

The Heritage Rose Foundation  
Presents  
CALIFORNIA'S ROSE HERITAGE

All activities are at the El Cerrito Community Center unless otherwise noted.

## Thursday, May 12, 2005 – Arrival and Registration Day

8:30 am – 5:00 pm      Tour of the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden

8:30 am	Dep.	Super 8 Best Inn, 6009 Potrero Avenue, El Cerrito
9:00 am	Dep.	Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Emeryville
10:00 am	Arr.	Heritage Rose Garden, Spring & Taylor Sts., San Jose
12:30 pm	Dep.	Heritage Rose Garden, Spring & Taylor Sts., San Jose
1:00 pm	Arr.	Santa Clara University, BOX LUNCH
3:45 pm	Dep.	Santa Clara University
4:45 pm	Arr.	Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Emeryville
5:00 pm	Arr.	Super 8 Best Inn, 6009 Potrero Avenue, El Cerrito

Elect this optional bus tour of this world-class botanical rose collection. Wander through the 4,500 roses of 3,500 varieties, from species to modern roses. The Heritage Rose Garden is the largest collection of rose varieties in the Western Hemisphere. Then travel to nearby Santa Clara University to enjoy a box lunch. Tour the S.C.U. fence of 140 climbing roses that are part of the Heritage's collection. Stroll through the old Mission and the lovely University gardens.

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm      Flower Displays and Donated Roses Staged

Members of the flower committee mount a display of old and classic roses arranged chronologically by date of introduction. The flowers are a reference as we move through the story of roses in California, and will contribute to the rose display at the Celebration of Old Roses which takes place in the same room on Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Donated Roses are arranged for viewing.

5:00 pm                      Registration and Rose Raffle

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm      Wine bar and light supper for those attending the conference.  
Greet old friends and make new ones while you share the roses.

## Friday, May 13, 2005 – Opening Day of the Conference

8:00 am – 9:00 am      Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:45 am – 9:00 am      Welcome – HRF President Stephen Scanniello and Mel Hulse

All Day                      Silent Auction of Rare & Found Roses  
Mel Hulse

Participate in this fundraiser for the HRF. Rare roses are available for you to bid on throughout the day. These roses will be profiled on the HRF website. Don't forget your checkbook!

- 9:00 am – 12:00 pm      History and Sources of the Rose in California  
Gregg Lowery, introducing and wrapping up  
The conference opens with an overview of the history of the rose in California. Gain a perspective of significant benchmarks in the arrival of cultivated roses to California gardens and their development as a major landscape plant. We touch first on the wild native roses of the West, and follow the course of rose introductions from the time of the Spanish missionaries to the heyday of rose hybridizing in the early twentieth century. This brief three-hour span does not allow for the sort of depth that this subject deserves, but provides us with the historical background for what follows.
- 9:00 am – 9:15 am      Wild California Roses (pre - 1749)  
Alice Flores  
The story begins with the wild roses here before the European settlers arrived.
- 9:15 am – 10:30 am      A History of Roses in California (1750 to 1950)  
Tom Brown  
Tom tells you the story of cultivated roses in California, starting with the early Spanish mission gardens and the Californios. He leads you through the Gold Rush to the turn of the century when Californians began commercial rose growing on a large scale, impacting the breeding of roses worldwide. You glimpse the beginnings of an appreciation for old roses through the work of the Lesters and later, Will Tillotson & Dorothy Stemler.
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am      Break
- 11:00 am – 2:00 pm      Historic Rose Sites in California – History and Preservation  
Alice Flores, introducing and wrapping up  
Your perspective focuses on a few significant sites where roses played an important role in the past and are once again in the spotlight.  
We preface these presentations by mentioning California's preeminent old rose resources and preservation efforts, including heritage rose collections open to the public at the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden, the Huntington, Descanso Garden, the Woodland Public Library and the Empire Mine. We mention organized rose rescues on Alcatraz, at Mare Island, at Fort Ross, and in the Mother Lode.
- 11:00 am – 11:30 am      Cooper-Molera Adobe and San Juan Bautista State Historic Park  
Frances Grate  
Frances Grate recounts the reconstruction of the pre-1865 period gardens at the Cooper Molera Adobe in Monterey State Historic Park. Learn about how the historic roses and gardens of San Juan Bautista State Historic Park were preserved.
- 11:30 am – 12:00 am      Gold Rush Roses (1849 – 1900)  
Rusty Rolleri  
Roses spread through the boomtowns of the Gold Rush. Their legacy continues in old gardens and cemeteries of the Sierra foothills. Our story touches on the found roses of California's Gold Country and the people who grew them.
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm      BUFFET LUNCH

1:00 pm – 1:30 pm Sacramento Historic Rose Garden in The Old City Cemetery  
Barbara Oliva

You will learn how the original rose plantings in this Victorian cemetery were discovered and expanded into a museum of roses representing roses found at cemeteries and historic sites around Northern California. This chronicles the coming together of many found old roses in one beautiful and historic site.

