season. The roses in this collection have a “trailing” habit when planted in a container.



Hot Pink Balconia®



*Cinderella & Caramel Fairy Tales®
Photos Courtesy of Brad Jalbert's Select
Roses, <http://www.selectroses.ca/>*

reminiscent of English roses, with cupped, quartered, rosette, flat and

cabbage bloom forms. They are robust shrub roses with an upright habit. Roses in the collection can be from 3 to 6 feet tall and 3 to 4 feet wide, depending on variety.

Vigorosa® Roses. Roses in the Vigorosa collection are low-growing ground cover types. They are very vigorous. Some varieties hug the ground, others may be horizontal-growing varieties that get no more than 2 feet tall. Some roses in the Vigorosa collection do well grown in containers as well as mass plantings in the landscape. To date, all of the roses in the Vigorosa collection are recipients of Germany's ADR (Allgemeine Deutsche Rosenneu-heitenprüfung)

decoration – the highest and most prestigious award available to roses in that country.

Kolorscape® Roses.

Roses in the Kolorscape collection are compact mounded shrub roses with stunning flower power. Almost all of the roses in the Kolorscape collection are self-cleaning (meaning they drop the spent blooms and create new flowers without dead-heading). The average size of roses in this collection is 3 feet tall / wide.



Sweet Vigorosa®

Photo Courtesy of Brad Jalbert's Select Roses, <http://www.selectroses.ca/>

*Amadeus®, 2003*

Kordana® Roses. If you've walked past the florist section at your local grocery store, chances are you have seen Kordana Roses. These are miniature roses bred for a long bloom period and big flowers on a small plant. The Kordana or "pot roses" (as Kordes calls them) are grown for controlled greenhouse production. They can be grown in containers on a bright patio.

Other Garden Roses. While the above are some of Kordes' named collections, the company continues to develop great disease

Climbing Max™. As you might imagine, roses in this collection are climbing varieties. They are large-flowered roses blooming in cluster or large trusses.

Freelander® Roses. Not only does Kordes develop roses for landscape and container applications, they are a leader in commercial outdoor-grown cut roses. Roses in the Freelander collection typically have long stems, abundant flowers and a long vase life as a cut flower.

*Fantasia Mondiale Freelander®, 2000**Solero Kordana®*

resistant hybrid tea, floribunda and shrub roses of all sizes and bloom forms.

Editor's Note: This article appeared in the December 2013 issue of the Rose-Ette, newsletter of the Houston Rose Society, Maria Trevino, Editor and is used with permission.

These following sites are well worth visiting for additional information on Kordes Roses.

<http://www.kordes-rosen.com/>

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wilhelm_Kordes
(includes a sortable list of Kordes Roses)

2014 TRR Meetings — Save These Dates!!!

Audrey McMurray, Program Chair

May 2-4 Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Spring Meeting at RoseDango, A Celebration of Blooms

- Saturday, May 3, from 8 am – 8 pm. Registration free, but requested. (See details on pages 2-4).
- Special events on Friday, May 2 and Sunday, May 4 for TRR members who are coming for the weekend.
- TRR Members Only Lotto

July 19, Saturday

Summer Meeting at Mercer Arboretum 10 am, Visitor Center

- “Innovative Summer Ideas” Rustlers’ own methods for helping gardens and cuttings thrive in spite of heat and drought. Featured speaker is arborist and certified native plant specialist, Russell Johnson of Gone Native Texas.
- If you have developed a good idea that has saved you time, water, or labor, please consider sharing with the group after the presentations.
- Lotto, Pot Luck Lunch

Date to be Announced

Fall 2014 Cutting Exchange, Brookwood Community, Brookwood, TX

- This cutting exchange and tour of the greenhouses will be timed to coordinate with Brookwood's Fall plant sale. This is a loving and spiritual community of adults with special needs. Learning nursery skills is one of the types of job training residents are offered. The results are marvelous.
- Exact date will be published in the future.

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