

Old Texas Rose

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Greetings Fellow Rose Rustlers ---

Message from the Chair - AUDREY McMURRAY

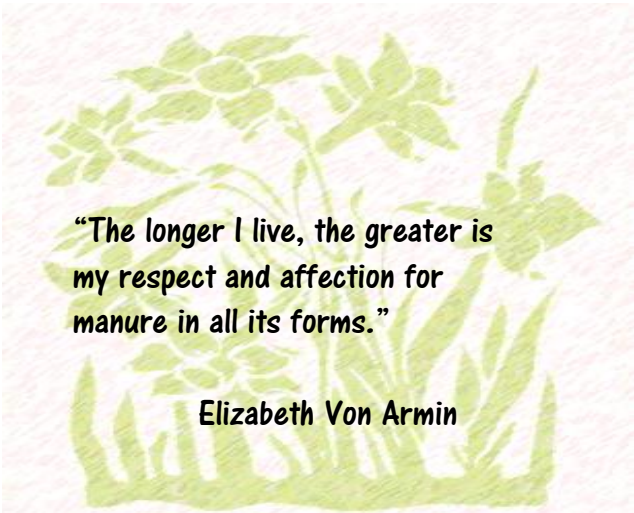
I imagine everyone is outside as often as possible right now, trying to work on spring gardening before summer hits. I think of our Texas summer as my husband thinks of his winters in Erie...it's a time to stay indoors at least part of the day, working on indoor projects rather than going outside in the brutal weather. Of course, the analogy also applies with respect to what we think of as "brutal". He jokes that they would go outside to play when it got *up* to 10 degrees. I counter with, yes, and we'd play outside until it hit 102 or so. Ya gotta be tough...

So enjoy your gardening, Rustlers, while the weather is still relatively cooperative and the mosquitoes are not in full force. And as you thin out and move plants around, keep our lottos in mind? This year at the Spring Symposium, we will have two lottos, in fact - our regular one and for new homeowners. Please extend a special invitation to new neighbors and friends - there will be plenty for all.

If you would like a flyer sent to you via email or snail-mail, that you can post on your neighborhood blogs or bulletin boards, just send me an email at audreymcmurray.trr@gmail.com and I'll see that you receive what you need.

See you on May 16th!

Audrey



"The longer I live, the greater is
my respect and affection for
manure in all its forms."

Elizabeth Von Armin



Bobbie McKenna's resting place: Pilgrim Cemetery

Audrey McMurray

Bobbie McKenna and I almost started out as enemies. I had picked out a micro-mini, Cinderella, from my very first lotto (omistars, you mean these people just *give away* roses??) and Bobbie picked it up and started to walk off with it! Turns out, I had unknowingly set it down in a spot reserved as "freebies" to come and take.

Instead of enemies, we became good friends and I spent some very nice afternoons with her, both at her Splendora property and at her house in town. When she passed, Bobbie was buried in Pilgrim Cemetery, a private cemetery not far from Gonzales. A group of Rustlers and I later went to plant some antique roses around the property, and I got to try my hand at divining. Ray Ponton and the cemetery's owner were really good at it and together they found where the unmarked bodies were so we would not desecrate their graves by digging on top of them.

Last week I contacted Bobbie's daughter, Darla Gips, thinking that it might be fun to get a group together to go back out to prune those roses, but alas, Darla said that the drought the area has been in has killed all of them. So sad. If this drought cycles back up to bringing rain to the area, I'd like to go back and plant more. Anyone game?

THE TEXAS ROSE RUSTLER 2015 SPRING SYMPOSIUM

MAY 16, 9:30 AM

NATURE'S WAY RESOURCES

101 SHERBROOK CIRCLE

CONROE, TX 77385

This year the Texas Rose Rustler Spring Symposium will take place on May 16th at Nature's Way Resources, a soil/mulch yard and nursery that carries plants that will survive our challenging Gulf Coast climate. If you have visited Nature's Way Resources in the past, you will certainly be in for a surprise at their selection of fruit trees, berries (over 20 varieties of blueberries alone), heirloom and hard-to-find plants, olive, fig, and avocado trees, greenhouse plants, and of course, a wonderful selection of roses. Visitors who come with children will find Nature's Way Resources a family-friendly place, with a rain garden and a butterfly garden for kids to enjoy.

Our yearly symposium is a free event offered to both members and non-members. This year we would like to extend a special invitation to new homeowners (5 years or less in your home) as well, with special lotto drawings to help you with your new home's landscaping. Whether you are a new or established homeowner, we promise you that you will not go home empty handed. Come learn about the best soils, mulches, antique roses, food plant varieties, etc. for the Houston area and go home with free plants!

