



*Preservation of historic roses is the common goal that unites members of the HRF. This series offers a database of gardens worldwide. More complete information on each garden will ultimately be available at the HRF website ([www.heritagerosesfoundation.com](http://www.heritagerosesfoundation.com)). We continue in this issue with public gardens. Future volumes of Rosa Mundi will catalog Private Gardens, Nursery Collections, and wayside roses (to include our darlings, the “found roses”). Do you know a wayside or a garden we should include? Contact Gregg Lowery at [glowery@vintagegardens.com](mailto:glowery@vintagegardens.com).*



### *Armstrong Park Rose Garden*—Louisiana, USA

Within this large city park, located in the French Quarter, are island beds of antique roses that were started by volunteers in 1992. This garden survived the hurricane, and contains 85 different types of roses—30 Hybrid Musks, 12 Noisettes, 15 Teas, and 12 Chinas. Some roses that were uprooted by the hurricane force winds are being replaced this spring; largely Teas and Noisettes that had grown to sizable proportions in the ideal climate of the Gulf Coast.

**Rose Preservation:** Hot-weather tolerant old garden roses; found Teas and Chinas

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**Volunteer Jobs:** All maintenance and planting

### *Castle Howard*—Yorkshire, England

Castle Howard is a 10,000-acre estate, which is home to an 18th century house, parks, and gardens as well as to businesses whose profits support the estate's restoration and environmental stewardship activities. In the 1960s and 1970s, the late James Russell transported Sunningdale Nursery's extensive collections to the 40-acre Ray Wood and 127-acre Arboretum.

Roses are planted on three acres in three adjoining 18th century walled gardens. One of the three rose gardens, Lady Cecilia's, was planted in 1975 with old roses as a memorial to Lady Cecilia Howard, and contains Damask, Gallica, and Alba roses. The Sundial Garden and the Venus Garden contain 2,000 modern roses, including many David Austin roses.

**Rare Roses Preserved:** *R. polliniana*, *R. soulieana* "Wick War"

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**PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM**

**OPPOSITE TOP LEFT:** the garden at Sangerhausen (photo by Judy Eitzen), Georges Paul (photo by Étienne Bouret), the garden at Roseraie de la Cour de Commer (photo by François Joyaux), the garden at Roseraie de Bagatelle (photo by Étienne Bouret).

### *Cranford Rose Garden*—New York, USA

In June 1928, the Cranford Rose Garden celebrated the grand opening of what has become one of the largest and finest rose gardens in this country. It was designed by Harold Caparn, a landscape architect for the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, and Montague Free, the garden's horticulturist. Caparn had drawn the plans several years earlier at the request of Stuart Gager, the first director of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden. Upon Cranford's death in 1935, his widow donated another \$5,000 to build the Rose Arc, an addition to the southern end of the garden. Part of the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Cranford Rose Garden is home to 1,200 varieties of roses on 1.5 acres. All classes are represented.

**Rose Preservation:** Historic modern roses; cold hardy old garden roses; ramblers and climbers. Specific rare roses: CRENSHAW MUSK, Walsh Ramblers, Van Fleet hybrids, Brownell hybrids

**Address:**

1000 Washington Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11225 USA  
near all major subway lines  
718-623-7200  
[www.bbg.org](http://www.bbg.org)

**Open:**

Tues-Sun 8AM-6PM

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*Dunedin Botanic Gardens*—Dunedin, New Zealand

The rose garden is divided into three main sections: species roses, old garden roses, and modern roses. The species collection is a selection of roses suitable for garden plants. The old garden rose collection displays the roses in their classes of Gallica, Alba, Damask, Centifolia, China, Tea, Bourbon, Hybrid Perpetual, Portland, and Moss. Although not old garden roses, Noisette, Hybrid Musk, Polyantha, English, and modern shrub groups are also grown in this area.

**Address:**  
Bank Street  
Private Bag, Dunedin, New Zealand  
[www.CityofDunedin.com](http://www.CityofDunedin.com)

*Europa-Rosarium*—Sangerhausen, Germany

Considered today to hold the largest collection of roses in the world, the Rosarium at Sangerhausen was conceived in 1903 shortly after the formation of the German Rose Society, or “Friends of the Rose.” The nearly 4-acre garden with several hundred varieties has grown to a 30-acre park and rose garden of some 7,000 cultivars over the past 100 years. Envisioned by the great German rose breeder Peter Lambert, and initiated by Albert Hoffman, Sangerhausen’s rose garden has continually grown in stature and is now directed by Frau Helle Brume. Through her generous efforts many hundreds of rare old roses from this garden have been distributed to public collections worldwide, ensuring their survival. Sangerhausen’s collection was gleaned from around the world and is truly an international representation of the rose, holding treasures for all rose collectors. Two volunteer organizations provide support to the rose garden: VDR-Stiftung Europa-Rosarium, a committee of the German Rose Society, and a private and international group, Freunde des Rosariums Sangerhausen e.V. (Friends of Sangerhausen Rose Garden).

