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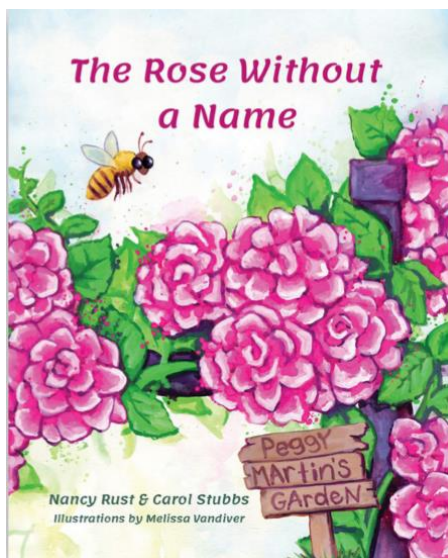
MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR.....BECKY SMITH



Hi Rose Rustler Friends,

I hope you are all well and enjoyed your summer. As summer winds down and cooler weather arrives, working in the garden will be so much more enjoyable.

Make plans to join us at The Fall Cutting Exchange on October 16 in Schulenburg, Texas at St. Mary's Church High Hill. Jay White of *The Texas Gardener Magazine* is our speaker. We will enjoy our usual cutting exchange and lotto, plus a rose and seed sale. More details will follow in the newsletter about the meeting. As a bonus, hopefully Peggy Martin will be able to join us bringing copies of the new book, *The Rose without a Name: The Story of the Katrina Rose* for members to purchase.



The Story of the Katrina Rose...

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina swept through Louisiana and Mississippi, breaking levies and leaving great destruction in its path.

Of the 400 roses in Peggy Martin's garden, only one managed to survive the 20 foot waves that devastated the land...

Louisiana authors Nancy Rust and Carol Stubbs tell the story of a rose that continues to bring hope to many around the world. And Melissa Vandiver's beautiful paintings help bring the story to life.

All the paperwork has been completed and submitted to the American Rose Society to register Rosa 'Ray Ponton'. This new rose is in memory of our dear friend, Ray Ponton and should be available for purchase at the Antique Rose Emporium next spring. I'm eager to see it growing in my garden! I cherish the many hybridized roses by Ray that currently grow in my garden. They always remind me of Ray, one of the kindest and most generous gardeners I have ever known.



Speaking of Antique Rose Emporium, unfortunately the Fall Festival will be cancelled again this year. Will be looking forward to its return in the future!

A few interesting plants:



Pseuderanthemum alatum-Chocolate Plant

After disappearing for a few years, my chocolate plants returned this year with a vengeance. Uri must have had something to do with the revival.



Pineapple Plant

Liz Druitt gave me this plant a few years ago when I was at Peaceable Kingdom. This summer it finally produced a pineapple (left). Babies later came up from the plant after the pineapple fell off (right).



Looking for a rose snack

This summer I spotted these deer looking for a rose snack while attending a funeral in a New Braunfels cemetery.

If you are planning to do fall cuttings, check out the website at <http://www.texasroserustlers.com> as there are several articles with good ideas. We have a wonderful website with lots of interesting information.

Fun gardening quotes from Conrad Tips:

"One needs years of patience to make a garden; one needs deeply to love it, in order to endure that patience."

By V. Sackville-West

"A garden is more than meets the eye." By Piet Oudolf

"Think like a plant." By Sarah Price

"Flowers engender a sense of peace, as they suffer neither from neither conflict nor feeling." By Sigmund Freud

"The gardener is the garden." By Ian Kirby

"Nature reminds us that no matter how much we try to tame her, in the end she is going to win. Take this philosophically and never forget it if you want to become a gardener." By Umberto Pasti

"We weren't put on Earth to support the garden-chemicals industry." By Charles Quest-Ritson

"A world without trees would be a world without chocolate. And that's not a world I want to live in." By Jon Stokes

"A garden doesn't need to look like it's always been there, but it should look like it could be there forever." By Jo Thompson

"Gardener! embrace the season." By Todd Carr

"Lawns are nature purged of sex and death. No wonder Americans like them so much." By Michael Pollan

Happy Fall and hope to see everyone in Schulenburg!



Also, be sure to visit our website at [texasroserustlers.com](https://www.texasroserustlers.com). You can find information about upcoming meetings, photos posted from previous meetings, past newsletters, and lots of interesting and informative articles. Follow TRR on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/texasroserustlers/>. We try to post at least once a week with information on roses, meetings, and other pertinent topics.

