



# Old Texas Rose

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## Greetings Fellow Rose Rustlers ---

*Message from the Chair — Kathy Hyatt*

It's hard to believe Halloween has passed and Thanksgiving is upon us. Where has the time gone? Summer seemed endless and now we're saying "good-bye" to daylight savings time and "hello" to the Holiday season. As for me, the holidays seem far off. I'm still working on fall garden chores and hoping to get the plants I bought in Tyler and Nacogdoches in the ground in the next couple of weeks.

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If you didn't attend the fall meeting, you missed out on a great trip. Friday the meeting was held at Chamblee's in Tyler and was bitter-sweet. Here we honored Phyllis DeGelleke and Ray Ponton. As you probably know, our dear Phyllis passed away late this summer; daughter Faith Bickley was present to accept the plaque in her mother's honor. Ray received a similar gift from the club for hybridizing the beautiful rose, "Delightful Phyllis" which Mark Chamblee will be selling in the future. Mark has great hope for this beauty which bears a striking resemblance to the Peace rose yet grows in our tough Texas conditions. It was wonderful to be able to honor these two Rose Rustlers of Distinction!



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*Old Gay Hill Red China with White Mistflower and Lindheimer Muhly at the Antique Rose Emporium. Photo courtesy of Pam Penick, Author of "Lawn Gone!" and "Pam Penick's Digging"*

Other highlights of the trip included a visit to the Tyler Rose Gardens, the amazing SFA Fall Plant Sale on Saturday, the cutting exchange at King's Nursery and the thoroughly enjoyable tour of Greg Grant's home and gardens on Sunday morning. This was followed by a marvelous breakfast at another restored family home (Big Momma's house) prepared and served by Greg's mom, Jackie. It was a wonderful way to end our trip and greatly appreciated by all those present.

So, as I turn the calendar page to November, I wish all of you a delightful autumn. Take advantage of the cooler days and our recent rains to plant, weed, and just enjoy your gardens. I also wish you the happiest of holidays and the bright anticipation of a new year!

## *New, Improved, and Updated — The Texas Rose Rustler Website*

[www.texasroserustlers.com](http://www.texasroserustlers.com)

*Faith Bickley, Secretary*

If you haven't checked into the TRR website lately, you surely are missing out. Becky Smith and her sister, Kathy Neely (our new webmaster), have spent many hours getting this site chock full of articles, pictures, power points, etc. All of the newsletters from 1982 until present have been added. There is just too much to talk about.



The "Members Only" section has been removed as has any need for passwords so just fire up the computer and give this a look. We have discovered that some of the pictures, etc. will not come up on our tablets or smart phones, but all comes sailing in on the computer.

Be sure to let Becky know how much you are enjoying the new look (she will pass any kudos on to her sister) as it is always good to let people know how much you appreciate all their efforts. Contributions to the website are very encouraged! Thanks, Faith!



## TRR East Texas Ramblin' Trip

October 4 - 6, 2013, East Texas

A great time was had during our TRR East Texas Ramblin' Trip in October! It was a great turnout, the weather cooperated, and the roses and plants were in abundance. Enjoy the photos – there are more on the website!





## In Memory

Carolyn Stracik, Editor

We lost two valuable Texas Rose Rustlers recently. They were our friends, loved by many. I know many of us can walk in our gardens and point out plants or cuttings that were shared from the gardens of Lucille Idom and Phyllis DeGelleke. And isn't it funny, those are always the plants that seem to prosper and bring us the most joy – those plants passed on to us from a well-loved garden.

Okay, maybe you have actually planted many pass-alongs only to have them quickly kick the bucket, but the ones that stick, well, those are the ones I am talking about and those are the plants that bring a smile to your face every single time.

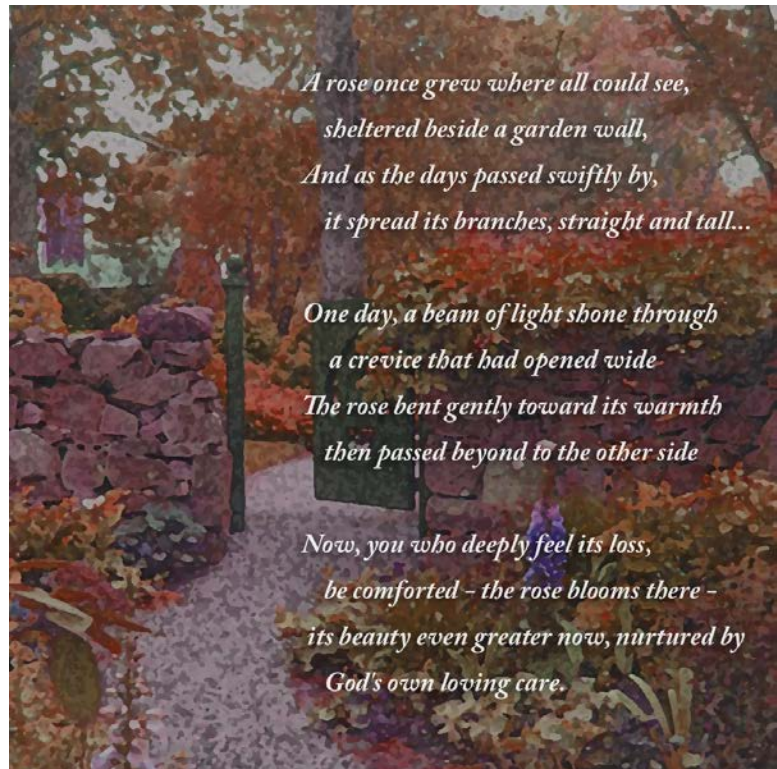
I know I treasure the plants I have received from Phyllis and the romantic in me hopes that I have received a few 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Lucille Idom plants from Lotto and that they are thriving in my garden.