**Rose Preservation:** Many long-lost American-bred roses are still to be found here, such as STERLING (HT, 1933) and SUNKIST (HT, 1932) from E. G. Hill. Old European roses and the great Hybrid Perpetuals and Bourbons of French breeding survive in uncounted numbers. The introductions of many European rose breeders whose roses were not distributed internationally are a special feature of this garden; Bruder Alfons, Ketten, Strassheim, Praskac, and Rogmanns are just a few of the artists whose works remain at Sangerhausen.

**Open:**  
Apr–Oct daily 8AM–7PM

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Freunde des Rosariums  
Sangerhausen e.V.  
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PHOTOS LEFT TO RIGHT: rose garden at Sangerhausen (photo by Judy Eitzen), Pink Grüss an Aachen (photo by Ron Robertson).

### *Garden of Roses of Legend and Romance*—Ohio, USA

This unique garden, consisting of 2.7 acres, features a collection of about 500 varieties of historic roses. Within this formal garden, the different classes of roses are separated into beds representing a very wide range of old and modern rose types. Though many of the old roses have been lost, those that are cultivated today superbly demonstrate history and evolution of the rose. The Garden of Roses of Legend and Romance will preserve old favorites that are adapted to this region (USDA Zone 5).

Dedicated in June 1970, the garden was developed through the generosity of Mrs. Samuel J. Forbes of Mentor, Ohio. Mrs. Forbes provided funds to the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center to develop the garden in memory of her father, the late Michael H. Horvath, a widely known rosarian who pioneered development of new roses. The original roses were a gift of Joseph J. Kern, a well-known rose nurseryman also from Mentor, Ohio.

**Rose Preservation:** Old roses distributed by the Kern Nursery, including many hardy 20th century cultivars, PRAIRIE YOUTH, PRESTIGE, SUZANNE, VON SCHARNHORST

**Open:**

Year-round daylight hours

**Address:**

Ohio Agricultural Research  
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1680 Madison Avenue  
Wooster, Ohio 44691 USA  
330-263-3612  
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**Typical work:**

Weeding, pruning, mulching,  
edging, fertilizing, spraying,  
deadheading, and planting

**Typical volunteer jobs:**

Currently do not have volun-  
teers, but interested

### *Grant Ranch Rose Garden*—California, USA

The Grant Ranch Rose Garden is located in San Jose, California at the Joseph D. Grant County Park, the largest of Santa Clara County's regional parks. Joseph D. Grant, its previous owner, was one of California's pioneering industrialists and a founding member of the Save the Redwoods League.

The park has recently begun to develop a 6,000-square-foot old rose garden, inspired by a donation of roses for the project by Elspeth Grant Bobbs, Mr. Grant's granddaughter. The rose garden will complement the ranch house, which was remodeled in the 1930s. Mel Hulse and other volunteers from the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden designed a planting for the garden from disease resistant varieties that fit the historic era of the house.

When completed, the garden will feature a high trellis covered with old climbing roses, including LAMARQUE, and CRÉPUSCULE. Found roses such as "CALDWELL PINK," "GRANDMOTHER'S HAT," and "GEORGETOWN TEA" will also be included.

**Open:**

Year-round 8AM to sunset

**Address:**

18405 Mount Hamilton Road  
San Jose, CA USA 95140

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408-274-6121

*Hex Castle*—Heers, Belgium

The rose garden at Castle Hex received the World Federation of Roses Garden Award in 1997. Chateau Hex was built by Count Charles-François de Velbrück in the 18th century. It is now surrounded by a variety of French-style gardens on 12 acres. Two-hundred-year-old own-root roses in the Prince's Garden bloom all summer. The late Countess Michel d'Ursel renewed and increased the rose collection, and opened the garden to the public; her children are continuing to support her work.

**Rose Preservation:** Species roses collected from around the globe; old European roses from collections in France, Germany and elsewhere; ADÈLE COURTOISÉ, DE SCHELFHOUT, MERVILLE DES ROUGES, RÖSEL DASCH

**Open:**

Apr–July and Sept–Oct guided visits for groups only, upon written request  
Open to the public 2nd weekend of June and 3rd weekend of September.

