



Old Texas Rose

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Greetings Fellow Rose Rustlers ---

Message from the Chair — Kathy Hyatt

Summer is most definitely here, never mind what the calendar says about the official start of the season. Kids are out of school, the temperatures are in the 90's and the humidity about the same. To try to cope with the oppressive heat and humidity, day-to-day gardening tasks are relegated to early morning or early evening. Unfortunately, these are also the times that mosquitoes are most active...just another challenge for the dedicated gardener. I seem to be less enthusiastic about facing those challenges



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the older I get. I'm now looking at my gardens with an eye to what I can do to make them more self-sufficient. Having finally gotten a new sprinkler system installed should help immensely...dragging hoses and carrying watering cans is not what I want to do in the heat of summer! I've also found a few interesting ground covers that virtually eliminate weeds in some of my beds. Snake herb, anyone??? Of course, the plants I now grow are hardy by nature...I have no use for a wimpy plant that is needy! I'm using a lot more natives and drought tolerant plants with my precious roses. Even with the roses, I'm getting hardened and will shovel prune any that can't hold their own. I guess this is the way life

evolves for many gardeners. As a newbie gardener, I dreamed big and planted almost every available space. If a new plant appeared, I had to have it. I spent hours planning the garden, working with hardscapes and garden art as well as varied plant materials. I tried hard to make my gardens my heaven on earth. It was a source of pride when others visited and raved about how marvelous it all looked. Life changes and with it new realities emerge. My gardens are much different now, much smaller, not as well-kept and not on any garden tours for sure. They still give me a sense of peace and delight that nothing else matches. I enjoy sitting and watching the insects and birds that appreciate the area I've created. The sounds of the gardens and all the wonderful scents are things I take time to savor. Guess I've finally stopped to smell the roses. I hope you do the same!

I want to thank everyone for the patience you've shown during my time as TRR chairman. As of this July I will be stepping down and handing the reins off to another Rustler. Audrey McMurray has graciously agreed to have her name put on the ballot for this position. As many of you remember, she held the office of TRR chairman for a number of years. I know

she would be an excellent leader for the group. In addition, Gladys Cronquist has agreed to be on our ballot for Program Chair. I thank you all and hope to see you at the July meeting at Mercer Arboretum. Until then, stay cool and remember to "smell the roses"..... Kathy



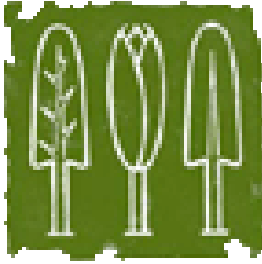
Newsletter Editor Needed

The Texas Rose Rustlers has an immediate need for a volunteer to serve as Editor of the *Old Texas Rose*, the newsletter of the Texas Rose Rustlers.

Job description:

- Edit and layout articles for the four quarterly issues of the Old Texas Rose. Presently this work is done using Microsoft's Word application, but that can be changed if desired.
- You aren't usually required to write articles for it unless you wish to do so. Our board members do an excellent job of supplying you with information, articles, and photos.
- You are free to be creative, add your own artwork, photos, and ideas.
- Proofing is provided by a member of TRR – a second set of eyes never hurts!

Carolyn, the current editor, will be glad to work with you on the production of the next issue which is due September 20.



