



Illustration of the rose 'Rosa Mundi' by James Sagrauer. This artwork was used on the front cover of the first issue of *Rosa Mundi*, the journal of the HRF, in Autumn, 2005.

# Heritage Rose Foundation Newsletter

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## From our President:

Stephen Scanniello

### What's in a Name?

As I write this President's Message, I'm looking out at my garden buried under a foot of fresh snow brought on by a Nor'easter that blew through New Jersey on the first day of spring. For me, this storm was reminiscent of the snowstorms of yesteryear that would shut down school for a day. Today, this was not just a snow holiday for the local children, but instead our twentieth named winter

storm. Winter Storm Toby followed on the heels of Skylar. Next up, Uma. Naming these snow storms is a new trend in weather forecasting. Put a familiar or sexy name on it and everyone pays attention. The same can be said for roses.

Roses didn't always have captivating names. In the 1636 edition of *The Herball or General Histoire of Plantes* [sic] John Gerarde describes roses grown for medicinal and herbal uses. These roses had descriptive Latin denominations with rather plain common names such as: *Rosa rubra* (The red Rose) [sic], *Rosa sine spinis* (The Rose without prickles), and *Rosa Hollandicus sive Batava* (The great Holland Rose)[all sic]. A hundred and sixty-five years later the Latin was still the style in New York City as is evident from the inventory of the Elgin Botanic Garden, the medical garden created by Dr. Hosack of Columbia College in 1801. Here's a small sampling of the rose names from Hosack's inventory: *Rosa alba* (white rose), *Rosa semperflorens* (monthly rose), *Rosa centifolia* (hundred leaved rose), *Rosa damascena* (damask rose), and *Rosa moschata* (musk rose).

As Hosack cultivated his roses, a revolution in rose nomenclature was happening across the Atlantic in the rose garden of Empress Josephine, wife of Napoleon, on the grounds of

Chateau de la Malmaison near Paris. It was during her residency at the chateau (1799 - 1814) that Josephine single-handedly changed the way roses were used in the garden. The Empress took liberty with established rose names and re-baptized them with provocative aliases. Perhaps the most celebrated name change was *Rosa alba incarnata* re-named 'Cuisse de Nymphé Emue' ("thigh of an aroused nymph"). If this French adaptation was too risqué, there were two alternate synonyms to choose from: 'Cuisse de Nymphé a Ovaire Lisse' ("thigh of a nymph with a smooth ovary") and 'La Belle Fille' ("the daughter-in-law"). These names didn't fare well in England where Josephine's aroused nymph remained as the PG-rated 'Maiden's Blush', a name that had been well-known in English gardens long before the Empress meddled with its identity. This didn't discourage the Empress and countless nurserymen to continue introducing new inviting names that caught the eye of the rich and infamous. Roses with tantalizing names found homes in the most fashionable landscapes and gardens of Europe. Au revoir botanical Latin!

**Mark your Calendar!**  
**HRF Annual Membership Meeting,**  
**in conjunction with the Antique Rose**  
**Emporium's Fall Festival. November**  
**1-3. Independence Texas**

Thirty-five years ago I began my career as the rosarian of the Cranford Rose Garden in Brooklyn Botanic Garden in January when the garden was frozen with just rose labels to look at. I saw many familiar names, 'Peace', 'Just Joey', 'Patsy Cline', 'Queen Elizabeth', and 'Mr. Lincoln'. But there was a collection

of names such as 'Earl of Dufferin', 'Cardinal de Richelieu', and 'Souvenir de la Malmaison' that piqued my curiosity as to how and why these plants were paired with these historical names. I began my search for answers in dusty gardening volumes and set out to attend as many rose conferences as possible that focused on my new passion, old garden roses. On a stormy January day in Hamilton, Bermuda I found myself immersed in a room full of passionate rosarians sharing their experiences with heritage roses including Bermuda Mystery Roses, wayside varieties found on the island and assigned study names with the likes of "Belfield," "Trinity," "Brightside Cream," and "Spice." This culture of collecting mystery roses and assigning them study names fascinated me. A few years later, I became a founding member of the Heritage Rose Foundation and study names and found roses were now an important part of my life.

