

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 18th-century through the early 20th-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.

The Wyck Association
6026 Germantown Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19144

The Wyck Association Invites You to Attend The Wyck Old Rose Symposium

Sponsored by the Heritage Rose Foundation



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

Saturday, June 5, 2010

Join us June 5 for the Wyck Old Rose Symposium
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About the Speakers

Peggy Cornett was for sixteen years the director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants, and is currently the Curator of Historic Plants at the Thomas Jefferson Foundation at Monticello. The author of many books and publications, Peggy is the recipient of many awards for her contributions to the field of historic plants.

Gregg Lowery and his partner, Phillip Robinson, have spent twenty-seven years developing a collection of rare old roses that has become one of the largest old rose collections in private hands in North America. Their collection has formed the basis of Vintage Gardens, a nursery in Sebastopol, CA. Greg is a founding member of the Heritage Rose Foundation and is currently Vice-President of its Board.

Stephen Scanniello is currently President of the Heritage Rose Foundation, and was for many years the rosarian responsible for the famous Cranford Rose Garden and the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. He is the author of several indispensable books on roses, and is currently spearheading the newly established Heritage Rose District in Manhattan.

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.

Arthur O. Tucker is a professor of botany at Delaware State University. He has published widely on many herbs, fragrant plants, and essential oils, is an acknowledged authority of the lavenders, and is on various editorial boards as well as an advisor for many other journals and groups. His most recent book is *The Encyclopedia of Herbs: A Comprehensive Reference to Herbs of Flavor and Fragrance*, published in 2009.

Dennis Whetzel is the Horticulturist and Heirloom Rose Specialist at the Center for Historic Plants at the Thomas Jefferson Center at Monticello, and a lifelong gardener.

Program

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

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

9:45 - 10:30 Art Tucker
Iconography of Roses, ca. 1450 B.C.E. to 1774 C.E.
The importance of the rose throughout many ancient civilizations can be seen in its frequent depictions in art and literature. What is it about the rose that has captivated humans for millennia, and what were early roses like?

10:30 - 11:15 Reverend Douglas Seidel
The Thrill of the Hunt: Finding Old Roses in the Keystone State
Three veteran Old Rose collectors share their passion and the practicalities of where to find Old Roses in Eastern Pennsylvania. Reverend Seidel will be joined by Ruth Flounders and Dennis Favello.

11:15 - 12:00 Peggy Cornett
This presentation tells the captivating story of the roses in Thomas Jefferson's gardens during the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth centuries, as well as present-day efforts to collect and preserve historic roses at Monticello's Thomas Jefferson Center for Historic Plants.

12:00- 1:30 Lunch
Propagation Workshop led by Dennis Whetzel

1:30- 2:15 Gregg Lowery
Hybrid Chinas: The Industrial Revolution in Roses
Tracing the early efforts in 19th century France and England to breed re-blooming roses in the style of the old European roses, this presentation offers a clear understanding of a class of roses, understood by its developers in the 19th century but misunderstood by modern rosarians.

2:15 - 3:00 Stephen Scanniello
The Manhattan Heritage Rose District Project
Working with a variety of community groups, historical societies, and cultural institutions, along with the Borough of Manhattan, the Heritage Rose Foundation has embarked on the first Heritage Rose district in the United States, located in Harlem. Stephen will discuss the evolution of the project, which is reintroducing varieties of roses grown in New York City in the 18th and 19th centuries,

3:00-- 5:00 Old Rose Symposium Auction and Reception
Opportunity to bid on rare roses, rose-hunting excursions with expert rosarians, and more.

Registration

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Tickets: \$85 for Wyck or Heritage Rose Foundation members or if registered by May 1, 2010

After May 1: \$95

Name _____

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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 The Wyck Association and mail your registration form to:

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

For more information including directions to Wyck please visit www.wyck.org.

For information about the Heritage Rose Foundation please visit www.heritagerosesfoundation.org.