Random Thoughts from a Rose Addict

I have taken to keeping a notebook to jot down all of my garden to-do's and lists.

After a silly day of pruning and weeding (probably brought on by exhaustion) I decided to start a chapter on things I have learned in the years that I have been growing roses. Call it a simple "don't do what I did" kind of list.

So, for your amusement, here's a list of 20 things I thought important enough to pass along:

1. Never plant a tea rose next to a driveway. It will soon look like someone knifed your car.
2. A sprayer battery will blow up if you leave it charging for a week.
3. Snakes do not respond to "shoo now!" and "get out of the way!"
4. If you are shovel pruning a rose that was grafted on Dr. Huey, be sure you dig out all of the roots. The Dr. makes house calls in China, which is how far you will have to dig once it takes over every single rose you planted in that spot.
5. The rose that you wanted to buy for years after searching every available rose nursery and lovingly planted in the perfect spot to be pampered and treated like a dive, will have one stingy bloom and then develop Rose Rosette disease.
6. Corona power loppers are an excellent tool for separating a copperhead body from its head. In the same vein the Fiskars 8' pruning stick is even better.
7. Azaleas send out thousands of suckers, and they *aim* for rose bushes.

8. When the Home Depot garden guy tells you that this liriopse is the non-spreading kind, slap him while you have a chance and make sure you write down his name so he can come dig it all out.
9. Fire ants will build a condominium complex in the middle of your rose bed.
10. They need to make those little four-wheeled garden scooters with a seat belt. Falling off of them is never graceful, as it most always involves doing a backward somersault down a hill straight into a pile of rose clippings with every neighbor applauding your performance.
11. Putting a bird feeder in your rose bed means you'll have rose blooms covered with bird poo.
12. Blackspot is much easier to prevent than it is to remove.
13. The rose you plant will never be the color of the picture in the catalog.
14. If a catalog says that the rose will be 4' to 6' tall, it will really be 8' to 10' tall in your garden and you planted it in the wrong place.
15. Bunnies and deer may be cute, but they devour roses, along with voles, grasshoppers and caterpillars. They all must go.
16. Roses don't care how much you spend on fertilizer. Just give them the basics with enough water and they will be happy.
17. If you take a blood thinner, be sure to put a handful of band-aids in your back pocket when you prune. An ice pack would come in handy as well (See #10).
18. Your day to spray will come up on the windiest and/or rainiest day of the week.
19. Make sure your tetanus shot is up to date. You need a booster every 10 years.
20. All of the aggravation and blood, sweat and tears are worth it when your roses are in full bloom and you can sit back and think to yourself, "Now, this is a real garden."

Editor's Note: This article originally appeared in the April 21 "RoseBud", newsletter of the Greater Greenville Rose Society, Frank and Rita VanLenton, editors.

The Rose rustlers received the following letter with a donation from Nancy Dailey of Merced, CA.

Hello,

I would like to donate to the Rose Rustlers \$65 in honor of my sister, Maggie Kyger who is celebrating her 65th birthday on July 5, 2021.

Although neither of us live in Texas, we both love roses, especially old and/or unusual roses. For Maggie's 50th birthday, I gave her a "found" rose named "Maggie" which was "found" by a gentleman in Louisiana and evidently originated at some point in China. I'm not sure if I first became aware of it through your website or somewhere else, but I know for sure I did find out about your organization at that time and was absolutely fascinated.

Repeat-flowering. This rose was found by **William Welch in Louisiana** and has become very popular in the USA. ... This rose, which makes a wonderful hedge or pillar rose was found by Welch at a farm of his wife's grandmother, Maggie.



TEXAS ROSE RUSTLERS FALL CUTTINGS EXCHANGE

WHEN: Saturday, October 16, 2021

WHERE: St. Mary's Church at High Hill, Schulenburg, TX

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

GUEST SPEAKER: JAY WHITE

TOPIC: Naturalized Bulbs of Texas, Forgotten Surprises



WE WILL HAVE A ROSE AND SEED SALE THIS YEAR

Because of covid precautions, the entire meeting will be outdoors at the pavilion.

Texas Rose Rustler's 2021 Autumn Rose Sale will be held during our Fall Cuttings Exchange on October 16th, 2021 at St. Mary's High Hill Catholic Church in Schulenberg, TX. We encourage members to please try to order your roses early. Please send an email with your request/purchases to my email address: rtrvno91755@gmail.com

Also, it would be helpful if members can please write "TRR 2021 Rose Sale" on the subject line.