9:30am Sign in and welcome. All participants will receive a ticket for a chance at a free lotto plant. New homeowners will be given tickets for a special lotto.

10:15am Choice of tours:

1. Tour of the compost/ mulch operation by John Ferguson, owner of Nature's Way Resources

John's knowledge of our Texas soil is incredible as is the facility he has built. There is always much to learn from him. If you are new to the area or if you are trying to rehabilitate a yard that just can't seem to thrive, this is where you need to be, though all gardeners should take this tour at least once. Bring your camera to get a shot of the enormous smoking hills of compost. With Q&A, the 1/2-mile walking tour takes about an hour. NB: the ground can be a bit uneven and if it has rained, bring your galoshes.

2. Tour of the nursery garden center by Mark Bowen, general manager of Nature's Way Resources

If you have already toured the compost/mulch facility, or are not able to take such a robust walking tour, Mark will take a group through the nursery garden center explaining what they offer and answering questions about the best plants to use in the garden. He will explain the plans for developing the 10 acres set aside for the expanded nursery grounds that will make it unique among Texas horticultural retailers.

11:15am 1st lotto drawing for all, plus a special drawing for new homeowners.

11:30am "Building Healthy Soils - To improve your garden AND protect your family"

John will discuss the different types of mulches, compost, soils and how to use them. Many of us have heard John's lectures and can attest that he is generous with his knowledge and speaks from a sense of duty to treat our earth with respect. Q&A follows.

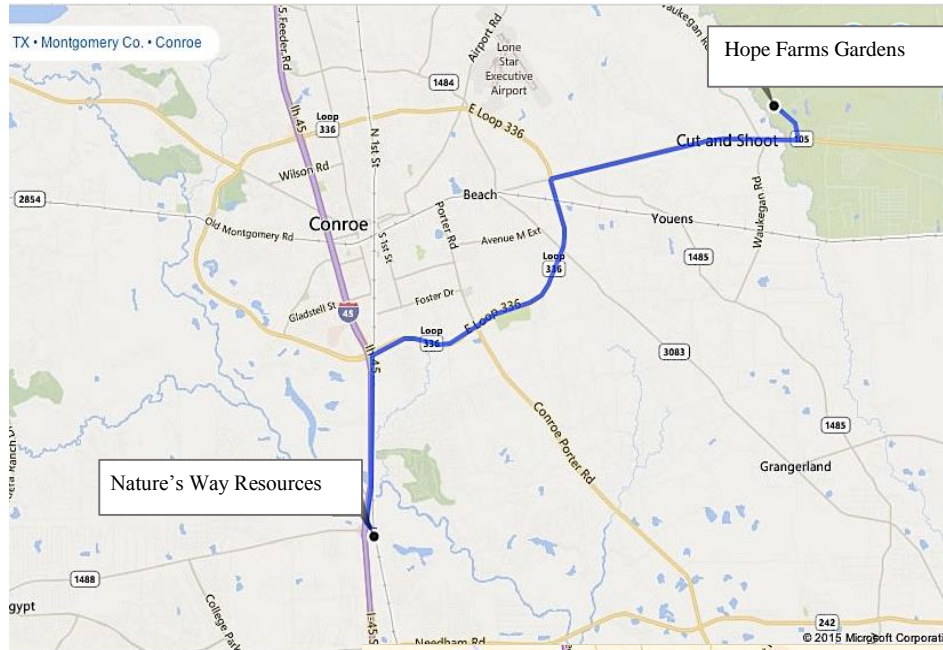
Noon 2nd lotto drawing for all, plus a special drawing for new homeowners.

12:20pm Lunch – hamburgers and drinks provided by the Texas Rose Rustlers. Potluck sides and desserts appreciated.

1:20pm "Novel Companion Plants"