1:30 pm – 2:00 pm Rancho Camulos  
Jeri Jennings

This national historic landmark preserves one of California's ranchos dating from the land-grant era before California statehood. It commemorates California's Mexican and Hispanic heritage that predates the Gold Rush.

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm California Rose Rustlers and their Stories  
Jeri Jennings, introducing and wrapping up

Well-known collectors of old roses in California share specimens of the roses they have collected. This is a round-robin event where the audience divides up and visits each rosarian. They tell stories of their discoveries, and what they believe they now know about these roses and their original identities. Many of these roses are available at our sale of Great California Roses on Saturday.

North Coast:	Joyce Demits, Alice Flores
Gold Country:	Sherri Berglund, Barbara Oliva
Alcatraz: Prison	Muriel Humenick
Bay Area:	Jay Williams
Sonoma County:	Phillip Robinson
Southern California:	Jeri Jennings

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm BREAK

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Identifying and Collecting Roses in the Field  
Cass Bernstein, introducing

Inspired by our noted collectors, you have the opportunity to learn more about how to identify found roses and collect and record information about them in the field.

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Overview of the Classification of Roses  
Gregg Lowery

Gregg shares with you an overview of characteristics of cultivated rose classes. He shows you how the expert sees the differences between roses in the field and is able to come to some general idea of the class that a rose might likely fall into.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Practicum: The Field Guide of Rose Characteristics  
Judy Dean, Lynne Storm & Bev Vierra

These three rosarians authored *The Field Guide to Rose Characteristics*. This publication offers an opportunity for students of found roses to systematically record data about the roses they are collecting. This data can in time be used to cross-reference roses collected from different locations around the world. You have the opportunity to experience a hands-on demonstration of this system, breaking into small groups to see the Field Report in use, and to observe some blind cataloguing of roses.

6:00 pm Silent Auction Terminates. Payment by cash or check only.

5:00 pm – 6:30 pm      Extended Break for R&R

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm      Dinner Followed by “Tea Roses in Australia”  
The Tea Rose Group of Western Australia

Enjoy a casual dinner followed by a presentation by the Tea Rose Group, whose forthcoming book catalogues and examines all the Tea roses known to be grown in Australia. This group has been in communication with rosarians around the world comparing what is grown in Australia with what grows elsewhere, in an effort to better understand the muddled identities of the Tea roses. They share their years of work with us.

## Saturday, May 14, 2005 - Second Day of the Conference

8:00 am – 8:30 am      Heritage Rose Foundation Membership Meeting

8:30 am – 9:00 am      Continental Breakfast

8:30 pm – 5:30 pm      Sale of Great Old Roses – Payment by Cash or Check  
Take home rare and wonderful roses, some of which are the subject of our presentations over the two days.

9:00 am – 12:30 pm      Heritage Roses in Western Gardens – Historic Favorites  
Mel Hulse, introducing

Among the most notable roses in the California landscape are rambling roses, which survive our long dry summers and provide the most memorable displays of bloom from April through June. In this segment we tip our hat to this group which is less and less planted in modern gardens, but deserving of revival as roses to grace our increasingly crowded world.

You also look at a group of remontant, compact heritage roses, the Polyanthas, whose roots lie in the same wild roses that parented the ramblers. We find them as loving reminders on the graves of Californians from a century ago.

Finally, you turn to a class of roses that is usually seen as the epitome of the modern rose, the Hybrid Teas. We will explore the early beginnings of the Hybrid Teas in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, and learn more about their development in Europe, and their triumph in the hands of skilled breeders of roses in the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century in California.

9:00 am – 10:15 am      Rambling Roses  
Dan Russo & Anne Belovich

Dan is a historian and rose archivist in Rhode Island whose own collection of American bred ramblers is unmatched. He tells you about American Ramblers. His work on the collection of roses at the Elizabeth Park in Connecticut, the oldest public rose collection in America, has led both to the preservation of the roses bred and introduced by the Brownells of Rhode Island, and to the maintenance of an original planting of rambling roses older than any other in the U.S.

Anne is a collector of climbing roses in Washington who has gathered the largest collection of Barbier rambling roses in the world. She is an accomplished photographer who has documented climbing roses in Europe and America. Anne will share her knowledge of European Ramblers.

10:15 am – 10:45 am    BREAK

10:45 am – 11:45 am    Polyantha Roses  
                                 Jim Delahanty & Barbara Gordon

Jim Delahanty grows a wide range of old roses and a very large collection of Polyanthas at his home in Los Angeles County. Barbara Gordon gardens in Northwestern Silicon Valley area and grows an exceptional collection of Polyantha roses.