**Address:**

B-3870  
Heers  
Belgium  
32-12-747341  
<http://www.hex.be>

*Mottisfont Abbey*—Hampshire, England

Mottisfont Abbey, a 13th century priory that is now under the care of the National Trust, is home to an incomparable display garden for 300 varieties of old-fashioned shrub roses. The priory was founded in 1201 by William Briwere, a signer of the Magna Carta. Its subsequent owner, William Lord Sandys, converted the building to a house. The house remained in his family for 400 years, until it was purchased in 1934 by Gilbert Russell, one of William Briwere's descendents.

Mr. Russell planted a knot garden parterre, an octagon of yews, and an avenue of pleached limes, and replaced a circle of beech trees. Mr. Russell's widow gave the estate to the National Trust in 1957. In the 1970s and 1980s, Graham Stuart Thomas re-designed the 18th century walled former kitchen garden and replanted it with his collection of old roses in the "English Cottage Garden" style. The collection has been registered as the National Collection of ancestral species and 19th-century rose cultivars by the National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens, and is one of the largest of the National Trust's collections. David Stone, head gardener at Mottisfont Abbey for more than 30 years, has written about his experiences there in this issue of *Rosa Mundi*.

**Rose Preservation:** Shrub and Climbing rose varieties prior to 1900, with some crossover to the 20th century. Some very rare roses preserved: INDIGO, SINGLE PINK CHINA, GLOIRE D'UN ENFANT D'HIRAM, FURSTIN INFANTIN VON HOHENZOLLERN, SNOWFLAKE, ADAM RACKLES, LUSTRE D'ÉGLISE, LE RIRE NIAIS

**Open:**

Varies annually—please check National Trust handbook/  
[www.nationaltrust.org.uk](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk)

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No volunteer program



PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM ABOVE:  
Mottisfont (photo by Phillip Robinson),  
Molly Sharman Crawford, Dance of Joy  
(photos by Étienne Bouret).

*Pinjarra Heritage Rose Garden*—Pinjarra, Australia

This public garden sited in the Edenvale Heritage Complex has approximately 440 roses in small beds separated by narrow winding paths. Restoration of the 1880 Edenvale homestead, the 1896 schoolhouse, and surrounding buildings began in the early 1980s. Retired Army officer Major Noel Frost sent out requests for roses all over Australia to establish a heritage rose garden. After his death in 1987, the garden was nearly lost, but members of the Heritage Roses in Australia group worked to keep it going. The garden was extended in the early 1990s. A memorial garden and a bed planted with Alister Clark roses was added. Recent intense lobbying of the local authority has resulted in renewed interest, and it is hoped that the garden can be extended to the east, with wide, flat paths to allow disabled access.

**Rare Roses Preserved:** PEACE 1902, HUGO ROLLER (1907), MOLLY SHARMAN-CRAWFORD (1908), LADY EDNA (HT, 1981; bred by Noel Frost)

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Pinjarra  
Perth, Western Australia 6208

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*Roseaie de Bagatelle*—Paris, France

At the northwestern edge of the Bois de Boulogne in Paris, the Parc de Bagatelle reflects the garden styles of three centuries serving the people of Paris as a model of garden plants and techniques. Its large rose garden, which houses over 9,000 plants of some 1,100 varieties, is best known for the *Ville de Paris Concours International de Roses Nouvelles*, a competition for new rose introductions. This competition is now nearly 100 years old, and a significant group of historic roses that are preserved at Bagatelle are the earliest recipients of the Médaille d'Or de Bagatelle. Many of these exist in no other public rose collections in the world. Many of the 1,500 roses supplied by Jules Gravereaux to J. C. N. Forestier, head of Paris' parks and gardens when Bagatelle came under the ownership of the city, were returned to Gravereaux's garden, l'Haÿ-les-roses, in 1937. At that time it was decided to make Bagatelle's rose garden a garden of modern roses. Still, nearly 20 percent of the roses grown today at Bagatelle were introduced before 1907, according to Bernard Mando, former head gardener at Bagatelle.

**Rose Preservation:** An extensive collection of early Pernetiana Hybrid Teas and other early 20th century Bagatelle Medal winners; JEAN C. N. FORESTIER, SOUVENIR D'ADOLPHE TURC, LYON ROSE, DANCE OF JOY, SOUVENIR DE GEORGES PERNET.