One of the primary goals of the Heritage Rose Foundation when it was established in 1986 was to conduct research in regard to heritage roses. Still of utmost importance today, this mission includes not only collecting, sharing, and growing mystery rose plants in as many locations as possible, but also keeping a record of all study names and name changes – a valuable resource for future rose detectives. We encourage nurseries that sell old garden roses to sell the found roses as well, getting these treasures back into public and private gardens. Nomenclature rules assign double quotes to these roses. A sample of some found roses back in the trade: "Georgetown Tea," "Maggie." "Caldwell Pink," "Bassoues Tea," and "Laujuzan Tea." Everyone should grow at least one found rose with an interesting name.

The Foundation will hold its next membership meeting at the Antique Rose Emporium, the birthplace of many found rose names. We're joining forces with Mike Shoup and partnering our event with Mike's Annual Fall Festival November 1 – 3. We promise you an interesting

lineup of speakers and tours of local gardens, and many beautiful found roses with interesting names. Stay tuned to our website and facebook page for updates.

### Hollywood Cemetery Work Day Report Connie Hilker

It was cold and cloudy at Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia, when 28 volunteers met at 9am on Saturday, March 10, for the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Rose Volunteer Work Day.



Volunteer work crew at Hollywood Cemetery. Photo Kelly Wilbanks.

Hollywood Cemetery was created in 1847. It consists of 135 acres of hills, valleys, vistas, trees, monuments, statues, fences, and tombs, on a beautiful site overlooking the falls of the James River. Burials in Hollywood include US Presidents James Monroe and John Tyler, President of the Confederacy Jefferson Davis and his family, Supreme Court Justices, Virginia governors, twenty-two Confederate Generals, a long list of members of Richmond industry and society, and thousands of regular individuals ... more than 80,000 people in all. Roses are there, too, heritage roses and modern roses, planted by grieving families to beautify the earthly resting places of loved ones.

On work day, the volunteers are divided into teams, beginners paired with experienced gardeners. Each team receives a map and detailed instructions for the roses in their assigned area, and they fan out into the cemetery to work. All of this is coordinated by Connie Hilker, who has managed the cemetery's rose collection since 2012.

In general, volunteers remove dead and damaged canes and stems from the roses and gently trim them for shape and size. This year there was more winter damage on the roses than usual, as they endured numerous nights of colder-than-normal temperatures in January. Some of the roses only needed a little bit of dead wood removed. Others were more severely damaged, and they required more time and effort to remove all of the dead material.



Dean Siwec, Lisa Caperton, and Cleveland Lammison working on 'Isabella Sprunt' on the Call/Watt lot. Photo by Kelly Wilbanks



Carol Fox and Lynn Pappas from the Richmond Rose Society

All of this work will be rewarded when the roses come into bloom, which usually begins during the first week of May. Hollywood Cemetery is open from 8:00-6:00 daily. The address is 412 South Cherry Street, Richmond, VA 23220.



Richmond Rose Society members, Cleveland Lammison, Lisa Caperton, and Dean Siwec



Anita Heden and Mary Norris receive their map and instructions from Connie Hilker. (Chris Beasley photo)



Al Minutolo, of the Shenandoah Rose Society, saws a dead cane off the rose on Fannie Munford's grave. (Chris Beasley photo)



Sharon Pajka prunes dead wood from the rose on the Valentine lot, while members of the River City Cemeterians Meet-Up group look on. (Chris Beasley photo)



Dean Siwiec checks the map of roses for his team. (Lisa Caperton photo)



From an old set of cigarette cards. (Space filler -- not related to this article!)

