

America's Rose Garden JOURNAL

Introductory issue of the newsletter for the gardens at the American Rose Center, Shreveport, La. Headquarters for the American Rose Society

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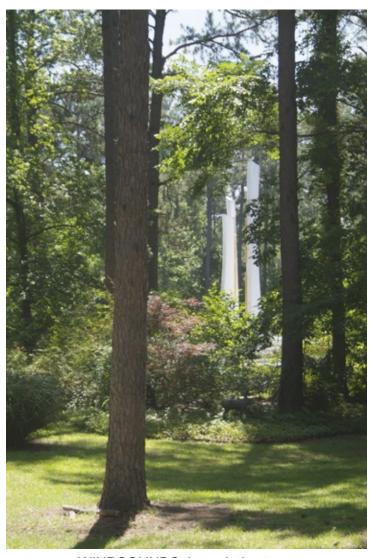
'WINDSOUNDS'

THE 30 FOOT CARILLON TOWER WAS DESIGNED IN 1972 BY CURTIS BISHOP OF BISHOP & WALKER LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS OF HOUSTON.

IT WAS INSTALLED 1972-74 WHEN THE GARDENS AT THE AMERICAN ROSE CENTER WERE CREATED. "THE CARILLON PRODUCES SPECIALLY ENHANCED 'TONE SOUNDS' HARMONICALLY RELATED TO THE SOUNDS OF WIND IN THE PINE TREES."

WINDSOUNDS IS SURROUNDED BY ROSES.
BEGINNING IN 2019, THE GARDEN BECAME
THE MAGNIFICENT SITE OF THE NEW
ARC INTERNATIONAL ROSE TRIALS.

THE TOWERS ARE SCHEDULED FOR A NEW COAT OF PAINT EARLY THIS YEAR.



WINDSOUNDS through the trees. (photo by Marilyn Wellan)



"R is for Rose" Image is from the book of the same name by Carolyn Parker.

Heritage Rose Symposium

OLD ROSES at the "NEW" AMERICA'S ROSE GARDEN

March 28, $2020 \sim 9:00 \text{ am} - 3:00 \text{ pm}$

Klima Rose Hall at the American Rose Center an American Rose Center Committee Event

\$40 Registration Fee includes lectures, morning coffee and lunch.

Registration is available on-line at www.rose.org/heritagerosesymposium
Or phone meeting Registrar Carol Spiers at 318-938-5402 (<a href="carol@caro

A number of Anne Belovich's historic collection of Rambler Roses will be available for sale, as well as her book, *Ramblers and Other Rose Species Hybrids*, published by the ARS.

Old Garden Roses from Antique Rose Emporium and Mike Shoup's books will be available for sale.

Proceeds will benefit the Heritage Rose Gardens at the ARC.

ARC Gift Shop will be open.

G MICHAEL SHOUP

"How I Was Schooled by An Old Rose"

Mike Shoup has always had an interest in plants. With this in mind, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Trinity University and his Master's degree in Horticulture from Texas A & M University. In 1976, a year after graduation he started Containerized Plants, Inc. which grew and sold woody plants and hardy, old-fashioned perennials, Texas natives and most importantly 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 display garden/retail centers in historic Independence and San Antonio, Texas. These unique retail centers consist of theme gardens showing the versatility of antique roses in garden settings. His work has been recognized in *Smithsonian* and *National Geographic* magazines and in many trade journals as well. His hope that the beauty seen in these gardens will create resurgence in the preservation of these rare and beautiful roses.

Mike is a past president of the board of directors of the Heritage Rose Foundation, an organization dedicated to the preservation of Old Garden Roses. He has also written many articles and supplied numerous photographs for trade magazines and national periodicals on the subject of using Old Garden Roses in today's gardens. He has written three books, *Roses in the Southern Garden*, published in 2000 and in 1991 published *Landscaping with Antique Roses*, coauthored with Liz Druitt and most recently *Empress of the Garden*.

Mike and his wife, Jean, have three children and are active in many organizations in Brenham including Unity Theater, Chamber of Commerce and Rotary.



PEGGY MARTIN

"Fabulous Roses for the Gulf South"

Peggy Martin has a great rose story to tell. Her rose life has come to be associated with the "Katrina Rose", which was subsequently named for her, the 'Peggy Martin' rose. A life-long rosarian, she is recognized as an authority and frequent speaker and writer on the subject of Old Garden Roses.

Peggy is a leader of the Heritage Rose Foundation, and has traveled widely with that group, serving as Vice President since 2007 and Treasurer since 2010. She is a member of the American Rose Society and Chairman of the Gulf District Old Garden Rose & Shrub Committee. She is currently President of the New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society, she has continuously served in most offices of the society, including its Financial Board of Directors.

Peggy lends her support to the rose gardens within the city of New Orleans and is a member of the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society, the Central Louisiana Rose Society, the Texas Rose Rustlers, and the Orlando Fl. Rose Society.

ANDREW BAROCCO

"Heritage: The Rebirth of Heritage: Breeding "New" Old Garden Roses"

Andrew Barocco holds dual positions, one in academia, and the other in industry, as both a graduate student under Dr. David H. Byrne in the Horticultural Sciences department at Texas A&M University, and the Director of the Breeding & Production Manager at The Antique Rose Emporium respectively.