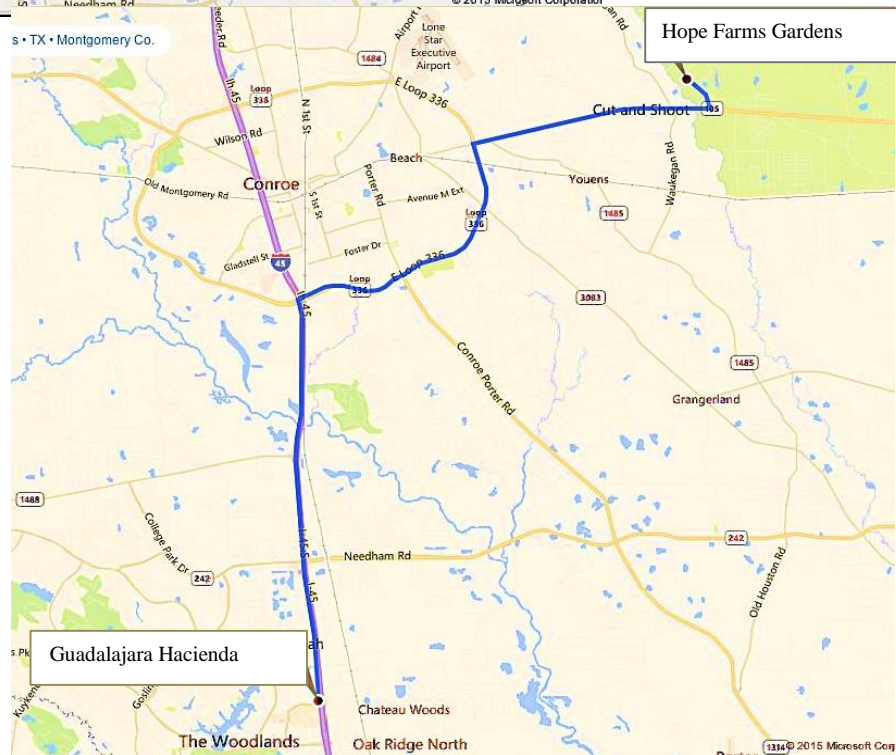
Mark Bowen will discuss interesting and new plants to consider growing with our roses, including herbs and edibles. Q&A follows.

2:00pm Final lotto drawing for all, plus a special drawing for new homeowners.



2:30pm Break for those who want to shop in NWR nursery and stroll through the grounds. TRR members get a 10% discount. Coffee, soft drinks, and more desserts. Fellowship.

4:00pm Leave for Hope Farms Gardens, 18750 F.M. 1484 - Conroe, Texas 77303.



After visiting Hope Farms Gardens, we will meet for dinner at Guadalajara Hacienda restaurant: 27885 North Interstate 45 Houston, TX 77380 (listed in some maps as Spring, TX)



Book Review – Conrad Tips

ROSES FOR GULF COAST GARDENS, 1939

A GARDEN BOOK FOR HOUSTON: published by The Forum of Civics and presented by The River Oaks Garden Club in association with The Garden Club of America on the occasion of its 26th annual meeting, March, 1939.

THE ROSES LISTED BELOW ALL GROW WELL IN HOUSTON

- **Captain Christy HP. Large Pink. Spring -- less in fall.
- **Cecile Brunner (Sweetheart) . Polyantha. Pink. Fragrant. Miniature. Constant, profuse bloomer.
- **Columbia HT. Pink. Everblooming.
- **Dame Edith Helen HT. Pink. New. Fragrant. Double. Long stems.
- **Duchesse de Brabant T. Pink. Exquisite fragrance, form and color.
- **Elise Poulson. Polyantha. Rose-pink. Profuse bloomer. Large, compact clusters.
- **Etoile de France HT. Vivid crimson. Everblooming.
- **Florex HT. Pink. Improved Columbia.
- ***Francis Scott Key HT. Deep crimson. Large, very double blossoms.
- **Golden Emblem HT. Yellow. Good.
- **Gruss an Teplitz HT. Red. Free bloomer. Semi-double.
- **Irish Fireflame HT. Pink to red. Single. Exquisite.
- ***Jonkheer J.L. Mock HT. Pink -- two-tone. Large and very double.
- **Kaiserin Augusta Victoria HT. Creamy-white. Free blooming. One of the best.
- **Killarney HT. Pink. Long, pointed buds. Best in spring and fall.
- *Killarney HT. White. Best in spring and fall.
- **Lady Banksia. Yellow or white. Thornless. Vigorous. Early bloomer. Fragrant. Long sprays, mass of color.
- ***Lady Hillingdon T. Deep saffron-yellow. Constant bloomer.
- **Luxembourg HT. Copper-colored. Free blooming. Large and double.
- **Mme. Butterfly HT. Delicate pink. Exquisite.
- *Mrs. Aaron Ward HT. Copper-yellow. Exquisite buds.
- *Mrs. Arthur Robert Waddell HT. Rosy-salmon. Good on the Bay. Profuse bloomer.
- ***Mrs. Charles Bell HT. Shell-pink Radiance. Everblooming. Most beautiful.
- **Mrs. Charles Lamplough HT. Lemon. One of the newer roses. Fragrant. Beautiful.
- **National Emblem HT. Dark red. Everblooming. Robust.
- *Padre HT. Copper-scarlet. Beautiful buds. Marvelous color.
- **Paul Neyron HP. Rose. Free bloomer. Largest of all roses.
- ***Radiance HT. Pink. Everblooming. Most satisfactory of all roses.
- ***Red Radiance HT. Everblooming. Best of all red roses.
- **Rev. F. Page Roberts HT. Yellow-coppery. Everblooming.
- *Rosa Hugonis. Yellow. Wild. Spring only. Single.