## Pruning Ruth's Rose Garden at Florida Southern College Malcolm Manners

On February 24, HRF President Stephen Scanniello joined students and staff of Florida Southern College, as well as volunteers from several Florida rose societies and Master Gardener

groups, for the annual pruning of Ruth's Rose Garden. The garden has nearly 300 roses, many of them quite large, so despite the great crew of workers, we did not complete the task. But we got a lot done. As usual, there was much good conversation and fellowship. We had long-term expert rosarians, working beside the most extreme beginners (how do you undo the safety on a pair of Felcos?), and there was great opportunity for some effective teaching of how to correctly train and prune roses. I highly recommend these events to our membership, if you can get to one (Sacramento CA, Richmond VA, Harlem NYC, Shreveport LA, Lakeland FL, Farmer's Branch TX); they are a great way to help out and to spread the joy of growing heritage roses.



FSC students Matt Schorner, Dean Childers, and Quinlan Harsch, joined the fun.



Pruning/training climbers on the arches.  
(Photo Stephen Scanniello)



Stephen Scanniello demonstrates proper pruning technique. (Photo Suzanne Gallagher)



Pruning/training climbers on the arches. (Photos Stephen Scanniello)

## Pruning and Clean-Up of the Heritage Rose Garden in Shreveport Malcolm Manners

On the weekend of February 10, four brothers of Florida Southern College's Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity, Ethan Crump, Ethan Brabo, Tim Brigman, and Jake Pendergrass and I traveled to Shreveport Louisiana, to participate in the annual pruning party held at the American Rose Society's American Rose Center. (I'm also an AGR brother and serve as their faculty adviser). We were joined there by Claude and Pam Graves, long-time Heritage Rose Foundation members, and Claude headed up the project for the heritage rose garden there. The garden has for years had problems with deer, and at long last, a deer fence is being installed. Also, the garden area surrounding the Heritage Rose Garden is being given a major redesign. The weekend was hampered by cold, rainy weather, so we spent far less time in the garden than we would have liked. But we did prune those roses that most needed it, trained climbers back onto their structures, and took out a lot of dead wood. We were pleased with the result.



## Meet Your Trustees

Continuing our series of introductions to our HRF trustees, we're including three more in this newsletter.

**Stephen Scanniello** is the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden Curator at the New York Botanical Garden and Consulting Rosarian for Elizabeth Park in West Hartford, CT. Stephen is the President of the Heritage Rose Foundation and author of six books on roses. His latest book, *A Rose By Any Name*, was the inspiration for the creation of the Heritage Rose District of New York City.



Stephen in the Sacramento Historic Rose Garden.

In 2009 Stephen was the recipient of the Great Rosarian of the World Award. In May of 2013 he received the Jane Righter Rose Medal, from the Garden Club of America, for his ongoing work in rose preservation and education. In 2015 Stephen was made Honorary Member of the Garden Club of America. In October 2015 Stephen was honored, with Julie Andrews, by the New York Botanical Garden for his work with roses. Stephen grows many roses in his Barnegat, NJ garden.

**Pam Smith** is the Park Landscape Manager for the City of Farmers Branch TX where she has served the residents for 22 years. She has 45 years of experience in the green industry. As a senior in high school, she was in the first class and the youngest Texas Certified Nursery Professional. The next stop was Texas A&M University where she became an "Aggie" and a degreed floriculturist. Her career path would take her into grounds maintenance sprinkled with both floral and garden design. Always eager to learn, she became a licensed irrigator, master turfgrass manager and certified arborist before going back to college as a nontraditional (mature) student to earn her Master of Science in Horticulture from Texas Tech University.



In addition to serving on the HRF Board, Pam is on the board the American Garden Rose Selection organization. She is the past president of the Texas Turfgrass Association. Locally she is active in the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society, Dallas Rose Society and Garden Masters Garden Club. The Rose Gardens of Farmers Branch which she manages is active in eight different rose trials. She presents programs across the country on roses and other horticultural topics.

She was first introduced in the 1980s to old garden roses by Mike Shoup as she incorporated them as a flowering shrub into the landscape. Moving to her current position with the City of Farmers Branch she especially valued roses in the landscape as they could be run over in the medians by cars and quickly recover from the roots. It wasn't until 2008 when a benefactor approached the City about establishing a small rose garden to honor her mother that roses took over. This small, intimate garden then blossomed into an opportunity to partner with Texas A&M in installing the largest Earth Kind Trial garden. And as they say the rest is history. Pam now oversees about five acres of municipal rose gardens within the City of Farmers Branch. These gardens are the focus of The Celebration of Roses held annually the third Saturday of October. Check [fbroses.com](http://fbroses.com) for more information on the gardens.

