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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR.....BECKY SMITH



Hi Rose Rustler Friends,

Can you believe all the rain we have had in Texas? I have really enjoyed not having to drag hoses around to water. But, it seemed like we were never going to be able to have our Spring meeting in Montgomery. On the second try we had a good turn-out in spite of the rain. Check out the pictures from the meeting on our website at <http://www.texasroserustlers.com/photo-gallery/>

It is so sad to have lost another long-time Rose Rustler friend, Don Gerard. His obituary is included in this newsletter. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Don's family and friends.



Rosa 'Ray Ponton' was generously donated by Mike Shoup in remembrance of Ray Ponton who passed away this year. Ray hybridized many beautiful roses, and it seems only appropriate that he has a rose named in his honor. The rose should be available at the Antique Rose Emporium in Spring 2022. The polyantha was hybridized by Andrew Barocco by using an open pollinated hip of Oso Happy Smoothie, which was bred by David Zlesak. 'Ray Ponton' is 2" tall by 2.5-3" wide. It is a deep pink, mauve or purple blend with 1" blooms that have 40 slightly fragrant petals.

The following are pictures of some of my garden survivors of this year's freeze and floods.



Rosa 'Callie Lianne' (one of Ray Ponton's roses)



Purple Cornflowers



Silphium Radula



Nicotiana



Agapanthus from my parent's home



Hemerocallis fulva 'Kwanso Flore Pleno'



Alstromerias
from Conrad



Canna from Vintage
Rosery



Crinum 'Stars and Stripes'



Daisy 'Becky'

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Antique Rose Emporium in Independence for the Summer Meeting on July 10 with speaker Andrew Barocco. More details will follow.



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.



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(Sent by Conrad Tipps)



A Wet Rustle

GENEROUS and **WET** proved to be the “words of the day” for our Spring Symposium 2021 at Memory Park in Montgomery, TX. The morning began cool and moist and overcast skies, as we gathered at the gazebo which is the central feature in the park. The view from the edge of gazebo was a large pool filled with turtles and fishes. It proved to be a perfect place to mingle and socialize and we created quite a chatter, which blended perfectly with the wildlife. With 25 generous members in attendance, the contributions from our members proved to be substantial. They included: over 100 plants, roses and tropicals and many pass-alongs and seeds of annuals and vegetables and pots of all types and garden books and yard art. Of special interest were bulbils that were brought by John Murillo. These are vegetative growths that are produced by several different bulb species and are not produced all years. Our member/lotto announcer, Nancy Snyder Boller called out five rounds of lotto numbers which proved to be wonderful fun. As our lotto progressed, with Nancy calling out our lotto numbers we shifted from overcast skies, to a gentle light mist, then to light rain, which eventually turned into a significant down pour. Finally, Nancy announced, “Open House! Pick what you want!” We gathered our bounty, which took another hour, and loaded up our vehicles and headed home with all of us looking like children that had spent a morning playing in the puddles. What a fun morning!





Donald Stephen Gerard

JANUARY 4, 1938 - MAY 20, 2021

Donald Stephen Gerard of Lake Jackson, TX, entered into eternal rest on May 20, 2021 at the age of 83. Don was born to Goodwin J. Gerard and Eileen K. Gerard on January 4, 1938 in Washington DC but grew up in the bustling town of New Orleans. Don attended and graduated from Texas A&M with a bachelor's in chemistry and was a member of the Corps of Cadets as well. From there, he proudly served in the United States Army in active duty from 1960 to 1961. Don then would go on to dedicate 36 years of his life as a chemist and quality assurance coordinator in the petrochemical industry for Dow Chemical. In that time, he would raise up his 4

treasured children and best friends – Suzanne, Minette, Michael, and Andre. He would also find and marry his beloved wife, Patricia, in Lake Jackson, Texas on May 24th, 1982.

He was a proud father and a doting grandfather. He loved family gatherings, whether they were at the beach, at a park, traveling to his home town or gathered in a son or daughter's living room. He also enjoyed being a part of organizations like Master Gardeners and Rose Rustlers, he had a fondness for ruffling feathers on the internet, and his love for all things A&M was apparent to anyone who came in contact with him.

Don is preceded in death by his father, Goodwin Gerard, and mother, Eileen Gerard; his brother, David Gerard; his beloved wife, Patricia Gerard; his daughter, Marie Gerard; and his grandson, Joshua Wolfe.

