



ORLANDO AREA HISTORICAL ROSE SOCIETY

~The Historical Rose Herald~ **NOVEMBER 2011**

Sunday, Nov 6, 2011

*Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, NOV 6 at 2 am; turn clocks backward 1 hour.



Doors open 2:00 pm, program starts at 2:30 pm
at City of Orlando's Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 North
Forest Ave., Orlando, FL 32803-1537,
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Gardening Challenges

by 'Gardener Extraordinaire' Tom MacCubbin
Extension Agent Emeritus
University of Florida, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences

All gardeners have challenges. What are the plants and general landscape problems bothering you? I know you are going to say preventing pests and keeping the grass green. But I find many of the problems are not this major – they are much more basic. We may not realize we need to deal with some of these, but we do. It is amazing what we don't quite comprehend or understand. These are the everyday problems gardeners bring to us. They are the reason many fail. Here are just some Gardening Challenges we are going to be discussing.

Soils – How fundamental can soils be to the culture of plants? Some gardens just stick the plant in the ground, hope for the best, and expect it to grow in Florida sands. They can with the right care but we can also help improve our soils. Organic matter and more organic matter is the secret.

Soil acidity – I like to call this the soil pH. Have you had your soil pH tested? I do a lot of consulting work and the first thing I test is the soil acidity. It is amazing how many soils are out of line with the plants we want to grow.

Starting seeds – I want to save you money. Sure, you say, but it is true. A packet of \$1 seeds can start many \$.99 to \$3.48 transplants. And most can be ready from seed for the garden in 4 to 6 weeks but there are a few secrets.

Timing the plantings – Getting them into the garden on time is so fundamental. Many gardeners are confused when they arrive in town. They want to plant tomatoes and petunias in June. It's too late. What is Florida's time schedule – you have to know to be successful.

Watering – Sounds simple but water has gotten expensive. Right now \$5 a thousand gallons is not unheard of. And all areas have water restrictions. So what is a gardener to do? Well, try saving some water. There are many ways and you can get quite creative.

Finding the best mulch – What is the best mulch anyway? Is it wood chips, pine straw, leaves or shredded rubber? And what should a good mulch do for your plants? These are all questions gardeners ask and you need to have the answers.

Fertilizing those plants – Wow, here is a confusing subject. How many times are you asked what is the best fertilizer? And now, what about that big '0' in the middle of many analyses? Many gardeners like their 6-6-6. How did that product come about? What about the new fertilizers – are they just expensive?

Dealing with pests – We all would like to go natural. There are many formulas gardeners are concocting. Some may hurt your plants. But there are some we can use and feel pretty good about. Many gardeners just walk away from the pesticide shelf at the garden center with nothing. They too are confused. What are you going to tell them?

Nematodes a new pest to many – Most gardeners coming to Florida have probably never heard of or at least had to deal with nematodes. You know, they are the small round worms that live in the soil and cause knots on the roots. They keep plants from producing. It's a scary situation for many. What can they do to at least grow vegetables?

Cold protection – We came to Florida to get away from the cold but it followed us. The last two years have been the coldest since the 80's. Gardeners are trying to save their plants but from what I see it is not working that well. Let's see what does give the cold protection needed.

Add your plant here – Let's take a look at some garden favorites and the challenges they present. Some are going to need special care. Some may not grow here at all.



THE ROSE

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The flower commonly known as the rose is designated and adopted as the national floral emblem of the United States of America, and the President of the United States is authorized and requested to declare such fact by proclamation.

(Title 36, Chapter 10, United States Code)

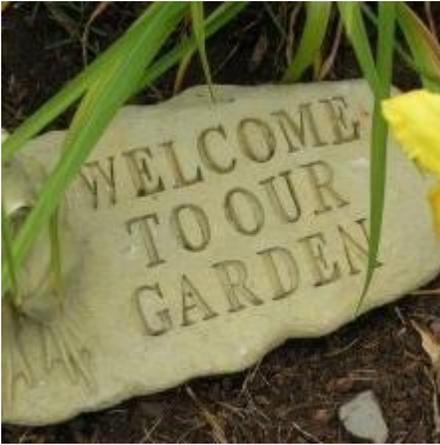
The Proclamation:

“Americans have always loved the flowers with which God decorates our land. More often than any other flower we hold the rose dear as the symbol of life and love and devotion, of beauty and eternity. For the love of man and woman, for the love of mankind and God, for love of country, Americans who would speak the language of the heart do so with a rose.