Neither Lucille nor Phyllis participated in the Texas Rose Rustlers for the past few years, but they were always with us. I had never met Lucille – yet I knew who she was and how valued she was as a friend and member. And I understand her husband, Mayo, was a Rustler in his own right and a constant companion to Lucille. I met Phyllis through my friendship with Faith. I'd say I hit a homerun that day. Phyllis inspired many of us to approach life with a little more fervor.

Lucille was born May 16, 1933 and died October 20, 2013.

Phyllis was born December 25, 1922 and died September 24, 2013.

We will miss you.





## The Website Peek —

Each newsletter we will highlight something on the TRR website. Here is this newsletter's pick:

- Go to "Library"
- Click on "The Rose that Survived Hurricane Katrina"

(The picture is enough to make this effort worthwhile.)



## Welcome New Members

Welcome to our newest members:

*Don and Mary Parkhouse*, Needville;

*Judy Wood*, Lake Jackson; and

*Ronald Geedman*, The Woodlands.

We look forward to meeting you at TRR events!

Tentative dates will be announced in the next newsletter.



## You've Got The Shirt — Now You Need The Cap!

Flora Tiedt has worked hard to get the much requested visors and caps a reality.

These caps and visors sport the TRR logo and are made of khaki fabric with Velcro closure. One size fits all.

Caps



Visors



Cost is \$13 each. To order, send the completed order form posted on the TRR website with check to the address on the form.

## Remembering Phyllis DeGelleke —

December 25, 1922 — September 24, 2013

*Faith Bickley, Secretary*

With the passing of my mother, I have been thinking so much of the wonderful times Mom and I have had with our TRR family. We both joined in 1997 and right away were being surrounded by people who grew to be so important to us. We may only officially meet three times a year, but those times have brought so many neat memories.

Many of you knew Mom when she was still mobile and were there to help her and me as her mobility failed, and we had to use various devices to enable her to continue going to the meetings. It was hard for me when I had to start coming without her, but she took it all in stride.

Mom was delighted to share starts and cuttings from her yard and to have anyone who wished come see her place. Since she built her home here in Glen Flora in 1999, her yard has grown with a garden here and a garden there. When we first were making her gardens, I would come over at 3:00 every day and ask what we were to do that particular day. She used to joke that she would look at the clock at 3:00 and groan!



I can still picture her riding on the lawnmower or going across the yard in her golf cart. She was always a lot neater than I am and also didn't complain about picking up the piles of clippings like I do. She stopped and smelled the roses which I know I (and maybe you) need to be doing more of.

My brother and I have sold her house to the nice young couple who have been renting across the street so the cycle of life continues. I will be following her example in uprooting to be near family in PA. I told her that her move to be with us here in Glen Flora was inspiration for me to make my move. I will be here until April and plan to come back each year to go to a TRR meeting and see my TRR friends.

I offer a big "thank you" for all you mean to me, and all you meant to Mom.





## Changing of the Guard

*Kathy Hyatt, Chair*

There will be some new faces taking on several of the roles in TRR for the coming year. Audrey McMurray has graciously accepted the position of Program Chair. She is taking over this position from Jane Gray. Jane has done a wonderful job finding venues and speakers this past year and, for this, we want to say "thank you" for all your hard work! We look forward to having Audrey back on the board and know she's planning some interesting programs for the members to share.

James and Barbara Buckley have also resigned their positions. James has been the friendly greeter at the meetings and Barbara graciously built and maintained our first website as Webmaster. To James and Barbara, thank you SO much for your contributions! While we'll miss you in these roles, we'll be eager to talk to you both and find out where you've traveled and what projects you've tackled.

Molly and John Buenrostro will now be our Hospitality greeters for next year. Kathy Neely, Becky Smith's sister, has taken on the job of Webmaster for the group. If you've checked out the website lately, you'll see what Kathy and Becky worked on over the summer months...nicely done!!! These are two very busy people! Again, a hearty THANK YOU to Jane, James and Barbara and a big WELCOME to Audrey, Molly and John, and Kathy!!!



## Texas Rose Rustlers Board Members

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