Don is survived by his first wife, Carol Gerard; his daughter Suzanne Herrington and her husband Tony Herrington, his daughter Minette Jaeger, and sons Michael and Andre Gerard; stepsons, Craig, Jeff and Steven Cyr and step-daughter Laura Dean; and a multitude of grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers are Tony Herrington, Lawrence Wolfe III, Jeremy Reznicek, Landon Reznicek, Amber Gerard, and Taylor Glaser. Honorary pallbearers were Andre and Michael Gerard.

Memorial Contributions In lieu of flowers, please give donations to the SPCA in the name of Donald Gerard.

VINTAGE CORNER

Louis-Philippe and Cramoisi Superieur – Getting it Straight

By Marion Brandes

Summer 1995

Cramoisi Superieur

On the past annual rose rustles we have observed this rose in The Victoria Evergreen Cemetery and also in New Brunfels at several locations like the Startz house and the Lindheimer Museum. At different times I have referred to it with study names of "Startz Red" and "Victoria Evergreen Red". The vivid crimson petals have light reverses and the outer edge of each petal rolls back (reflexes). Those two characteristics of the blooms are the most important in recognizing it in any picture or plant. Henry Curtis in 'Beauties of the Rose', 1850, provides a matching description; "Perhaps no rose gives so great a succession of flowers...which are the richest scarlet crimson, very glowing. The rose being pendulous, the edges reflex most gracefully, to exhibit more fully as it were the extreme richness and velvety scarlet of their inner sides...". The leaves are small and very dark gray green. The bush comes in an under 3-foot version and also in a 5-foot version, unless this is entirely attributable to a slow buildup over many years. The blooms do not vary much during the different seasons.

The newly stocked cultivar at the Antique Rose Emporium, Climbing Cramoisi Superieur is just exactly that. It has blooms identical to the above descriptions for Cramoisi Superieur. It comes from Slidell, Louisiana and I've

been growing it since last all. The blooms are more double and often have difficulty opening. (This climber is not the one found in Williamsburg, Virginia last Spring, I will have more to say about it when my small plant has grown some). The Climbing Cramoisi Superieur was called Cramoisi Grimpant in France and England. Gertrude Jekyll called the bush "lovely as a dwarf hedge" and the climber even better as a "winter bloomer" that can attain a full 20 feet. The name Cramoisi Grimpant is also used in Graham Stuart Thomas', 'The Rose Book' where an excellent color plate is exhibited.

The rose that the Antique Rose Emporium sells as Louis-Philippe needs to be grown beside one of the above plants ("Victoria Evergreen Red") to see if it is the same. I have no experience with it and I am never sure of its similarity when I see it briefly.

Louis Philippe

This is the red China rose we most often find in the Houston area and across the Gulf Coast. I find the blooms very changeable by season. In Spring they are medium size, outer petals are red and inner petals are pink. In the hottest days of Summer the blooms are small, outer petals are pink and the inner petals are nearly white. In the Fall the blooms are the most different, when they are dark luminous red and much larger. The form is at first globular but the open bloom is cupped. The fragrance is the most important characteristic: this is the only China I have encountered with a good fragrance. At times the fragrance is among the very best, but it is also undependable.

'The Rose Manual' by Robert Buist in 1844 advises that Louis-Philippe "has not an equal for growth, in good soils frequently making a shoot six feet long in one season. The flowers are large, perfectly double of a globular form. The circumference of the bloom is of a dark crimson color, the center a pale blush, making it altogether perfectly distinct." In 'The Rose Garden' by William Paul in 1903, he describes the blooms of Louis-Philippe as "dark crimson, the edges of the center petals almost white, of medium size, full; for globular." 'The American Rose Annual of 1925 reported that Louis-Philippe "has done so well in Florida that it is called the 'Florida Rose'." And the Annual of 1939 described the same rose as having the "stimulating fragrance of spices."

I have encountered the name "Florida Rose" quite a number of times and, when I was in Central Florida a few years ago for the Heritage Rose Conference, I drove through old neighborhoods in small towns watching for red roses. I encountered quite a few Louis-Philippe's in the old town of St. Cloud. They were all quite large, usually growing as arching shrubs standing in the open lawn (about 6' x 8'). One of them had managed to grow canes all the way into a tree, there a bloom was perched 15' high. The blooms and the fragrance were unmistakably the same as our own Louis-Philippe so common along the Texas Gulf Coast. In Texas we most often see a large bush form, but once in awhile we encounter a more vigorous longer caned plant that grows blooms and grows more rapidly, surely this must be Climbing Louis-Philippe.