Unlike the cobbler whose children had no shoes, Pam has around 125 roses incorporated into in her own home garden. She has been blessed to make a living doing and sharing what is her passion. Currently she is enjoying sharing that passion with a new generation through her four grandchildren. There is joy in each day as the landscapes evolve, the roses bloom and nature sings.

**Dr. Malcolm Manners** is the John and Ruth Tyndall Professor of Citrus Science at Florida Southern College, where he has taught since 1981, including courses in general horticulture, plant propagation, pest and disease management, and plant nutrition. He is a charter member of the Heritage Rose Foundation, and currently serves on the board as newsletter editor and parliamentarian. In 2013 he was named a "Great Rosarian of the World."

He earned the bachelors degree from Anderson College (now Anderson University) with a double major in biology and chemistry, then continued to the masters and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Florida, where he specialized in horticultural plant physiology.



Malcolm grew up around roses in his mother's and grandmothers' gardens, but had little interest in them until, as a faculty member at FSC, he was invited to a rose show, where he had a delightful fragrance memory of his grandmother's garden, and decided growing some heritage rose varieties would be a good idea. As luck would have it, the first mail-order purchase of thirteen old roses all turned out to be infected with rose mosaic virus disease. As a result, he founded and, for more than thirty years has managed, Florida Southern's rose mosaic virus disease heat therapy program. That program resulted in planting roses on the campus, and ultimately, the development of the current Jane E. Jenkins Rose Garden and Ruth's Rose Garden, a collection of nearly 400 varieties.

He has also worked with students and molecular genetics faculty on campus in DNA research on numerous varieties. He serves on the American Rose Society's Classification Committee, and is a member of the National Clean Plant Network, a USDA-sponsored program to provide disease-free plant material to American agriculture.

During summer breaks, he often volunteers with USAID's Farmer-to-Farmer program, teaching plant propagation and crop production techniques in some of the world's poorest areas.

### Upcoming Events:

Heritage Rose Foundation Annual Membership Meeting. Antique Rose Emporium, Independence, Texas. November 1-3. In conjunction with ARE's Fall Festival of Roses.

Trustee Connie Hilker writes: The annual Open Garden day at Hartwood Roses near Fredericksburg, Virginia, will be Sunday, May 20, 2018, from 10am to 3pm. All rose lovers are invited to visit and explore the garden throughout the 9-acre property, which contains a collection of more than 600 varieties of roses ... most of which are historic, rare, and unusual. Friendly dogs are welcome, too, but must be kept on leash at all times. No flexi/retractable leashes are permitted. (Address: 335 Hartwood Road, 22406)



Rose bed at Hartwood Roses.

**Celebration of Old Roses, May 20. Albany California**

The annual Celebration of Old Roses, a long-time highlight of the California rose year and put on by our sister organization, the Heritage Rose Group, is moving this year, from its traditional El Cerrito location to Albany, nearby. More information at <http://www.celebrationofoldroses.org/celebration-of-old-roses.php>

**The Historic Rose Garden in the Sacramento Historic City Cemetery** will be doing a series of rose walks and talks in the Historic Rose Garden, featuring different classes of roses each week. They will be Sunday, Apr 22, Apr 29 and May 6 at 1 pm. 1000 Broadway, Sacramento CA 95819. More information at [www.cemeteryrose.org](http://www.cemeteryrose.org)

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**The Heritage Rose Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit foundation with this mission:**

- To collect and preserve heritage roses and promote their culture
- To establish one or more gardens where heritage roses may be grown and displayed
- To conduct and contract to conduct investigations and research in heritage roses
- To publish and disseminate information and research about heritage roses
- to establish and maintain a library to facilitate investigations and research in heritage roses
- To foster public knowledge and appreciation of heritage roses and their preservation

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