



“Bailey Red” (found)



‘Old Blush’

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Scenes from the 2002 meeting in Texas



Toni Cartisano, Liesbeth Cooper, Pam Graves, Joyce Demits, Capt. Eddie Krauss, Claude Graves, Mel Hulse, and "the Unknown Jacket," at the Antique Rose Emporium.

Texas meeting pictures, continued.



Texas Barbecue for lunch!



The crowd after Glenn Schroeter's demonstration of how to root cuttings.



'Mons. Tillier' (A.K.A. 'Archiduc Joseph' in Britain)

All photos by Malcolm Manners



Message from the President

Dear Heritage Rose Foundation Members,

It is both my privilege and pleasure to report on the status of the Heritage Rose Foundation.

Disappointments, such as Charles Walker's resignation from the board two years ago followed by the organization's inactivity have now been replaced by a very enthusiastic group of trustees who I feel will lead the HRF through some very exciting and productive times. On November 2, 2002, the HRF board members (Mike Shoup, president, Nancy Kohlman, first

vice president – membership, Malcolm Manners, second vice president – newsletter, Claude Graves, treasurer, Capt. Eddy Krauss, secretary, Liesbeth Cooper, Brian Rice, Stephen Scanniello, Mel Hulse and Eva Estes) met and began working on long-term goals for the HRF. Glenn Austin and Kathy Zuzek were unable to attend. Gregg Lowery and James Sagmiller were elected to the board at this meeting but were not in attendance. The six major purposes of the organization as stated in the bylaws (also listed at the back of this newsletter) demanded the lion's share of our attention. But as a result, numerous new committees were established to work on these ideals. Inherent in any organization of course, are the ongoing issues of fund raising, publicity and membership, all of which are being addressed through committees.

One of the most exciting proposals is a relationship that the HRF will establish with specific gardens, nurseries, botanical centers, etc., to promote repositories of old garden roses in different locations. These agreements will help insure that roses across the world may have a climatically and regionally appropriate home where they can be collected, preserved and researched.

Until these relationships are established, the future of preservation is entirely dependent on the few individuals who are willing to grow and pass them on to future generations, which, sadly I must say, has had limited success. These plants are horticultural gems, living antiques, with interesting histories and diverse genetics. Our charge must be to make it our legacy to provide our grandchildren with the same pleasure of knowing these roses just as we have.

Clearly, we realize that our first priority is to regain the confidence of our membership and our peers. The board has authorized several expenditures that I feel characterize HRF's new-found commitment to rose preservation.

1. HRF has published and mailed the proceedings of the International Rose Conference held in Charleston SC last year to all attendees. This was done at no charge to the attendees.

2. HRF has allocated \$3,000 to the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden for a propagation facility. This garden has 3,700 varieties of roses, more than any other public garden in the Western Hemisphere.

3. HRF is continuing to make assessments of worthy like-minded requests that warrant possible assistance in the form of money, publicity or other donation.

I welcome your comments and look forward to hearing from you whether to answer your questions, give advice, or just be a voice for the old roses.

Mike Shoup



A Note from "Across the Pond"

The following letter was sent to us by members Bryan and Rosemary Skinner, of Ashton, Northampton, England.

"Greetings from one of your overseas members. Our first H.R.F. conference was in 1994 at Richmond VA when we were given the task to dig a hole through stones, sand, and more stones to help plant R. 'Mrs. B. R. Cant' in Hollywood Cemetary. We were given the task

(a) because it was an English rose

(b) we were the only ones who did not know the "soil" consisted of stones, sand and stones! Since then we have attended the conferences in Denver, Dallas, Portland Maine, and Charleston. Over the years we have met a goodly number of members who have become good friends, all of whom we value greatly.

"We hope to meet with you again and wish the Foundaiton Committee and all our friends our very best wishes."



The Single Musk Rose (*R. moschata*) found in England by Graham S. Thomas.

Meet Your Board of Trustees

HRF Member **Barbara Oliva** has requested a formal introduction to the HRF Board of Trustees – who are they, and what is their relationship to old roses? So, here are some short autobiographies from part of our Board. We'll plan to include bios of other board members in future issues.