The Antique Rose Emporium sells this rose labeled as Cramoisi Superieur. Since it is one of their most popular roses, there are thousands of them across the Country now, incorrectly labelled. The rose the Emporium sells as Louis-Philippe has solid red flowers without fragrance and does not grow to large size. The description listed for Louis-Philippe in the 1993 Vintage Gardens Catalog matches the above descriptions closely, however, referring to a "rich cherry perfume". The Vintage Gardens stock is said to come from Ruth Knopf who collected it in a Charleston, NC, cemetery. Apparently the West and East Coasts are correct with regard to Louis Philippe.

Noticing a China called Louis-Philippe d'Angers in the Vintage Gardens Catalog described as follows "found throughout California is striped markedly with pale pink on all the petals in Spring and Fall", I ordered the rose planted it in my garden for observation. In early Spring 1994 (March) it bloomed with stripes, although light the stripes were on every petal. Only the first bloom cycle was striped, however, because they did not reappear the rest of the year. I have seen the same striping on an Antique Rose Emporium Cramoisi Superieur plant owned in a garden in Pasadena, Texas also. It is rare, but some bushes are capable of it. Nevertheless, it is a variation of Louis-Philippe.

In Conclusion

Checking Bill Welch's 'Antique Roses for the South', I found the descriptions for these roses consistent with what I have presented here. Louis-Philippe is described as having "blush edges on the inner petals" and Cramoisi Superieur is described as having "velvety, rich crimson flowers with a silvery reverse" and "leaves are small dark green". He even said, "Natives of the deep South usually refer to any red China rose as 'Louis Philippe'".



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(Sent by Conrad Tipps)

I Was Lucky

By BJ Abshire, Editor of Thorny Issues, Acadiana Rose Society

'Eutin' is the first rose I ever grew. Although, I really can't say that I grew it because it took care of itself. It didn't need me. I had never grown roses and knew nothing about rose culture. My husband and I bought our home in 1978 and the rose came with the house. The previous owners said it was 'Seven Sisters'. It would be well over 20 years before I learned its real name and even longer to learn what it meant to have a Kordes rose. At the time I had a 4 month old baby and other important things to do so the rose was on its own. Had it been some other rose, it might have declined over the years and eventually died. But I was lucky. 'Eutin' is a floribunda created in 1940 by Wilhelm Kordes, and is one of the best roses I have ever grown. I have never sprayed it (except for chilli thrips) and blackspot has never been an issue. It used to get a little powdery mildew...which may be because it grows against a brick wall on the driveway getting only 3-4 hours of sun a day. It grows about 2 - 3 feet tall by about 3 feet wide but they can get larger. It has arching canes and produces clusters of dark carmine red flowers about 2 inches in diameter. It blooms most of the year and propagates very easily. "Eutin" has been in its original planting spot for about 45 years. That's a real testament to its toughness.





American Hands in Hybridizing Easy Care Roses

Ping Lim has enjoyed a lifelong career in the rose industry. His fame lies in the sheer number of awards that have been bestowed on his creations by the American Rose Trials for Sustainability, the Biltmore International Rose Trials, the Rose Hills International Rose Trials, American Garden Rose Selections, the All America Rose Selections and many more trialing programs around the world.

At last count, Ping has introduced more than 75 roses and his creations can be found in the U.S., throughout Europe, Russia, China, Australia and many other countries.

Ping's program will share the stories behind his award-winning roses (including several that will be available next year), the introduction of a new class of roses (HT-Shrub) which have flowers with the form of hybrid tea roses but produce on bushes that grow like shrubs and how he creates these amazing roses. Ping's lifelong mission is to design stunning roses that can be grown by anyone, anywhere without the use of harmful chemicals.

"American Hands in Hybridizing Easy Care Roses" Ping Lim
Thu, Jul 8, 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/>



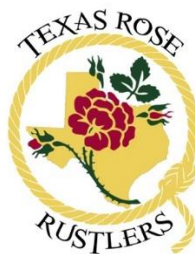
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1. *Old Texas Rose* newsletter published four times a year
2. Three events per year, including:
 - Spring Symposium

- Summer Rookie Rustle
- Fall Cutting Exchange

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Listing of roses that you can only
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Rose Petals Nursery
16918 SW 15th Avenue
Newberry, FL 32669
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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)

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