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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR.....BECKY SMITH



Hi Rose Rustler Friends,

What a severe winter we have experienced this year! Historic storm Uri brought havoc to our Texas gardens like nothing I have ever experienced. After a week of unprecedented freezing temperatures my garden was so brown (including some of the roses) that I wondered what would return and what's gone for good. But after weeks of patience, pruning and cleanup, many of our beloved plants are beginning to thrive! Here are some of my first blooms this Spring:



Beauty Operator Iris



Bluebonnets



Will Scarlett



Sarah Van Fleet



Deanna



Bridal Wreath



Robert Stiba Calendulas



Pineapple Plant



Lily of the Palace Amaryllis



Ranunculus Ficaria



Water Lily Begonia



Iris Albicans (Cemetery Iris)



Narcissus 'Erlicheer'



Old Blush



Civil War Verbena



Outta the Blue



Deanna



Paparazzi Phlox



Dwarf Flowering Almond



Fortunia

We will hold our annual Texas Rose Rustlers Spring Symposium on Saturday, May 1, in Montgomery, Texas. To help one another replace lost plants after the winter storm there will be a marathon lotto so get your lotto plants ready. More details to follow in this newsletter.

Also, be sure to visit our website at 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.

Sadly, during the week of freeze, we lost our dear friend, Ray Ponton. His obituary follows in the newsletter. He will be dearly missed. My deepest sympathy for his wife, Margaret, his daughters, Marianne and Susan, and the entire family.

Hope to see everyone May 1!



RAY ALLEN PONTON

May 13, 1930 - February 16, 2021

Ray Allen Ponton, 90, of Taylor, passed away on February 16, 2021 at his home with his family. He was born May 13, 1930, in Thorndale, Texas to Tilmon and Annie Preuss Ponton.

Ray graduated from Taylor High School in 1947. He served in the Air Force for the last 3 years of the Korean War. He married Margaret Jean Krieg on June 5, 1954 and worked at the First Taylor National Bank for over 30 years until he retired.

He served with many good friends in the Taylor Optimist Club and the Taylor Heritage and Conservation Society. He enjoyed participating in the Taylor BBQ cook offs and the Williamson County Pecan Growers Association, where he won numerous regional and state awards for his pecans. He was a member of the Taylor Brethren Church.

In earlier years he hunted for and polished rocks turning some of them into jewelry, grafted pecan trees, and collected named bricks from all over the country. He became quite adept at caring for honey bees, making wine, and growing heirloom tomatoes. More recently he became a hybridizer of antique roses, and thoroughly enjoyed his time with the Texas Rose Rustlers and the Bastrop County Historical Rose Society. The list of his roses can be found on www.helpmefind.com. Until his last days, Ray enjoyed researching and finding out about new things on the internet. He was truly a lifelong learner.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, his only sister Sylvia Ann Ponton Slagle, her husband Leon, and his granddaughter Sarah Bohls. He is survived by his wife Margaret of 66 years, daughters Marianne Moncrief (Burt) of Plano and Susan Bohls (Rodney) of Houston, Granddaughter Meredith Konderla (Michael) and great grandson Luke of Houston, Grandson Cameron Bohls (Hayley) and great grandson Liam of Katy, and dear nieces and nephews.

Celebration of life was held on Friday, February 26, 2021 at 1:00 pm at Providence Funeral Home with burial to follow in the Taylor City Cemetery.

Pall bearers included: Cameron Bohls, Rodney Bohls, Eric Brewer, Walter Brewer, Jared Delony, Michael Konderla, Burt Moncrief, and Jason Reiger.

The family would like to express appreciation to all of Ray's doctors at Baylor Scott and White and the caregivers who saw him through his battle with his autoimmune disease. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to: Optimist Scholarship Fund- Taylor High School, Taylor Brethren Church (P.O. Box 351, Taylor Texas 76574), or the Texas Rose Rustlers Association (c/o Elisabeth Castro, 28423 Wild Oaks, Magnolia, Texas 77355-1995).

VINTAGE CORNER

Along the Rustling Trail

Marion Brandes

Spring 1996

It's great to have Spring back again, especially after the benefits of a dry winter. That last hard freeze in March really set our garden back, though, and delayed my first flush of bloom to late April. I lost all my flower buds and lots of tender new foliage as well. I noticed that the Polyanthas and Kordesii's did not have any foliage damage. Roses like Echo, Gartendirektor Otto Linne, Climbing Clothilde Soupert, Rosarium Ueterson, and Dortmund were not affected. Even Lavender Dream which has one Polyantha parent was unaffected. A

couple of multiflora ramblers I grow are in great shape as well, so the multiflora parentage in Polyanthas probably has a lot to do with the hardiness of their foliage.

In the Houston-Gulf Coast area there are very few of the old European Roses that will be vigorous and bloom well. I found that William Lobb (Old Velvet Moss) is one of the exceptions. I have also seen great bloom production here from Russeliana and Hippolyte. I wrote to Malcolm Manners in Lakeland, Florida which has the same climate as here, to ask about his experiences with the rose garden at Florida Southern College. Malcolm has found Stanwell Perpetual, Felicite Parmentier, Autumn Damask, and Alba Semiplena all to be excellent. He has found the Moss and Damask varieties he has grown are too blackspot prone and that Gallicas won't bloom. In general, Portlands and Hybrid Perpetuals bloom, but are rather blackspot prone.