We see proof of this everywhere. The study of fossils reveals that roses existed in America for age upon age. We have always cultivated roses in our gardens. Our first President, George Washington, bred roses and a variety he named after his mother is still grown today. The White House itself boasts a beautiful Rose Garden. We grow roses in all our fifty states. We find roses throughout our art, music and literature. We decorate our celebrations and parades with roses. Most of all, we present roses to those we love, and we lavish them on our altars, our civil shrines and final resting places of our honored dead.

The American people have long held a special place in their hearts for roses. Let us continue to cherish them, to honor the love and devotion they represent, and to bestow them on all we love just as God has bestowed them on us.

The Congress, by Senate Joint Resolution 159 has designated the rose as the National Floral Emblem of the United States of America. Now, therefore, I Ronald Reagan, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim **the rose as the National Floral Emblem of the United States of America.** /s/ Ronald Reagan **November 20, 1986**



OAHRs ROSE GARDEN

AT THE SANFORD STUDENTS MUSEUM

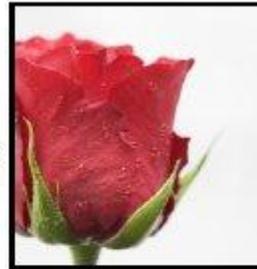
The historical rose garden began with one rose planted by a Seminole county teacher who wanted to increase awareness in the community about the historical aspects of old garden roses. Students can “hold a piece of history in their hands”! Soon more roses were planted and the Orlando Area Historical Rose Society adopted the garden as a community project. Society members, students, and master gardeners work to maintain the garden

The workday in the OAHRs Rose Garden at the museum is normally held on the last Saturday of the month, from 9:00 am to noon. For details or driving directions, contact Tom Burke, ARS Consulting Rosarian, 407-721-9852, tjburke@cfl.rr.com

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Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

Potpourri

Need help with identifying rose pests and diseases? Google the web site for Gardener's Supply Company and look for their featured [Pest and Disease Detective](#). You'll find excellent full page information and photos of every type of plant pest and disease by clicking on your pest or disease of choice.



"In this age of harsh chemicals and pesticides, it is comforting to know that there are alternatives.

We just have to make the choice to use them."

-Lee Anne Stark



Long Creek Herbs, Jim Long. "How to Eat a Rose" –

***Contact Margie Brown at the NOV meeting to purchase your copy(ies). Get them before they are sold out!**

- 37 pages filled with recipes using rose petals and are very attractive, and will make fabulous Christmas gifts. Simply Delicious Recipes for Eating Roses Really? Roses for food? Absolutely! In many areas of the world the rose is considered a seasoning herb as well as a lovely flower. Jim has collected recipes from around the world, as well as creating many all new ones himself. You'll find recipes for cakes, cookies, beverages, ice creams, candies and lots more, all using the fragrant rose as the primary flavoring ingredient. 36 pages.

The International Herb Association has selected the ROSE as the "Herb of The Year" for 2012.

You can learn more by going to the Herb Association's website, <http://iherb.org/hoy2012.htm>



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- *November 6** OAHRS meeting – Garden Challenges – Tom MacCubbin
- November 11–13** Deep South District Convention & Rose Show "Salute to Veterans" Wyndham Westshore, Tampa, FL Barb Castelli at Barb@DCD.com
- November 19** Orlando Garden Club's *Holiday Market* (Plants & Crafts Sale) OGC Clubhouse, 710 East Rollins St, Orlando. Info: 407-299-5412
- *December 4** OAHRS Annual **Christmas Tea** (you won't want to miss this event)

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- January 13-15** Deep South District's Mid-Winter meeting Best Western Hotel in Gainesville, Florida - Bradenton-Sarasota Rose Society is hosting and they have planned a spectacular and fun weekend.
- March 17-18** OAHRS Rose Plant Sale, Leu Gardens, 9am – 5pm



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Website is www.ars.org.