Liesbeth Cooper (Bermuda). In 1967, Liesbeth became a member of The Bermuda Rose Society (founded in 1954 as one of the earliest societies with special interest in preserving Old Garden Roses in particular, and all roses in general)

In 1981, she was invited to serve on the Executive as Honorary Treasurer, moved to position of Vice-President in 1983, followed by President in 1985 and Past-President in 1987. Except for two 2-year periods, she seems to have been an almost permanent

fixture on the Executive! She served on various committees, including the Book project (*Roses In Bermuda*) and the BRS Millennium project to re-design the Repository Garden at Waterville. In 2001 She was invited to become a Trustee of the HRF, of which the BRS is a Founding Member. A BRS Past-President has been a Trustee of the Foundation since 1987.

Lorna Mercer was the first, followed by Margaret King. Liesbeth has also served as/with

- Chairman of monthly competition bench
- Chairman of Open Houses and Gardens project
- Book distribution for international orders (both for *Old Garden Roses in Bermuda* and *Roses In Bermuda*)
- Planning committee for W.F.R.S. Regional Conference Bermuda in Jan.1987
- Publicity
- Co-Editor of Newsletter
- active participation in all BRS activities and projects, like rose propagation at Tulo Valley and rose sale.

Stephen Scanniello (New Jersey) (no photo available) is best known as a hands-on gardener who transformed the Cranford Rose Garden of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden into one of the world's most acclaimed rose gardens.

After leaving the Cranford in 1999, Stephen is devoting his full attention to maintaining and designing private gardens for his clients from Maine to Texas. He continues to lecture, write, and serve as a judge for the international rose trials in Europe.

Eva Estes (Alabama) (no photo available) began gardening as a child by helping her grandmother haul chicken manure and leaf mold for her iris. Planting her first rose almost 40 years ago, she has matured into a lover of the heritage roses (and more recent shrub-styled releases) as a landscape feature in the cottage garden style. Her garden was featured in local papers, magazines and featured on garden tours. Most recently Eva promoted the use of old roses to gardeners and garden clubs in speaking engagements throughout north central Texas. Directly, she has served on the Board of Directors of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden, HRF and two terms as President of the very active Dallas Area Historical Rose Society. She and her husband recently retired and relocated atop Lookout Mountain in NE Alabama where they are establishing another garden of heritage roses with masses of perennials, herbs and bulbs.

G. Michael Shoup (Texas) (photo on page 1) Mike Shoup has always had an interest in plants, whether it be his backyard garden or a large landscape project. With this in mind, he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Biology and Environmental Studies from Trinity University and his Master's Degree at Texas A & M University in Horticulture. In 1976, within a year of graduation, he was owner and president of his own propagation business, Containerized Plants, Inc., which grew and sold woody ornamentals. Through his nursery involvement, he became interested in native plants and hardy, old-fashioned perennials but especially in the incredible potential of neglected Old Garden Roses.

In 1984 he opened The Antique Rose Emporium which specialized in the re-introduction and distribution of these historic roses. This developed into the design and construction of the display gardens/retail center incorporated amongst a historic homesite in Independence, Texas. More recently, display gardens and a retail center have been established in San Antonio, Texas. These unique retail centers consist of theme gardens showing the versatility of antique roses and old fashioned perennials and have been recognized in *Smithsonian* and *National Geographic* magazines and as well as many trade journals.

Mike received the 1989 Outstanding Agri-business Person of the Year Award in Horticulture/Agronomy from the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and was a director from 1990 to 1993. He served on the board of directors of the Heritage Rose Foundation (1992-95 and again since 2001), and is currently on the board of the Washington on the Brazos State Park Association.

Mike has been involved in the writing of various articles and supplied numerous photographs for trade magazines and national periodicals on the subject of using Old Garden Roses in today's gardens. His latest book, *Roses in the Southern Garden* was published in April 2000. *Landscaping with Antique Roses*, co-authored with Liz Druitt, was Mike's first book and was found to be a very valuable reference for the Southern roses grower. He has acted as a consultant in the Time Life Gardening series of books titled *Roses*.



"Morgan Spring,"
probably the same rose
as "Natchitoches
Noisette"

Mel Hulse (California) graduated from San Jose State University. After 26 years as a US Air Force officer, he retired as colonel and returned to



his native San Jose, CA and joined Lockheed as a Systems Engineer. After Mel retired from Lockheed, he responded to newspaper articles asking for help in planting the new San Jose Heritage Rose Garden. He volunteered to prepare roses for the initial planting. From then on, Mel came out for every work day, learned roses and worked his way up. He now manages propagation and maintenance of over 3,500 varieties of roses in the all-volunteer 4,500 rose garden.