There are a few of the Hybrid Perpetuals that may be pruned repeatedly during the growing season to force blooms and yet maintain their vigor. Paul Neyron is one and Reine des Violettes may be another. You might try pruning back Paul Neyron after each bloom cycle. The Idoms pruned their Reine des Violettes down to 6" this Winter and have a tremendous display early this Spring.

I surveyed some of our members that have their gardens on the Open Garden Tour this year to see what new varieties of roses they are trying out this year or last year. The Zuch's are very pleased with Mme. Pierre S. Dupont (deep yellow blooms), Duchesse de Kent (a pale pink Tea rose covered with 100 blooms on April 1st), and 'Beauty of Rosemawhr. Eunice Roberts is trying Mme. Antoine Revoire (a Hybrid Tea from the 1800's) and Papa Hemeray (a colorful China). The Idoms are evaluating Carefree Delight as a climber (it's the new AARS winner for 1996 Shrub rose) and Flower Carpet (the highly marketed rose in the pink pots). Last year the Idoms tried Dreaming Spires, Festival Fanfare (orange/white striped climber), and Fountain. The Idoms also report that squirrels have run out of acorns and are munching-out on their flower buds. Ray Valigura has added several new varieties to his garden: Antoine Rivoire, Cocktail (climber with red single blooms and a yellow eye), Basye's Blueberry, Blarii No. 2, and Parkdirektor Riggers. Last year Ray added the Eden Rose (a climber with old rose blooms) and has really enjoyed it. David Caton is ecstatic with his Fisherman's Friend - on April 11th it had 57 black-red 5"+ blooms. The Fisherman's Friend, a David Austin rose named after an English throat lozenge, is, competing with tree roots and gets no direct sun! Nevertheless, David's favorite rose is still Abraham Darby. I pick Abraham Darby, as well, but along with Mrs. B. R. Cant as tops.

The Shrub rose, Abraham Darby, is actually not an "English Rose", but it was bred by David Austin from Aloha (a 1949 Cl. HT) crossed with Yellow Cushion (a Floribunda). David Austin has used it however, to breed many of the "English Roses". The true "English Rose" has in its recent parentage one of the Old Roses. Therefore, I pass on to you this tidbit of rose trivia: Abraham Darby is a David Austin rose, but not an "English Rose".

I mentioned in my previous column the new roses I would be trying out this year, but now I have two more new roses. This Spring I had to purchase Madam Antoine Mari (a new Tea from the Antique Rose Emporium), when I saw its large bloom with spiraling pink swirls on cream-white petals (just like strawberries-and-cream ice cream), and Louise Odier (source also A.R.E.), when I smelled its intense perfume.

The Tulip
by Emily Dickinson

She slept beneath a tree

Remembered but by me.
I touched her cradle mute;
She recognized the foot.
Put on her carmine suit—
And see!



Have you ever looked at your rose garden and wondered if that insect is a 'good guy' or a 'bad guy'? If so, please join us for our next meeting. Our speaker will be Suzanne Wainwright-Evans, a horticultural entomologist who specializes in integrated pest management. Suzanne has been involved in the Green Industry for more than 30 years with a primary focus on biological control and using pesticides properly. She is a graduate of the University of Florida with degrees in both Entomology and Environmental Horticulture. She has worked throughout the United States and internationally consulting to greenhouses, nurseries, landscapers, cannabis production and interior-scape companies. She is the owner of Buglady Consulting.

Suzanne Wainwright-Evans - Beneficials and Pests in the Rose Garden

Thu, May 13, 2021 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CST)

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

2021 Spring Symposium



Dear Friends,

As previously announced, we will hold our annual Texas Rose Rustlers Spring Symposium on Saturday, May 1, 2021.

We are gathering at the [Charles B. Stewart Public Library](#) in Montgomery, Texas. Behind the Library is [Memory Park](#) where our lotto will be held starting at 10 a.m. Come early so that you can tour the gardens of Memory Park, as well as touring the adjacent historic park, [Fernland](#).

We have all experienced losses in our garden from the terrible effects of Uri in February and we want to help one another in replacing some of these losses. This year, we have decided to have a marathon (continuous) lotto rather than guest speakers, etc., so please be generous in bringing as many plants or garden items as you can to share with others.

After the lotto, we will have a Q&A session fielding questions that you may have regarding the plants you received in the lotto, or questions about freeze damage that you incurred during Uri.

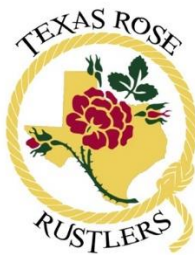
Bring your own drinks and a sack lunch. The restrooms in the library will be available to us, but our entire gathering will be on the grounds of Memory Park.

See you May !!



“Gardening often brings me to my knees.”

By David L. Culp, the author of *The Layered Garden*.



Texas Rose Rustlers MembershipForm

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.

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Magnolia, TX 77355-1995**

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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
Garberville, CA 95542
www.greenmantlenursery.com
Listing of roses that you can only
order via Phone or by mail
707-986-7504

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

Rogue Valley Roses
P.O. Box 116
Phoenix, OR 97504
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7073 N. Lecanto Hwy
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Roses Unlimited
363 North Deerwood Dr.
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Antique Rose Emporium
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Brenham, TX 77833
www.antiqueroseemporium.com

Chamblee's Rose Nursery
16807 CR 363
Winona, TX 75792
www.chambleeroses.com

Angel Gardens
P.O. Box 1106
Alachua, FL 32616
www.angelgardens.com

Rose Petals Nursery
16918 SW 15th Avenue
Newberry, FL 32669
www.rosepetalsnursery.com

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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