**Hey, check out our very own Deep South District's
Assistant Director - Phil Paul & ARS on YouTube!**

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M7_2B7jkDoU&feature=player_embedded



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR SOME **ROSY HOLIDAY GIFTS?**

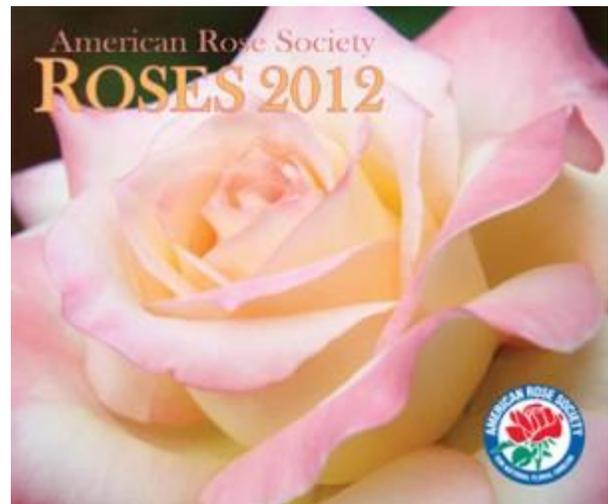
Check out the ARS online store for coffee cups, caps, books, clothing, etc., on the internet at http://www.ars.org/store/index.php?main_page=index&cPath=1&zenid=fce277895833bf901f9bf8e4e864a92

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Mount Dora 8th Annual Tour of Gardens:

(Cost \$8.00 or \$10.00)

Sat. Nov 5 – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *

Cost \$8.00 in advance. Tickets can be purchased at the Mt. Dora Chamber of Commerce, 341 Alexander St. OR by mail thru www.lakesandhillsgardenclub.org.

Cost \$10.00 on day of tour at the First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Dora, 222 West

6th Ave., where the self guided tour of six unique Mt. Dora Garden tour begins. This charity tour is sponsored by Lakes and Hills Garden Club. Info: Mt. Dora Chamber at 352-383-2165. The profit goes back into the community including Florida Federation of Garden Clubs' Camp Wekiva. (the Annual Mount Dora Plant & garden Fair located at Simpson's Cove on beautiful Lake Dora will take place the same day.)

***Reminder:** Tom MacCubbin will be presenting the program at the OAHRS meeting on Sunday, NOV 6, and we know you won't want to miss welcoming Tom and enjoying his program.

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we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee!"*

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Happy Thanksgiving



**Annual Deep South District Convention and Rose Show
—Salute to Veterans—
November 11 to 13, 2011 Tampa, Florida**

~Veterans Honor~

November in Tampa, Florida is a glorious time of year and attendees of this year's DSD Annual Convention and Rose Show will have a fun-filled weekend full of great activities, food, and roses. Hosted by the Tampa Rose Society, this year's convention and rose show will be held at the Wyndham Westshore, voted the #1 Full-Service Hotel in Tampa by Tripadvisor.com, named the Best Place to Work in Tampa, and whose chef was recently awarded Tampa's Top Chef crown.

The theme of the show, —Salute to Veteransll will carry through the hotel with arrangements of red, white, and blue and the Veteran's Honor rose. The show will begin on Friday, November 11 with registration at 3 p.m. (For those wishing to exhibit roses, refrigeration will be provided.) Friday evening starts with a cash bar and a —Sweet Tomatoesll themed buffet at the Blue Water Grill located just off the hotel lobby with an adjoining covered outdoor deck. The hospitality suite will be opened afterwards to talk and catch up with great rose friends.

Saturday starts early for exhibitors at 5:00 a.m. seeing who can win the coveted DSD trophies and awards! Judging will take place from 10:30 until 12 noon, and the show will be open to the public from 1 until 4. During judging you can attend programs on rose topics including *New Thoughts & Confessions of an Obsessed Old Rose Collector* given by Pam Greenwald of Angel Gardens and visit the vendor area where rose plants, supplies, garden art, and other items will be for sale.

Following lunch on your own three informative and totally different talks will be presented.