This year we have 41 different roses available. Roses in one gallon containers are priced at \$7.00 and roses that are not in commerce are priced at \$15.00. Roses marked with an asterisk are the roses that are not in commerce.

Please send checks to our treasurer:

Elisabeth Castro
28423 Wild Oaks
Magnolia, TX 77355-1995

TRR 2021 Rose Sale List

Atocha Gold*	Maggie
Big Momma's Blush*	Margaret Jean*
Bobbi McKenna's Red China*	Marianne*
Cadenza	Martha Gonzales
Calli Lianne*	Monsieur Tillier
Cameron Bohls*	Mrs. B. R. Cant
Carefree Beauty	Natchitoches Noisette
Casino	North Flores House Eater Climber*
Cato's Pink Cluster	Old Blush
Chireno*	Peaceful Habitation*
Deanna	Peggy Martin
Delightful Phyllis*	Pink Altissimo*
Duchesse de Brabant	Rustler's Dream*
Elizabeth of Goshen*	Speedy Gonzales Climber
Enchantress	Spice
Francois Juranville	Summer Sky*
Georgetown Tea	Sweet Vivien
Gilbert Nabonnand	Sylvia's Song*
Henri Chapelle*	Tejas*
Janet*	Texas Burnt Orange*
Katy Girl*	Viola's Yellow*
Machu Cemetery*	

TRR OUT OF COMMERCE ROSES for 2021 Fall Meeting Sale

Cost \$15



Big Momma's Blush- (an old tea rose from Greg Grant's grandmothers, peachy in cool weather, pale pink in hotter weather)



Bobbi McKenna's Red China- (Bobbi was an early Texas Rose Rustler that found this wonderful red china)



Machu Cemetery- (Ray Ponton and Robert Stiba shared this rose with me and it is similar to Old Blush on steroids. They found it in a cemetery near their hometown. Large upright shrub can get up to 6', 3" blooms, repeat.)



Texas Burnt Orange- (One of Robert Stiba's Creations-Lilian Austin X Playboy)

Ray Ponton Roses:



Atocha Gold- (Carefree Beauty X Reveil Dijonnais) X Lilian Austin) Yellow shrub, medium upright, 3" bloom with 9-16 petals, repeat



Callie Lianne- (Paloma Blanca X Hippolyte) X Fourth of July) Light pink mini-Flora, double cluster flowers, medium compact bush about 2' in height, repeat



Cameron Bohls- (Carefree Beauty X Lichterloh) Dark red spreading upright shrub, 5' H X 4' W, 3" blooms with 4-11 petals, repeats



Chireno- (Carefree Beauty X Mutabilis) Deep Pink Shrub 5' H X 4' W with 2½" blooms with 4-11 petals, repeat



Deanna- (Carefree Beauty X Fourth of July) Pink Blend Shrub, with pink and white rose-pink stripes on 3" blooms with 4-11 petals, 5' H X 4' W, repeat



Delightful Phyllis- (Compassion X Betty Boop) Yellow Blend Shrub, short and upright, with 3½" bloom with 26-40 petals, repeat



Elizabeth of Goshen- (Paloma Blanca X Hippolyte) X San Felipe Noisette X Cameron Bohls)-Mauve or mauve blend medium, upright shrub with 3" blooms of 26-40 petals, repeat



Henri Chapelle- (Prairie Sunrise X Cameron Bohls)
3-4'H upright shrub, 2" light pink with yellow center blooms, repeat



Katy Girl- (Carefree Beauty X Unknown) Light pink shrub, 3" blooms up to 16 petals, 6' H, repeat



Margaret Jean- (Carefree Beauty X Scentimental) Pink blend shrub with 2½" bloom of 17-25 petals, Deep pink upper petal and Light pink reverse, upright 4-5', repeat



Marianne- (Carefree Beauty X Splish Splash) Pink shrub, 2½" bloom, 3' H, repeat



Peaceful Habitations- (Folksinger X Lictorloh) Medium pink shrub, 3½" bloom with 9-16 petals, repeat



Pink Shrub Altissimo- (Carefree Beauty X Altissimo) Upright shrub 4'H, 2½" single bloom, repeat



Rustler's Dream- (Paloma Blanca X Hippolyte) X Baby Love) Light Pink, medium, compact shrub up to 4' H, bloom 2½" with 41+ petals, repeat



Summer Sky- (Compassion X Baron de Bastrop) 4-5' Cream colored bush with arching canes, blooms 3" semi double, repeat



Sylvia's Song- (Lilian Austin X Baby Love) 2-3' pink/yellow shrub with 3" blooms, repeats



Tejas- (Carefree Beauty X Reveil Dijonnais) Pink blend Large Flowered Climber, 2" pink and white bloom with 4-8 petals, Tall climber 10-12', repeat



Viola's Yellow- is a rose found in the southside of San Antonio. Viola's mother planted the rose 70 years ago. It's name was lost long ago. It has characteristics of an old fashion tea, as well as, a bit of hybrid tea.