2014 TRR Summer Meeting

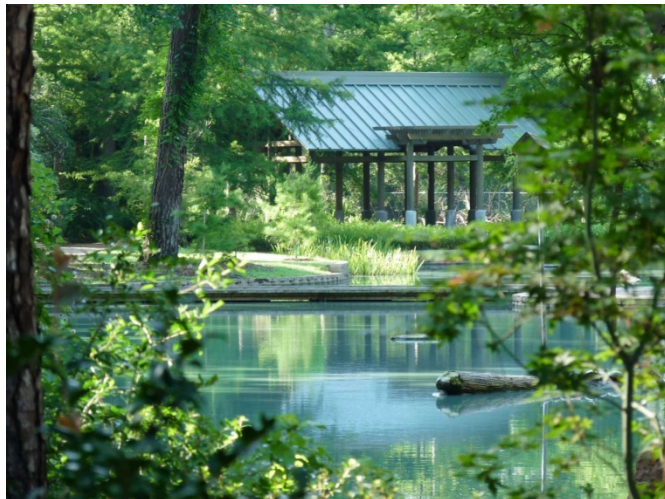
Mercer Arboretum

Saturday, July 19, 10 am - 3 pm

We will have a busy meeting this summer. It is an even year, which means Rustlers have TRR business to conduct before we begin our regular program, including nominations and voting for our open positions. If you are inviting a guest who will arrive separately, you might let them know they have an extra 20 minutes to get to Mercer.

Our summer meeting will be all about sharing good ideas to help our roses get through the sweltering heat.

First on our list is our featured speaker, arborist and certified native plant specialist, Russell Johnson of Gone Native Texas, who will teach us how to use our air conditioner's condensation water in our gardens.



Then for new Rustlers, we'll explain Ray Ponton's misting box and Robert Stiba's clay pot-in-a-clay-pot techniques of rooting rose cuttings.

John McMurray will explain the McMurray's method of shunting water from the washing machine, a low-tech greywater system for those who live in areas that permit this.

And if there is time, we'd love to hand the microphone to other Rustlers who have discovered their own way of

dealing with drought. If you have a great idea that you'd be willing to share with the rest of us, speak up! Think of it as a Rustler karaoke night, only you don't have to sing! (Unless you want to put it in verse and bring a guitar?)

Of course, we will have LOTTO drawings in-between presentations and a pot-luck lunch. So bring your favorite dish and any plants you've been nurturing for this summer meeting. It's so much fun to see how newcomers smile when they get to pick out something fun.

SAVING A ROSE BREEDERS' EXCELLENT WORK!

By Molly Buenrostro

Fellow Rose Rustler, Ray Ponton, has bred many beautiful, desirable roses that other members would love to have in their garden. It would be a fitting tribute to Ray's hard work for us to make a concerted effort to share his roses to ensure that they will always be available to those of us who love beautiful roses. Anyone willing to share cuttings of his roses would be doing a real service to keeping his hard work visible and appreciated.



Colours by Ray Ponton, Photo Courtesy Becky Smith

The Website Peek —

On the Trail with Texas Rose Rustlers ...

*A conspiracy of enthusiasts rounds
up the roses of yesteryear*

by Thomas Christopher, August 1987

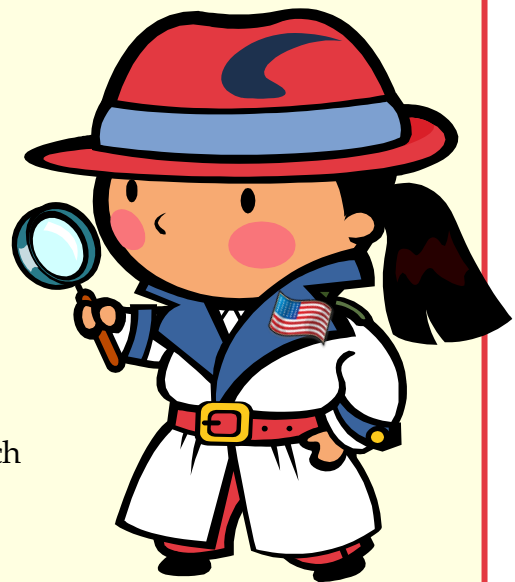
We had been riding the La Bahia Trail all morning,
Pam and I, scouting for the upcoming rustle.

Traveling along the rutted dirt track, we passed ranch
after ranch stocked with sleek horses and Brahman
cattle. Pam spared them hardly a glance, because
when the rustlers assembled from all over Texas
in two weeks, it wouldn't be livestock they'd be after. They'd be looking for roses,
the roses of Texas' past...

Want to read a little more?

Go to: [1987 Thomas Christopher Article](#)

ENJOY!