- Baldo Villegas, Entomologist for the State of California will speak on Rose and Garden Pests,
- Debbie Mola of Walt Disney World will speak on the Roses of Disney World and the ARS Test Garden at Walt Disney World, and
- Paul Zimmerman of Paul Zimmerman Roses will speak on growing Garden Roses and treating them as nothing more than flowering shrubs in the garden.

The DSD business meeting will be held late in the afternoon after which you will have time for a quick rest before the evening festivities begin! A cash bar will be open before the banquet of Char-Grilled Hormone & Anti-biotic Free NY Strip Steak with White Truffle Honey; Buttermilk-Pecan Breast of Chicken with sweet Vermont Maple cream sauce; or Wild Mushroom Ravioli sautéed with roasted garlic, grape tomatoes, and asparagus in a light mushroom jus, finished with shards of aged parmesan. The Rose Show Awards will be presented with later entertainment provided by the Skylights.

On Sunday! Buses will begin boarding for the rose garden tour at 9 a.m. Sunday morning. Buses will take you to three lovely gardens of Tampa Rose Society members filled with Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, Climbers, OGRs and more. It will delight your senses! The buses will return to the hotel by 1:30 p.m. for your trip home.

The members of the Tampa Rose Society hope you will join them for an exciting and fun filled weekend, November 11-13, and help us "Salute our Veterans".

Plant Collector

by Jeanette Ryan



“When did you say you first began having this problem?”
asked the doctor.

“Well it really started about seven years ago when I moved into a new house in the country near Orlando. We had just built a new house and the area around it was completely bare except for a few trees along the property lines.” “Hmm” said the doctor. “Go on.”

“My sister had helped me to draw up a landscape plan for the yard and I had brought a few plants, including a few roses, from my home in Jacksonville. When I planted them all there were still lots of bare spaces in my yard. So I decided what I needed to do was to buy some plants to fill in the bare spaces.

“That sounds reasonable to me. What happened that caused you this problem?”

“Well, I found out that I was living in the middle of ‘plant and flower heaven’ - around every curve was another plant nursery - and I had to visit them all. And- they all had interesting plants- some of which I had never seen before. I could just imagine them growing nicely in my own yard and I just couldn’t imagine how I had lived without each of them previously- so I had to buy at least one of almost every interesting thing I saw.”

“Soon after, I spotted the mark down rack and felt so bad for those poor plants- that I had to buy them also and bring them home and give them another chance at life. Of course, I also considered how much money I was saving by buying them at half or less price!”

“Meanwhile, back at the house I was busy planting all my purchases while the original plants were doing their thing too- they were growing rapidly and filling in those bare spaces.”

“My husband gave me a warning- “Be careful not to plant more than you can take care of.” Unfortunately his warning words came way too late. I had plants everywhere!”

“But I wasn’t sad- I enjoyed all the plants and flowers and roses and I kept collecting. I gave plants away and kept on buying. Finally, this year, I said enough is enough and I vowed not to go near a plant nursery. I was ‘on the wagon’ almost all summer. It was way too hot to work outside anyway so I did other things.”

“Well”, said the doctor, “it sounds like your problem is solved”

“Oh, Doctor, unfortunately, no! You see last week a friend from out of town came to see me and she loves plants also and so I had to take her to a nursery- just to look- you know- and they had all their plants HALF PRICE!”

“Oh, by the way- that plant you have sitting on your desk looks pitiful- I will be glad to take it home with me and try to revive it! Also, I think I could trim it a little and get several cuttings to root! I have never seen a plant quite like it and the leaves are so spectacular!”

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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!**





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## Deep South District “Champions of Roses” 30th annual Mid-Winter meeting January 13-15, 2012, Gainesville, FL

The **30th annual Deep South District’s Mid-Winter meeting will be held January 13-15, 2012, at the Best Western Gateway Grand in Gainesville, Florida.** This new location (one minute NW off Exit 390 of I-75) has a large banquet room that will give us some extra elbow room for our programs. It also provides a scrumptious continental breakfast including Belgian waffles. There is free Wi-Fi, a computer room and a large, outdoor pool area right off the main lobby. The outdoor area has comfortable chaise lounges, a hot tub, and a fitness room downstairs for guests. If you need a Publix, Starbucks, McDonald’s, Subway, Walgreens, golf course or restaurant, this exit has them all.