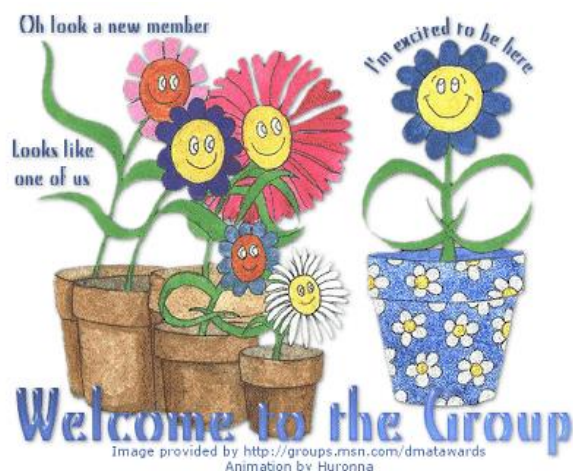
- **Sunburst HT. Yellow. Everblooming.**
- **Talisman HT. Pink and Gold. Latest sensation in the rose world. Marvelous.**
- ***White American Beauty (Frau Karl Druschki) HP. Best of all white roses.**
- **Willowmere HT. Flame-pink. Constant bloomer. Large. Double. New.**

CLIMBING ROSES

- **American Pillar, H. Wichuraiana. Crimson-pink cluster. Vigorous. Spring bloomer.**
 - ***Cherokee, Laevigata. White and pink. Single flowers. Long stems. Glossy foliage.**
 - ***Cl. American Beauty, H. Wichuraiana. Red. Vigorous. Profuse bloomer.**
 - ***Cl. Columbia HT. Pink. Constant bloomer. Long stems. Fragrant. Vigorous.**
 - *Cl. Dr. Van Fleet, H. Wichuraiana. Shell-pink. Spring bloomer. Semi-double.**
 - **Cl. Etoile de France HT. Vivid crimson. Free bloomer. Fragrant.**
 - **Cl. Kaiserin Augusta Victoria HT. White. Constant bloomer. Long stems.**
 - **Cl. Killarney HT. Pink. Free bloomer. Showy. Long stems. Semi-double.**
 - **Cl. Lady Hillingdon HT. Yellow. Free bloomer. Fragrant and lasting.**
 - **Cl. Maman Cochet T. Pink or white. Constant bloomer. Large double flowers. Fragrant.**
 - **Cl. Mme. Caroline Testout HT. Pink. Large double flowers. Long stems. Constant bloomer.**
 - ***Cl. Radiance HT. Pink. One of the newer roses. Satisfactory. Free bloomer.**
 - ***Cl. Red Radiance HT. One of the newer roses. Satisfactory. Free bloomer.**
 - **Marechal Niel. Yellow. Popular Southern climber.**
 - ***Paul's Scarlet Climber, H. Wichuraiana. Profuse bloomer. Brilliant color.**
 - ***Reine Marie Henriette, Cl. HT. Rosy-crimson. Profuse spring bloomer.**
 - *Silver Moon, H. Wichuraiana. White. Practically immune to all disease. Single. Spring only.**
 - ***Thousand Beauty, H. Multiflora. Pink. Practically immune to all disease. Thornless. Spring.**
- ***Indicate those considered most successful and popular.**

Welcome New Members:

Tracy Kolb, Richmond
 Luke Kolb, Richmond
 Arleen Harbin, Sugar Land
 We look forward to getting to know you and
 your gardening ways!



SAVE THE DATE

April 18 - 11 a.m.

Mike Shoup at The Antique Rose Emporium has issued an invitation to the Rose Rustlers to attend "Rose Growing Day". Free rose cuttings and rooting demonstrations.

April 25 - Harris County Master Gardener Spring Sale and Symposium

3033 Bear Creek Dr.

Houston, TX 77084

RoseDango.com

A Celebration of Blooms



Chambersville Tree Farms

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Saturday May 2nd

Chambersville Tree Farm is proud to host a celebration of blooms at our 8th annual Rose Dango. Join us for a day filled with garden tours, informative speakers, rose sales, and more.

8:00am	Coffee and donuts
9:00am	Pam Smith (Farmers Branch Landscape Manager)
10:00am	Tom Carruth (Curator of the rose collection at Huntington)
11:00am	Mark Chamblee (Chamblee's Rose Nursery Owner)
12:00pm	Lunch & wine and roses available for purchase
1:30pm	Claude Graves (Rose Rosette)
2:30pm	Tours of gardens and rose sales
5:00pm	Gates close

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May 16 - Texas Rose Rustlers Spring Symposium

**Deadline for the summer newsletter is June 15. Please consider contributing.*

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