

# Wyck

Wyck served as the ancestral home of one Germantown family from the 1690s until 1972 and contains authentic family furnishings and possessions from each generation. The house was built in phases in 1736 and 1772 (partly over a c. 1690 log house) and renovated by the noted architect, William Strickland, in 1824. The house remains virtually unchanged since that time. Wyck's artifact collections are largely stored in the three-and-a-half story house. There are over 10,000 artifacts, including domestic and household furniture and furnishings, clothing, toys, scientific, agricultural and industrial instruments, natural history specimens, Native American artifacts, and historical relics of "olden times." The Wistar-Haines family library comprises over 3,000 volumes on subjects representing the family's interests and experiences: science and medicine, teaching theory and education, child-rearing, garden and landscape design, agriculture, horticulture, natural history, engineering and history, and is also housed on-site. Other features of our site include perennial gardens, a woodlot, fruit trees, and extensive vegetable and herb gardens. We also have an extensive collection of outbuildings from the late 18<sup>th</sup>-century through the early 20<sup>th</sup>-century: a carriage house, smoke house, ice house, and greenhouse. Wyck's 1820s old rose garden still grows in its original plan and is a rare survival of its time, unique in the region and nation. The site's early outbuildings and farm garden add to the authenticity of the site as a whole and enable Wyck to reach out to and serve our urban neighborhood in innovative way. Through the preservation and interpretation of this rare resource, The Wyck Association works to enrich and strengthen community life.

## The Heritage Rose Foundation

The Heritage Rose Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1986, devoted to the preservation of old roses. The goals of HRF include the collection of roses originating in the nineteenth century or earlier and roses with particular historic, educational, or genetic value, heritage roses, and the establishment of public knowledge of heritage roses through seminars, meetings, forums, panels, lectures, tours and exhibits designed to encourage and increase the public's perception of heritage roses.

Wyck Historic House and Garden  
6026 Germantown Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19144

Join us May 21 for the Wyck Old Rose Symposium  
Sponsored by the Heritage Rose Foundation

Wyck Historic House and Garden Invites You to Attend

## The Wyck

# Old Rose Symposium

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A day-long  
symposium for  
historians,  
horticulturists,  
and gardeners

Saturday, May 21, 2011



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# About the Speakers

**Nicole Juday** is Wyck's Landscape Curator. Besides her work at Wyck, she writes and speaks about urban gardening, old roses, and historic plants, and writes a garden column and blog for WHY? NewsWorks website.

**Stephen Scanniello**, President of the Heritage Rose Foundation, is author of *A Year of Roses* and co-author of *A Rose By Any Name*, *Roses of America*, and *Climbing Roses*. Scanniello is the gardener known for transforming the Brooklyn Botanic Garden's rose garden into one of the world's most acclaimed.

**The Reverend Douglas Seidel** is a prominent expert in the field of old roses and historic plants, and is a consultant to the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants. He has been active for more than 40 years in the rescue and preservation of antique varieties of ornamental plants.

**Jennie Watlington** is a former president of the Bermuda Rose Society which was formed in 1954 by a group rose lovers who gave themselves the task of identifying all the roses growing on the island at that time, a total of 30 different varieties. Over the years the society has identified many of the old roses; those left are now called Bermuda Mystery Roses. With the new identifying techniques of today like DNA, they continue to research the possible origins of those roses.

**Jane Baber White** is Restoration Chairman, Director, and Director Emerita of the Old City Cemetery, Lynchburg, Virginia. Jane undertook rehabilitation of the long-neglected Old City Cemetery after a major storm did extensive damage there in 1993. The cemetery is now the nation's only arboretum of 19th century plants, and the collection of rare antique roses there is of national importance. Jane is the author of two books about the cemetery: *The Book of Attributes of the Living Horticultural Collections of the Old City Cemetery*, and *Once Upon a Time... A Cemetery*

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## Program

9:00 - 9:30 **Registration**

9:30 - 9:45 **Welcome and Introductions**  
**Eileen Rojas**, Wyck's Executive Director

9:45 - 10:30 **Rev. Douglas Seidel** and **Nicole Juday** present  
"The Legacy of Wyck—An Enduring Heritage of Roses."

10:30 - 11:15 **Jennie Watlington** "Bermuda Roses" will explore old roses in Bermuda and include tales of the fascinating search for the identity of Bermuda's Mystery roses.

11:15 - 12:00 **Jane Baber White** "Pushin' Up Roses" will describe how Old City Cemetery is not only an old rose mecca, but a place where old roses are revered, preserved, interpreted, and propagated for the future.

12:00- 1:30 **Lunch**

1:30 - 2:15 **Stephen Scanniello** "Heritage Roses in America: the Philadelphia Story" will take a look at Philadelphia's long-time relationship with roses.

2:30- 4:00 **Old Rose Symposium Auction and Reception**  
An opportunity to bid on rare and virus-free heritage roses including a complete collection of Bermuda Mystery Roses, all suitable for our gardening zone.

# Registration

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Tickets: \$85 for Wyck or Heritage Rose Foundation members

Non-members: \$95

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Lunch: (please check one)  non-vegetarian  vegetarian

\_\_\_\_\_ I am only able to attend the Auction and Reception.

I am enclosing the \$20 entrance fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ I (We) would like to join the Friends of Wyck and have added \$50 for an Individual Membership or \$75 for a Household Membership.

**PAYMENT:**

Check  Visa  Mastercard

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Wyck and mail your registration form to:

Wyck Historic House and Garden  
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Phone: 215-848-1690

Credit card registrations may be faxed to 215-848-1612.

For more information including directions to Wyck please visit [www.wyck.org](http://www.wyck.org).

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