You will definitely want to attend this event. **Friday afternoon starts with a star spangled exhibitor’s workshop** featuring outstanding national horticultural exhibitors Satish Prabhu, Bob and Sandy Lundberg and Ralph Stream. New and seasoned exhibitors will not want to miss this event. The arranger’s workshop has been cancelled by Jim Harrell, district chairman of Arrangement Judges. It may be that we decide to alternate between horticultural and arrangement workshops in the future.

Steve Jones, former ARS president, will be a guest speaker along with Stephen Hoy, a specialist in single type roses, and Lynn Griffith of A & L Laboratories. Put this date on your calendar now!

This year there will be two large rooms for the vendors to occupy. One room will house the nurserymen selling rose bushes (place your orders early), Jim and Daisy Mills of **K and M Roses**, Geoff and Debbie Coolidge of **Cool Roses**, Pam Greenewald of **Angel Gardens**, Tim Myers and Jinger Gordon of **Jigger’s Jungle**. The other room is for Wendy Tilley of **The Rose Gardner**, Jim Young of **Purely Organic**, Clayton Beaty of **Mills Magic** and several vendors that have been invited but not yet responded. This vendor area will be set up with every rose related item you could possibly need, and most of the vendors accept credit cards for your convenience. For those ladies who love rose jewelry, you will be delighted with vendor Valerie Frayer (she is tentatively committed). Her **rose jewelry** is beautiful and she is also known for encasing ARS Bronze medals in beautiful copper bezels.

We have a wonderful hospitality suite for you to visit during the weekend. It is a beautiful room with a very large balcony (extra seating) that overlooks the pool area. Stop by and chat a while or lounge in the sunshine while sipping a delicious beverage and check out the rose bushes near the pool. There will be plenty of goodies and beverages for all.



## Rosette Delizy

1922

'Rosette Delizy' is small for a Tea, rarely reaching more than 4 feet, so it is perfect for the smaller garden or in a balcony pot. The strongly colored roses have centers of ocher yellow with outer petals of carmine in a neat and shapely form. The flowers have a typical Tea fragrance and are produced with satisfying regularity. Grows 4 to 6, repeat blooming, fragrant, yellow blend.

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## Prairie Rose

1924

The only native climbing rose in North America and the only member of the *synstylae* group found wild in the U.S., the 'Prairie Rose' has quite a list of distinctions. The arching stems are thornless and do not sucker, but will root readily when touching the ground. The single, bright pink flowers appear very late in spring or even early summer when other wild roses have finished blooming. This trait can extend the flowering period of the wild garden. This rose is especially cold hardy, tough, and disease resistant, making it an excellent choice for low-maintenance plantings. There is some controversy about the fragrance, or lack of it. Ellen Willmott called the flowers "deficient in scent". However, Graham Stuart Thomas, in *Shrub Roses of Today*, says they are "very fragrant in spite of numerous statements to the contrary." 3 to 8 feet, Once Blooming, Fragrant, Dark Pink

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## Report on October 5th, 2011 Meeting of the North Central Florida Heritage Roses Group

by Pam Greenwald

On October 5<sup>th</sup>, about 20 rose lovers got together at Angel Gardens in Alachua FL to hear Pat Shanley speak about Sustainable Rose Growing. The weather, food, and the Rose Buds were all there to please. This was an intimate but powerful gathering of "Like Minds" who enjoyed hearing someone who is in the forefront of ARS making clear and meaningful statements about the future of rose growing using no chemicals. It made our hearts glad to finally hear the words coming from such an honored spokeswoman.

Pat began her talk by telling the story of her beloved dog Winston who died within an hour of a toxic chemical being sprayed on her roses. That was the end of her use of chemicals. Within the next 5 years she had lost her husband and her mother to cancer. The rest is history.

Pat Shanley is President of the Manhattan Rose Society. She is Director of Marketing and Membership for the ARS and holds many other positions, too numerous to name. She is running for VP of the ARS which will mean Presidency after 3 years. I believe that I speak for all of us represented by the Jacksonville Rose Society (Gene Waering President in attendance), the Marion County Rose Society (Chris McMillan, President in attendance) and the North Central FL Heritage Roses Group when I say that we all want to endorse this great lady in her efforts to reach the highest office in the ARS.