VINTAGE CORNER

Old Roses Are for Association

Pam Puryear

March 1985

The late Kitty Simpson of Shreveport once said, "I doubt there lives a person who does not remember some rose with love and pleasure." This sentiment was echoed by our Honorary Chaplin Mr. Patrick Harrison of Canton, Mississippi, when he observed, "Grandmothers and old roses go together." In many of the letters I get in my capacity as your corresponding secretary, our members tell of roses they want to own because they remember them from their childhood. (There are all kinds of family heirlooms!) What most people remember best is not the color or growth habits, but old family rose's fragrance. Sight and smell together seem to trigger recall among even those of us who weren't even paying the slightest attention to them in our youth.

The most popular and requested of roses of memory is the redoubtable Marechal Niel. When I first began being interested and reading the HRG's 'Rose Letter', one hometown lady of the persuasion I characterize with reverence as the Steely Southern Belle asked if I knew where she could buy this rose as her mother in Wharton had grown it in her youth. I knew that Marechal Niel was a nice little yellow climber of my great grandparent's generation, but why did everyone ask for it before all others? Then I saw a bloom. That color! It was such a glowing butter yellow, and I began to see what all the fuss was about. (Dean Hole, while lauding "the Marechal" asked of its breeder, "I wonder if he danced or cried?" - upon seeing it bloom for the first time.) Many people report that the form now in commerce is not as sweet or as powerfully scented as they recall. This may be so as an article I read once used the adjective "vigorous" three times; the Marechal is definitely NOT vigorous and is also prone to die for no cause whatever.

All of the best-loved seem to have acquired more readily remembered - and easily pronounced - names with time. Thus, the next most asked for old rose is called "White American Beauty" but is really Frau Karl Druschki. I suppose this HP of 1901 was awarded the name because its shape resembled American Beauty, the deep rose-colored super star of the late 90's. Like all of its class, "the Frau" does best tied horizontally where each lateral will bloom. It is even available at discount and five and dime stores! I have never seen mention of this rose without the writer regretting "her" lack of scent. (What do they want - egg in their beer?) She is large, long budded, and pure white, but just for looking.

The third favorite here in central Texas is "The Sweetheart Rose", with its Mlle. Cecile Brunner, a polyantha of 1888. There are three forms: the dwarf spray, the climber, and the bush form. The latter is often found here in overwhelming dimensions! The small perfect shell pink blossoms are dependably "monthly" and seem to randomly bloom even in the summer heat. This worthy trait must have made this rose memorable. (Available from Joyce Demits of Heritage Rose Gardens, Pickering, and Thomasville. The climbing form from Greenmantle, Demits, Royat, and Wayside. Both are available from the Antique Rose Emporium.

Another remembered old rose in the South is the very dwarf white polyantha "Mignonette", 1880. It is often called "Picayune", after the small coin that used to buy the New Orleans newspaper of the name; one presumes the tiny rose blooms were of a like size? (This is available from the Campbell's High Country Rosarium.)

Old tea roses, names long forgotten, are well-recalled. Their size of bush and size of flower and pleasant acid scent must be what kept them remembered. Kitty Simpson told of playing under huge tea rose bushes, "My sister and I played beneath these almost-tree roses. We made hats by pinning large oak leaves together...and

trimmed them with roses.” Those she names were Safrano (1839), Duchesse de Brabant (1857), and Mrs., Dudley Cross (1907).

I always think when I read of these old memories of childhood roses what a wonderful opportunity we who now buy and collect have to pass on to our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews these same memories, and how they silver-haired, half centuries after we ourselves are gone, will turn to childhood playmates and say (as perhaps we have), “do you remember that huge yellow rose bush Gran grew at her backdoor? Bee, didn’t it smell good? I wonder what its name was!”

SAVE THE DATE

Nacogdoches: Stephen F. Austin State University’s SFA Gardens will host its annual Fabulous Fall Festival Plant Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. **Saturday, Oct. 9 and Sunday, Oct. 10**, at the Pineywoods Native Plant Center, 2900 Raguet St., Nacogdoches.