He has introduced the garden to thousands of people around the world via the Internet. Director of the Friends of the Guadalupe River Park & Gardens, and *The Rosarian's Journal*, member of the Santa Clara County Rose Society and a Consulting Rosarian, he also is treasurer of the South Bay Heritage Rose Group.



Malcolm Manners (Florida) has taught citrus and general horticulture at Florida Southern College, in Lakeland, since 1981. He holds the Ph.D. in Horticultural Science from the University of Florida, having specialized in the flowering physiology of tropical fruit trees. Malcolm has served for many years as the HRF secretary, and in 2003 moves to the position of Vice President -- Newsletter. He began growing roses in approximately 1983, immediately finding the heritage types more interesting than

modern roses. Unfortunately (or perhaps fortunately, in hindsight), the first order of 13 plants all turned out to be infected with rose mosaic virus. Because of that incident, he founded a heat therapy program at Florida Southern College, to cure roses of that disease, and to make the healthy propagating material available to the nursery industry. He manages the college's gardens and a greenhouse, which house approximately 300 varieties of roses of all types, but emphasizing those old roses which thrive in Florida's hot, humid climate -- Teas, Chinas, Noisettes, the musk rose, etc.

Malcolm soon discovered the Heritage Roses Group, and through it, met Charles Walker, Ruth Knopf, and many other good old-rose friends. He was a charter member of the Heritage Rose Foundation.

In 1987, he attended the WFRS regional meeting in Bermuda, and the following year, returned to Bermuda with his parents for a vacation. While there, he received budwood from Bill and Lorna Mercer, Elizabeth Carswell, Liesbeth Cooper, and Peggy Wingood, which he brought back

to Florida. That collection of plants was the foundation from which most US nurseries who sell Bermuda's "Mystery" roses got their original stock.

He served a 3-year term as chairman of the American Rose Society's Committee on Rose Registration, and has spoken at several international taxonomy conferences about rose nomenclature.

Malcolm was one of the founders of the Central Florida Heritage Rose Society, which plans to host the 2003 meeting and conference of the Heritage Rose Foundation, in Lakeland Florida, next November.



HRF Knows the Way to San Jose!

Mel Hulse, Maintenance Director
San Jose Heritage Rose Garden

It was my pleasure to share lunch with Claude Graves, Foundation Treasurer, and Ed Wilkinson, our Curator, during the spring 2002 ARS Convention in San Jose. Claude filled us in on plans to reinvigorate the Heritage Rose Foundation. With this newsletter, you can see how much has happened since then. Among the things we batted about was the Foundation's long time goal of creating one or more public Heritage Rose Gardens. We noted that in 1995, well after the Foundation began, The San Jose Heritage Rose Garden ("the Heritage") was planted and has become the kind of garden envisioned by the Foundation.

Our luncheon resulted in Claude's suggestion to the Foundation board at its meeting in May that I be invited to tell people about the Heritage at the 15th Antique Rose Emporium Fall Festival in Texas, and present the Heritage garden's support needs at the Foundation board

meeting to be held in conjunction with the festival. I accepted with enthusiasm. I'm always happy to tell folks what we are doing to keep a part of the old "Valley of Heart's Delight" going in modern day Silicon Valley.

San Jose, California is the capital of Santa Clara County which comprises the Santa Clara Valley, otherwise known as Silicon Valley. This valley enjoys a Mediterranean climate and is ideal for growing almost anything! Until the 1960s, it was the most important shipper and canner of pitted fruits in the US. Along with fruits and vegetables, roses have been prominent in local horticulture and gardens for well over 150 years.

Guadalupe Gardens, named for the bordering river, is a new, 240 acre public park in downtown San Jose California. It was created following removal of a neighborhood that was in the immediate, final approach zone of the San Jose Mineta International Airport. Most of this park is not yet developed, but several early elements are in place. The Heritage Rose Garden is one.

In my Festival presentation, I explained how the garden was designed within its 4.5 acres in the form of bowl so that one can see every rose from any location in the garden. Seven-foot-wide beds separated by paths are in concentric circles, with roses along each side of the beds, with occasional standards and pillars in the middle and climbers on the ends. Radial paths divide the garden into six sectors. Beds are well mulched, have drip irrigation and NO turf to create humidity. Time release fertilizer provides steady feeding throughout the season. No pesticides are used as roses in our climate can survive almost any pest.