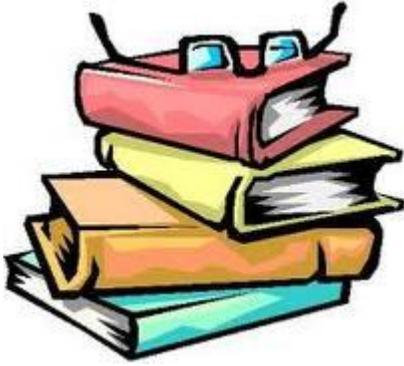
Pam Greenwald and Pat Shanley

After Pat's talk, we presented some gifts to her and we gave a special gift to Frank and Deedee for their extra help to get the place ready. Pat signed books (The Sustainable Rose Garden) with Gene Waering who is also an editor of the book.



Gene Waering, President, Jacksonville FL RS,  
and Pat Shanley, President, Manhattan RS

We had a wonderful potluck lunch followed by a raffle. Then everyone drove down to Gainesville to see the Hospice Memorial Garden where we shared some wine, conversation, and enjoyed showing off the new garden. The deer had been nibbling only the outer edge of roses and the rest of them were looking just fine. We all agreed it had been a great day. The local rose community was well represented.



## FOR THE HOME LIBRARY

### *Mystery Roses Around the World*

Virginia Kean, editor

Heritage Rose Foundation, \$27.50.

<http://www.heritagerosfoundation.org/onlinecommerce/onlinecommerce.htm#2011mysteryroses>

Published early this summer, *Mystery Roses Around the World* is an exceptionally lovely and informative soft cover book devoted to the passion of both discovering and rediscovering antique and often forgotten roses. Its 112 pages contain a helpful index, contributors' notes, an array of beautiful photos, and fascinating information about lost and found roses the world over and about those who found—and find—them.

Two long articles are especially enlightening: Dr. Wang Guoliang's "Rare China Rose Species and Ancient Cultivars"—the Chinese were breeding roses over 1000 years ago!—and Lars-Ake Gustavsson's "Sweden's National Inventory Uncovers Mystery Roses" on Sweden's creation of a national gene bank for the preservation of old roses. Articles on mystery roses found in Bermuda, France, India, and other countries are captivating as well.

Many of the articles are followed by a short piece on a "rose sleuth," a person on the lookout and the runabout for old roses whose identities are uncertain. Isabella and Vittorio Ducrot of Italy, John Hook of southern France, Fred Boutin, Jeri and Clay Jennings, Ruth Knopf, and several others are such sleuths without whom our rose world would be much the poorer. And most of the articles are really fascinating stories about roses, known and unknown, here today but maybe gone tomorrow. Who doesn't enjoy a good story?

My one complaint: This, like nearly all rose publications, needs a fact checker. For instance, if, according to Gwen Fagen, *R. x odorata* was imported to England in 1824, it could NOT have been shipped to Empress Josephine at Malmaison, for by then she had been dead for ten years. Furthermore, her son Eugene, who inherited the estate, was not living there then and died that very year, 1824. Another article states that Josephine's collection of roses "vanished during her lifetime" (p. 73), but this is clearly incorrect, for she was still tending to her garden days before her sudden death in 1814. Another

article identifies ‘Joasine Hanet’ as a hybrid perpetual (p. 104), but the rose is a damask perpetual, also known as a Portland. The same article asserts the often-repeated misinformation that ‘Le Pactole’ means bonanza or gold mine; but the name derives from the Pactolus River (today called the Sarabat River) in western Turkey, “a river of Lydia,” according to a Latin text of 1879, “said to bring down golden sands.” In mythology, this is the river in which King Midas bathed to wash off the curse of the golden touch; hence, the gold.

Despite these few discrepancies, this book is *de rigueur* for any lover of heritage roses. Indeed, I find it a small treasure. Rather than dine at a restaurant, save the price of the meal to buy and savor the book *Mystery Roses*. It’s stimulating, it’s illuminating, it’s beautiful, it’s unique.