**Address:**

Jardin de Bagatelle  
Bois de Boulogne  
Route de Sèvres  
75016 Paris, France  
[www.paris.fr/portail/Parcs](http://www.paris.fr/portail/Parcs)

**Open:**

9AM to 6PM daily  
April through August  
Entry fee

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Mme. Bernard-Younes  
Concours de roses



*Roseaie de la Cour de Commer*—Normandy, France

Sited on the grounds of an 18th century house, La Cour de Commer houses the French National Collection of Gallica roses, a core planting of the known Gallica roses still in existence, about 250 cultivars. The garden includes a collection of some 1,400 roses grouped in three distinct sections, the “English” park where about 200 varieties of Mosses and Centifolias grow; the “French” planting of Gallicas, and a third planting of some 400 cultivars comprising a diverse collection of old roses, including Chinas, Albas, Rugosas and Hybrid Musks. Reclaimed from an old kitchen garden in 1992, this exceptional rose garden is the creation of Professor François Joyaux. La Cour de Commer is more than a garden; it has become a meeting place where French gardeners share their passion for old roses. The Rosa Gallica Association, which is based here, publishes an enlightening journal in French with an English counterpart. Both are published several times a year and include the latest research from Europe.

**Rose Preservation:** More than 40 unique Gallica and Moss roses that exist nowhere else

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*Rosarium of the Arborétum Borová hora*—Zvolen, Slovakia

Situated 1.8 miles north of Zvolen, the Arborétum Borová hora is a research and development workplace of the Technical University in Zvolen, Slovakia. The 124-acre arboretum, which was founded in 1965, has three primary collections: tree species, roses, and cacti, with approximately 3.5 acres devoted to roses. The arboretum's primary purpose is to serve as a collection of indigenous tree species. Borová hora means pine wood.

The rose collection contains a wide range of the most important varieties in Slovakia. In 1981–1982 the collection was reorganized and moved to the Rosarium. Collecting and cataloguing rose varieties bred in the territory of the former Czechoslovakia is the focus of the project. Many of the older varieties, mainly the garden roses of Rudolf Geschwind, are notably hardy. The Rosarium currently contains more than 600 varieties of roses.

**Rose Preservation:** Rudolph Geschwind's roses and other roses bred in Czechoslovakia

**Rare Roses Preserved:** ANNY (HT, Dot), ANTONIN DVORAK (HT, Bohm), CRÈME (HM, Geschwind)

**Open:**

Apr – Oct, 7AM to 3:30PM  
weekdays

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PHOTO ABOVE: Roseaie de la Cour de Commer. Photo by François Joyaux.

*Rose Garden of the Montreal Botanical Garden*—Quebec, Canada

Set in the Jardin botanique de Montréal, one of the largest botanical gardens in the world, the rose garden is about 6 acres. The garden has more than 10,000 plants with over 1,000 rose varieties in one hundred beds. Among these varieties are nearly 160 species roses, 180 old roses, 500 modern hybrid shrub roses, and almost 220 cold-tender roses, including Teas. Several of the beds must be covered with huge thermal blankets for protection from the harsh winter conditions. Agriculture Canada's cold-hardy, disease-resistant roses, including their Explorer and Parkland series are well represented.

The rose garden was designed in 1976, and in 2003 became one of the first rose gardens outside Europe to receive the WFRS Award of Garden Excellence in 2003, a tribute to the exceptional work on the garden by the team directed by horticulturist Claire Laberge since 1989.

**Rose Preservation:** A wide range of roses, both old and modern, that are well adapted to the cold winters of Canada

**Open:**

Summer daily from 9AM–6PM  
until September 1

**Address:**

Jardin botanique de Montréal  
4101 Sherbrooke Street East  
Montréal, Canada  
514-872-1400  
[www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin](http://www2.ville.montreal.qc.ca/jardin)

*Sakura Kusabue-no-Oka Rose Garden*—Osaka, Japan

This rose garden will open on April 29, 2006. The NPO Rose Culture Institute, directed by Mr. Katsuhiko Maebara, planned this garden in cooperation with Sakura City and began planting it in 2004.

Mr. Maebara is an ardent rose enthusiast and a disciple of the late Mr. Seizo Suzuki, a noted breeder. A large part of the rose collection in this garden has been inherited from Mr. Suzuki. It features a good collection of species and heritage roses from Japan and China, rare old garden roses donated by many rosarians and gardens from all around the world, as well as varieties raised by Mr. Suzuki, all displayed in sections with different themes. This is a garden skillfully designed for providing information on the long history of roses east and west in a unique oriental atmosphere. The garden is located in woods owned by Sakura City in the vicinity of Tokyo, run by the Rose Culture Institute and Sakura's Department of Agricultural Administration, and is cared for by members of the Institute and a large number of volunteers.

**Rose Preservation:** Wild and old garden roses of Japan and China; varieties bred by Mr. Seizo Suzuki

**Open:**

Tue–Sun 9AM to 5PM

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Mr. Katsuhiko Maebara

**Typical work schedule:**

Dec–Mar: Apply fertilizers,  
prune, and clean up the garden  
Apr–June, Sep–Nov: Guide  
visitors

**All year:** General maintenance