All operations in the garden are performed by volunteers! These range from long-time regulars, who supervise, to walk-ons, to organizations, some of which provide regular help. We believe we have the largest all volunteer garden in the world!

The Heritage is a botanical collection. Roses are arranged and cataloged by class and by date. The garden contains both Old Garden Roses and Modern Roses, although the Modern Rose plantings emphasize older cultivars. Criteria for selecting roses are:

- The rare or endangered,
- Those with lasting qualities,
- Genetically important parents.

We emphasize found roses and import old roses not already in the US with the goal of preserving and expanding the growth and appreciation of those wonderful old cultivars. Hundreds of roses we have obtained and grow are now in commerce and available as parents. We support exchanging with other gardens and try to be sure everything we grow is in another garden.

The garden is not complete and probably never will be. There is space for about 6,000 roses in the main garden and its annexes. Our goal is for each space to hold a separate cultivar. At present, we have about 4,500 roses of about 3,500 varieties so you see we have lots of room for more; the Heritage is still a young garden in a new park. On the other hand, in this 8-year-old garden, we do lose a minimum each year that must be replaced. As you can imagine, there is much to do to sustain and complete the garden.

We have many ideas for improvements to the Heritage both to assist in its maintenance and to enhance the visitors' experience. I'll mention two of our highest priority projects.

While we are proud of our all-volunteer nature, we know we need a full- or part-time *rose* (most aren't!) care expert (gardener) to patrol the garden remedying diseased canes, understock suckers, irrigation faults, signage problems and insuring our database is up to date.

In our early years, Tom Liggett's nursery helped us with propagation. Later, Vintage Gardens supported our propagation, but they are a 200-mile round trip. Several of us start roses in our backyards, but we need better facilities for growing more roses. Long term, we have proposed a major greenhouse, grow-out and quarantine facility to support the whole of the Guadalupe Gardens. Meanwhile, we have sought City approval for a 1000 square-foot fenced "Interim Propagation Facility" that would allow us to grow out roses we receive in small shipping pots or bare root until they are big enough to compete with their mature neighbors. We also want to include a very small greenhouse with mist to allow us to start cuttings.

I finished the presentation with views of the garden and lots of "rose pornography" from the Heritage and an invitation to those that haven't joined our thousands of visitors worldwide, to come and see what we have wrought. So come play in our sandbox!

The Foundation's board meetings during the Festival gave me the opportunity to present our case for Foundation support. I explained to the board the actions we have taken to insure permanency of the garden as a repository for old roses and I reviewed our major long- and near-term priorities. The board accepted the challenge of determining how to establish an endowment to support hiring a rose care expert along with ways to encourage grants to the endowment. I was surprised and delighted that the board also voted to support construction of our Interim Propagation Facility. We at the Heritage are now working out details with City approval authorities and hope to start construction soon. I will report details when they are determined. A big "thank you" goes to the Foundation and its members for this major contribution to America's Heritage Rose Garden.

For me, a relative newcomer to the old rose world, the greatest honor was election to the Foundation Board of Trustees. I shall do my best to trumpet the blessings those wonderful old cultivars can bring to each garden and to involve the whole rose world in the Foundation's goals.

Proceedings of the 9th International Heritage Rose Conference Available!

The October 2001 conference, in Charleston, South Carolina, emphasized the Noisette class of roses, as well as their ancestors, the Chinas and Musk roses (*R. moschata*). The HRF has published the conference proceedings (edited by Malcolm Manners and Mike Shoup), as a 122-page, perfect-bound book, with color and black-and-white photographs, presenting the 17 talks by 13 speakers/authors. If you were registered for that meeting, you should have received your free copy by now.

Additional copies are available at

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Membership -- PLEASE JOIN US!

Because of our 2-year hiatus, the Board approved extending the membership of those of you who renewed for 2001 or 2002, for an extra one or two years, respectively. The problem, there, is that we don't know who did that. So, we are sending this newsletter to present, former, and prospective members. There is a membership form enclosed, and we encourage you to send in your membership application. If you did pay for 2001 or 2002, please let us know on that form, and we'll correct our records. Otherwise please enclose your check. If you paid at the November 2002 meeting in Texas, your address label should show the correct expiration date.



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