Smith County Master Gardeners to Host 2021 Award-Winning Bulb Conference and Sale

Tyler Texas---This year the Smith County Master Gardeners will be hosting their 23rd annual, award-winning “From Bulbs to Blooms” conference and sale using a hybrid format. The educational program featuring Greg Grant, waxing horticulturally on the Earth-Kind bulbs in the sale, will be held via video and will be posted on the Smith County Master Gardener Association website, Facebook, and YouTube pages the week of September

20. The popular sale will be conducted online (from September 27-October 5) with curbside pickup October 9th at Pollard United Methodist Church (3030 New Copeland Rd. Tyler, Texas 75701).

The sale features tried and true heirloom, hardy, and hard-to-find Earth-Kind bulbs for Texas and the South, a number of which are grown by Greg and the Smith County Master Gardeners. The others are proven performers from years of bulb trials in East Texas.

For the complete list of the bulbs and plants available, visit the Smith County Master Gardener project page at <https://txmg.org/smith/mg-projects/fall-conf-bulb-sale/>. For more information contact SmithMGEvents@gmail.com or call 903-590-2980. Additional information is available on the Smith County Master Gardener Facebook page.

KEEP THE ROSE DISEASE BURGLAR AWAY!

David Zlesak, Ph.D., Professor of Horticulture of University of Wisconsin-River Falls, has an exemplary history of supporting and promoting rose horticulture in the U.S. and abroad. His work with roses began when he was a mere 13 years old and he is recognized around the world as one of the top experts of roses.

Not only is David a member of the Houston Rose Society, he is a fabulous rose hybridizer creating notable roses such as *Gaye Hammond*, *Oso Happy™ Smoothie Rose*, *Oso Happy™ Petit Pink Rose*, *Oso Happy™ Candy Oh! Rose*, *Above & Beyond™*, *Pretty Polly® Pink*, *Pretty Polly® White* and *Pretty Polly® Lavender*. In addition to teaching students, David has given scientific presentations in France, Germany and the U.S. The focus of his work to create roses that are hardy, disease resistant and easy for anyone to grow.

In addition to teaching, David serves on the Earth-Kind® Rose Research team and is also a director of the American Rose Trials for Sustainability®. Both of these rose trialing programs are designed to identify the hardiest easy-to-grow roses for gardens around the country.

Join us on Thursday, October 14, 2021 for David's entertaining and informative program on the interaction between our roses and the fungus that causes black spot and how breeders are using that information to create extremely disease resistant and beautiful new rose cultivars for us to enjoy.

"KEEP THE ROSE DISEASE BURGLAR AWAY!" David Zlesak
Thu, Oct 14, 2021 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CDT)

The meeting link will be available on The Houston Rose Society website at <http://www.houstonrose.org/>



**Texas Rose Rustlers Membership Form**

Dear Texas Rose Rustler friends.

Your membership in TRR is now due. Membership in TRR runs from July through June of the following year.

Your membership supports the organization by providing speakers and venues and include the following:

1. *Old Texas Rose* newsletter published four times a year
2. Three events per year, including:
 - Spring Symposium
 - Summer Rookie Rustle
 - Fall Cutting Exchange

Membership Dues are \$15 per household for one year. Please include this renewal form with your personal check or money order.

Please make your personal check or money order payable to **Texas Rose Rustlers** and mail to:

**Texas Rose Rustlers
c/o Elisabeth Castro
28423 Wild Oaks
Magnolia, TX 77355-1995**

Please return this completed form with your dues payment. (Please print clearly)

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Cindy Ferguson - Weimar, TX

Sheila & Richard Reeves - League City, TX

This is your newsletter. I'm always looking for articles on your garden, your favorite rose, how you became interested in roses, photos of your garden, etc. Please send them to me at steves223@yahoo.com.

Rose Sources

Greenmantle Nursery
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www.greenmantlenursery.com

Listing of roses that you can only
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707-986-7504

Heirloom Roses
24062 Riverside Dr. NE
St. Paul, OR 97137
www.heirloomroses.com

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Alachua, FL 32616
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16918 SW 15th Avenue
Newberry, FL 32669
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 363 North Deerwood Dr.
 Laurens, SC 29360
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Rose Websites

Texas Rose Rustlers: www.texasroserustlers.com
 Rose File: www.rosefile.com (Rose ID)
 Help Me Find: www.helpmefind.com (Rose ID)
 American Rose Society: www.rose.org (Rose information)
 UCI IPM website: <http://ipm.ucanr.edu> (Pest information)
 Baldo Villegas Bugs and Roses: www.sactorose.org (Rose and pest information)

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