**Darrell Schramm**

Originally published in *Rose Letter*, August 2011, Darrell Schramm, Editor



## Roses Are Plants, Too

### Paul Zimmerman Roses

The Knockout Rose changed the game in terms how we perceive roses. The Knockout Rose Family has taught many gardeners that garden roses are in fact quite easy to grow. But many of you ask what other great garden roses can we buy? And that is what this series of blog posts will be about.

As we continue through the winter and introduce you to other great garden rose collections, I want you to keep one thing in mind. No rose does brilliantly in all parts of the United States. This is a vast country with who knows how many micro-climates and because of that some of these roses may not do well for you. Don’t be disappointed or discouraged. That’s part of the fun of gardening. Trying different things to see what does and does not work. But overall these rose collections have been tested in various conditions and perform well. Most are hardy to zone five but some may not be so double check.

Now that the disclaimer is out of the way let’s move on to the roses! I’d like to start with the Earth Kind Collection of Roses. While many of these roses are not new to commerce, they have been brought together by a vigorous testing program and those that pass muster receive the Earth-Kind Rose designation.

You can read more details on [their website](#) about how this comes about, but at the core of the program are the Field Trials which take place mostly in Texas. During the first year the roses are allowed to establish themselves with only water and mulch. For the next two years they are not sprayed or fertilized and only watered as needed. Coarse hardwood mulch is used every year as well.

From these trials emerge roses that are tough, disease and pest resistant and drought tolerant. They are also very nice garden roses in terms of beauty and even in the case of some fragrance. Just because a rose is a great garden rose does not mean it is not also a beautiful rose in its own right!

Earth Kind roses are beginning to be available in garden centers; at the moment mostly in the southwest around Texas. However, there is an excellent mail order source for Earth-Kind Roses and that is [Chamblee Rose Nursery](#) in Tyler, Texas. They ship around the country and I know from experience their quality is excellent! They generally stock the full range of Earth-Kind Roses.

If you grow and like Knockout you will also enjoy growing the Earth-Kind Roses. After all Knockout is also an Earth-Kind Rose

Everyone loves roses. If you always wanted to add roses to your garden but were too intimidated by their diva reputation, **Roses Are Plants, Too** is the blog for you, <http://www.finegardening.com/blog/roses>

Paul Zimmerman has grown thousands of roses for over 15 years and for ten of those years in a sustainable manner. His common-sense approach shows you how to integrate garden roses into your landscape by looking at them as nothing more than flowering shrubs, all the while encouraging you to trust your own "Gardener's Instincts" in the care of these beautiful plants.

You will learn [how to prune and train climbing roses](#), and how to get the most "ka-bloom" out of your shrub, David Austin and Knockout rose bushes. You'll get tips on growing roses organically and trimming them all season to keep their shape. You'll discover the difference between own-root and grafted roses, and more. Much of the instruction will be via videos that Paul produces himself!

Paul Zimmerman ran a rose care company in Los Angeles before moving to South Carolina to start Ashdown Roses. Now he focuses on rose education and teaching via Paul Zimmerman Roses. He lectures, gives workshops, and judges rose trials around the world, and it is this experience he brings to this blog. Whether you are new to roses or an experienced grower, Paul will open your garden to the vast diversity our national flower offers.

If you have questions about roses and rose care or would like to share your own experiences please visit Paul's [Roses Are Plants, Too](#) discussion forum.

*In my autumn garden I was fain  
To mourn among my scattered roses;  
Alas for that last rosebud that uncloses  
To Autumn's languid sun and rain  
When all the world is on the wain!  
Which has not felt the sweet constraint of June  
Nor heard the nightingale in tune.  
Broad-faced asters by my garden walk,  
You are but coarse compared to roses:  
More choice, more dear that rosebud which uncloses,  
Faint-scented, pinched, upon its stalk,  
That least and last which cold winds balk;  
A rose it is though least and last of all,  
A rose to me though at the fall.*

Christina Georgina Rossetti (1830 – 1894)

## Weeks Roses Research Director Tom Carruth Receives Luther Burbank Award



The American Horticultural Society (AHS) recently announced 12 award recipients for the 2011 Great American Gardeners Awards. These honors are bestowed upon businesses, organizations and individuals who have made significant contributions to horticulture related to wide-ranging topics including conservation, teaching, garden communication and research.