So Much to Learn

By Faith Bickley



The American Pillars at Longwood

As most of you know, I moved to Pennsylvania the middle of April and just love my new home and the area. BUT I seem to be in a world unfamiliar with own-root or old garden roses. The roses have just started blooming around here but the predominance are Knockouts (and are they a knockout in this climate).

I have a season pass to Longwood Gardens, but there are not a ton of roses there. There is one bed of young Belinda's Dreams, and I noticed that soon

several American Pillars will be blooming (update- in a matter of less than a week the American Pillars are in full bloom!). At Chanticleer Gardens I found a huge Climbing Cecile Brunner in full bloom and a lovely Eden.

I have already gotten two orders of roses from Chamblee's, but they have stopped shipping until fall. Right now I am expecting an order from Brushwood Nursery in Georgia- Eden and Cl Madame Caroline Testout for me and Anemone for Amy. My cousin took me to a huge nursery in New Jersey, and I found two own-root roses which I snapped up – Therese Bugnet and a new one to me – Bull's Eye.

At Wyck House, which has the oldest rose garden in the US at a residence, the roses were late so not in full bloom. I did get an old rose they had propagated – Rosa Majalis and Amy got the climber Setiger.

I know I need to get hooked up with some rose group in this part of the country but none will be like TRR. I miss you all and treasure you.



Cl Cecile Brunner at Chanticleer

LET'S GET SPECIFIC!

By Molly Buenrostro

I probably enjoy the fall cutting exchange more than the average rosarian and I have had great success in propagating roses for my garden, as well as rooting enough to give to other aspiring gardeners.

I do think, however, that perhaps it would be a good idea for us to offer, as well as to ask for specific cuttings of roses to be made available at the cuttings exchange. These would be in addition to the random cuttings you want to share.

One thought is to provide a form for each person attending the rookie meeting where they can provide a list of roses they are seeking and roses they have available. That list can then be shared on the TRR website so that people attending the Fall Cutting Exchange can prepare to provide those specifically requested roses.....just a thought.



Welcome New Members

Welcome to our newest member: *Sheri Youngblood*. We look forward to getting to know you and your gardening ways! If you have any questions about the organization and/or the meetings, feel free to email Arnold at thetexasroserustlers@gmail.com.

2014-15 Membership

The new membership year begins August 1st. If you have not renewed your membership, please send the completed form and check to Arnold at Texas Rose Rustlers, c/o Arnold Knoche, 1602 Quarterpath Drive, Richmond, TX 77406. The membership form is on our website. In addition, Arnold will be at the Summer Meeting on July 19th and will collect dues there.



2014 TRR Meetings — Save These Dates!!!

Audrey McMurray, Program Chair

July 19, Saturday

Summer Meeting at Mercer Arboretum 10 am, Visitor Center

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September 27th, Saturday, 10 am

Fall 2014 Cutting Exchange, Brookwood Community, Brookwood, TX

- Our Fall Cutting Exchange will take place at Brookwood Community, about 40 miles west of Houston (1752 FM 1489, Brookshire, TX 77423). This is a loving and spiritual community of adults with special needs. They are trained to work, to the best of each one's ability, in order to earn some spending money and to help offset their residential fees. The community's greenhouses and garden center provide job training in the nursery field. A tour of their greenhouses will be part of the day's activities, and a rooting demonstration will be available on request after lunch.
- Note: If you don't want to bring a brown bag lunch, you may order something to go from the café up to 10:30am on the day of the exchange. As soon as the lunch menu options are posted, we will provide a link to them on our Texas Rose Rustler website, along with more information on what to bring, what to expect, etc.
- Remember to send requests for any particular roses you might be seeking, to thetexasroserustlers@gmail.com so we can try to include those in the cuttings we will be bringing to share. This cutting exchange and tour of the greenhouses will be timed to coordinate with Brookwood's Fall plant sale. Learning nursery skills is one of the types of job training residents are offered. The results are marvelous.
- After the Cutting Exchange, those of us who would like to visit some nurseries in the area can caravan, as we like to do, beginning with Brookwood's own Gift and Garden Center, continuing to other nurseries, and ending at – of course! – a Mexican restaurant for an early meal. More details to come.

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