These two passionate lovers of Polyanthas share with you their appreciation for this unique group of historic roses that bridged the gap between the roses of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Jim's researches in recent years have resulted in very thorough articles on roses of this era. You get a historic perspective from him, while Barbara shows you many examples of the different lines of Polyanthas.

11:45 am – 12:30pm    Historic Hybrid Tea Roses  
                                 Phillip Robinson

Phillip has been at the forefront of collecting and studying older Hybrid Tea roses, and for more than a decade has been educating audiences not only about their beauty and usefulness in the modern garden, but also on their historic development. His offering echoes the historic perspective which you heard on Friday morning from Tom Brown's look at the development of the nursery industry and rose breeding in California. At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century California began to play a very significant role in developing and changing the Hybrid Tea rose.

12:30 pm                    BUFFET LUNCH

1:30 pm – 3:10 pm      Western Gardeners in Four Climate Zones  
                                 Gregg Lowery, introducing and wrapping up

Your focus shifts to a very personal view of gardening with heritage roses. See how the great geographic diversity of California has affected the styles and approaches to gardening of western gardeners. In this series you hear presentations of 15 to 20 minutes in length. See how these gardeners faced very distinct challenges resulting from the range of climates, soils and sites that we have in the west.

North Coast:	Joyce Demits
Coastal Mountains:	Pamela Temple
Central Valley:	Ron Robertson
Desert Southwest:	Kim Rupert

3:10 pm – 3:30 pm      BREAK

3:30 pm                    An International Perspective of Rose Preservation  
                                 Gregg Lowery, introducing

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm      Roseraie de l'Häy-les-Roses and its Hybrid Perpetuals  
                                 Etienne Bouret

Etienne, whose moniker "AmiRose" is familiar to rosarians on the internet, will tell us the story of Jules Gravereaux's work developing the old rose collections of the Roseraie de l'Häy-les-Roses outside Paris. He will share some of the photographic cataloguing he is doing for the Friends of Roseraie de l'Häy, with an emphasis on the

Hybrid Perpetual collection. Etienne will give us an international perspective on preserving old roses through Les Amis de la Roseaie de l'Hây-les-Roses and with the European old rose preservation group, Lost Beauties.

4:30 pm – 5:00 pm Conclusion, Recap, General Questions to the Speakers  
Rose Sale Ends  
Mel Hulse, Gregg Lowery, Stephen Scanniello

## Sunday, May 15, 2005 - Post Conference Enjoyment!

9:00 am – 11:00 am An Optional tour of the Berkeley Botanic Garden  
This will include the Old Rose garden to be guided by UCBG curators Peter Klement and Elaine Sedlack. Private transportation to be arranged by conferees.

11:00 am – 4:00 pm Celebration of Old Roses  
Enjoy this annual free event staged by the East Bay Heritage Roses Group under the leadership of Miriam Wilkins. Check out hundreds of old roses presented by class in a non-competitive environment. Browse vendor stations of rose related art, books, gifts and roses. Bid on raffle items. Most of all, hobnob with rosarians from around the West.

## Monday, May 16, 2005 – Final Day!

8:30 am – 5:00 pm Tour of Sonoma County Gardens

8:10 am	Dep.	Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Emeryville
8:30 am	Dep.	Super 8 Best Inn, 6009 Potrero Ave, El Cerrito, CA 94530
9:35 am	Arr.	Sandy Chute and Shelby Belogorski, Santa Rosa Gardens
10:55 am	Dep.	Sandy Chute and Shelby Belogorski, Santa Rosa Gardens
11:15 pm	Arr.	Baying Bassett Cottage, 3003 Pleasant Hill Road, Sebastopol, BOX LUNCH
1:45 pm	Dep.	Baying Bassett Cottage
1:55 pm	Arr.	Vintage Gardens Nursery
2:35 pm	Dep.	Vintage Gardens Nursery
2:55 pm	Arr.	Garden Valley Ranch, 498 Pepper Road, Petaluma
4:10 pm	Dep.	Garden Valley Ranch
5:00 pm	Arr.	Super 8 Best Inn, 6009 Potrero Ave, El Cerrito, CA 94530
5:20 pm	Arr.	Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Emeryville

Elect this optional bus tour of fine gardens in Sonoma County. First stop is the adjoining gardens of Sandy Chute and Shelby Belogorski in Santa Rosa. Next wander through Gregg Lowery and Phillip Robinson's Baying Bassett Cottage garden with over 3,000 roses, and check out Vintage Gardens Nursery. Last stop is Garden Valley Ranch, one of only two producers of cut roses in the U.S., set in a historic location that once was a train and carriage stop between Petaluma and Santa Rosa, as pictured in Rayford Reddell's rose and gardening books.