The Luther Burbank Award recognizes outstanding achievement in the area of plant breeding. With numerous awards to his credit, including multiple All-America Rose Selection honors, Tom's successes are recognized throughout the industry. The Luther Burbank Award was established by the American Horticultural Society in 1993 and is awarded bi-annually.

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Weeks Roses is not new to AHS honors. In 1991, O.L. Weeks received the Paul Ecke Jr. Commercial Award recognizing him for excellence in the field of commercial horticulture. O.L. Weeks founded Weeks Roses in 1938.

Tom was honored on June 9, 2011 by AHS at the Great American Gardeners Awards Ceremony and Banquet held at the Society's national headquarters at River Farm in Alexandria, Virginia.

Congratulations, Tom!



It doesn't take years to grow a great rose... it only takes Weeks.

As a wholesaler, Weeks doesn't sell directly to consumers. Weeks Roses plants are readily available at a nursery or garden center near you. Or they can be purchased from several mail order sources.

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## Multi-colored Roses in the Garden

Story by: **Will Funk** - Photos by: **Gene Sasse**



Ever since many of us gazed upon our first *Double Delight* rose, perhaps in Mom's or Grandma's garden, we were likely smitten by the intrigue of multi-colored flowers ('multis').

Even if you have a perfect pure pink, brilliant red or other saturated single-colored rose in your yard, the delight added by blended shades of color swirling about in a single rose can add even more interest to your landscape.





In recent years Weeks Roses has added several new 'multis' including some All-America Rose Selection ([AARS](#)) winners. [Dream Come True](#) won this honor in 2008 due to the passionate hybridizing efforts of Dr. John Pottschmidt in Cincinnati, Ohio.

His dream was to not just create a rose that others could enjoy, but to claim the pinnacle by capturing the AARS award. With a golden yellow center edged with blushing ruby hues, this grandiflora's blooms borne on long strong stems captivate visitors in your garden with its contrasting colors.

While we're talking about AARS winners, the [Dick Clark](#) rose captured the eye of the judges in 2011 with its classically formed mixture of cream and cherry blushed with burgundy. The ever-changing colors atop super shiny green foliage will keep both your garden and your bouquets interesting the entire growing season.





**About Face** does multi-color in an entirely different way. Two-faced, but not in a bad way, the lighter golden-orange petal inside is distinctly different than the darker, bronzed-red petal outside. With superb disease resistance, plenty of vigor and unique color mixing, *About Face* turns heads as well.

When it comes to using a myriad of colors in a stunning way, few artists approach the talents of glass artist Dale Chihuly. And when it comes to roses, it's hard to compete with his namesake rose **Chihuly**.

An amazingly floriferous floribunda, each cluster flower and individual petal showcases a unique wash of colors. Yellows, oranges and all the colors in between get into the mix, blushing to red when kissed by the sun. Even the foliage gets into the multi-color theme with its deep mahogany new growth.



If you are looking for a rose with contrast overload, **Ketchup & Mustard** definitely creates this by contrasting these two colorful condiments. Deep, ketchup-red inside petals are backed by bright mustard-yellow outside petals set atop shiny apple green leaves.

With a nice medium sized growing habit you can fit this two-toned attention getter in smaller spaces in the landscape, in colorful containers or even atop a rose tree.



There is no need to settle for mono-coloring with your landscape roses when you can live in stereo with [Watercolors](#)...a new version of the beloved old *Mutabilis*.

The dark red new growth matures into clean green leaves to provide the stage for a symphony of pink, ruby, cerise and yellow toned single-petaled lovelies. Hardy & own-root, this shrub will dot the landscape with butterfly-like blooms of many hues.



As for climbing colors, [Jacob's Robe](#) spreads a wall of continually changing color, from attention-getting yellows to blushing pinks and reds.



This obvious improvement on Joseph's Coat has natural resistance to disease, glossy deep green leaves and impressive vigor. If you want to take color to new heights, this full-sized climber will bloom and repeat bloom in the very first year.

Although there is nothing wrong with roses of a single color, can you tell our hybridizer, [Tom Carruth](#), is partial to multis? [Colorific](#) is Tom's favorite...at least for this month.



## **Happy Gardening!**

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