He grew up in the Acadiana region of Southern Louisiana where he was strongly



Andrew Barocco with Hybridizer
Ping Lim at Gulf District
Midwinter Meeting

influenced by the Cajun culture and his Cajun heritage. He graduated from Louisiana State University in 2016 with an undergraduate degree in Horticulture. Also, while at LSU, his undergraduate research successfully evaluated exotic sweet potato germplasm lines for new sources of insect resistance. Also, while at LSU, he restored the Ornamental Sweet potato Breeding Program and developed hybrid lines containing both ornamental foliage and commercial grade US No.1 storage roots. These sweet potatoes were patented by LSU and released by Concept Plants as the "Treasure Island" Series. The Treasure Island Series is also the recipient of the 2020 Green Thumb AwardTM.

He moved to Texas in 2017 to pursue his graduate degree under Dr. Byrne. His research is to determine the genes responsible for thornlessness in roses. Not long after moving to Texas, he began work at The Antique Rose Emporium. There, he took up the reins of reinvigorating the breeding program by making wide and difficult species crosses and working with rare varieties in order to introgress new and valuable traits into commercial and old garden roses.

Andrew is a (CNLP) Certified Nursery and Landscape Professional; placed as the *1st Overall Individual* in the J. Benton Story Horticultural Judging Contest at the ASHS – Southern Region Conference 2015, and has served as the *Student National President* of the (ASHS ACB) American Society of Horticultural Science, Association of Collegiate Branches in both 2015 and 2016. In 2017 he was the winner of the *William C. Welch Landscape Horticulture Scholarship*. In 2019 Andrew became the recipient of the *Rising Star Award* from the American Rose Society.



LEO WATERMEIER

"The Roses of Louis Armstrong Park in New Orleans"

Leo Watermeier is an amateur gardener. In 1992 he was one of the founding members of the New Orleans Old Garden Rose Society. At that time, he was manager of Louis Armstrong Park, and with the help of club member Maureen Detweiller established the park's Antique Rose Garden in the summer of 1992. He has volunteered to curate and help maintain the garden ever since. He has served as a judge at the International Rose Trials at Bagatelle in Paris. In 2013 in cooperation with the Chinese Rose Society he visited many important rose gardens in China as a member of a delegation from the American Rose

Society. In May 2014 he organized a special rose trip to Italy. And he has spoken about the old roses of New Orleans to rose clubs in Bermuda, New York, Dallas, Houston and elsewhere.

The garden contains about 150 different old garden roses, especially those that do well in warm climates – Chinas, teas, noisettes, and hybrid musks. It is one of the largest collections of these roses anywhere in the world.



CLAUDE GRAVES

"The Anne Belovich Rambling Rose Collection at Chambersville"

Rambling Roses are the most underutilized yet the most dramatic statement you can make in a garden. These giant roses feature a tremendous variety of growth habits, disease resistant foliage, flower form, bloom colors and fragrances to embellish any garden design. We will explore the amazing history of these predecessors to the modern climbing roses and the rose hybridizing pioneers around the world that created and perfected the roses that dominated the great gardens of the late 19th and early 20th century. Learn the secrets to taming these giants of the rose world and using them in your garden.

Claude Graves (native of Dallas, TX) and his wife Pamela (McKinney, TX) have been growing roses for 50 years in Richardson, Texas a suburb of Dallas. Their rose obsession began in 1969 when Claude's mother gave them a dozen Jackson Perkins bare root roses for a new flower bed they had built.

He and his wife Pam previously grew over 250 roses of 200 different varieties of all classes of roses. That number has now been significantly reduced by the onset of Rose Rosette Disease.

Claude is a Master Consulting Rosarian, Member and former Treasurer of the Heritage Rose Foundation, Member of the American Rose Society and Chairman of the American Rose Center Board in Shreveport, LA, three-time President of the Collin County Rose Society, twice President of the Dallas Rose Society and twice President of the (cont'd)

Dallas Area Historical Rose Society. Claude Graves is co-hosting this symposium with Marilyn Wellan, on behalf of the American Rose Center Committee.

Claude is currently the rose consultant to the Dallas Arboretum and is the Gardens Curator at the Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden and Anne Belovich Rambler Rose Collection in McKinney, Texas. He is a co-author of the EarthKind© Rose Manual and has been awarded the American Rose Society Silver Medal and Outstanding Consulting Rosarian Award by the ARS South Central District. For the last four years Claude has been a participant in the Battling Rose Rosette Research Project and a leader in the effort to educate the gardening public about best management practices to deal with Rose Rosette Virus.



JON CORKERN

Modern Roses Online Database

Jon Corkern was named ARS Executive Director in fall, 2018. He has many great accomplishments to his credit in his short tenure at ARS Headquarters, but perhaps none are as important as the salvation of the Modern Rose database and the Rose Registration system. Jon will give a short briefing on the NEW MODERN ROSE ONLINE DATABASE and how it will serve the industry and the hobbyist as a great resource on rose history and parentage.

MARILYN WELLAN

The Great Garden Restoration Project

Marilyn Wellan serves as co-host of the Symposium with Claude Graves. As Coordinator for the Great Garden Restoration Project, Marilyn will provide a brief update on the Restoration, revealing the exciting plans for Old Garden Roses / Heritage Roses and Species roses at America's Rose Garden. She is a former American Rose Society President, recipient of the ARS Gold Honor Medal, Master Rosarian, Chairman of the ARS Library Committee, Member of the American Rose Center Committee and ARS Finance Committee, and is an active garden volunteer as Restoration Coordinator.



ANTIQUE ROSE EMPORIUM OLD GARDEN ROSES ~ and MICHAEL SHOUP'S ROSE BOOKS

Mike Shoup will bring a good selection of Old Garden Roses to sell. He has three books to his credit: *Roses in the Southern Garden*, published in 2000, *Landscaping with Antique Roses*, co-authored with Liz Druitt published in 1991, and most recently the beautiful *Empress of the Garden*. The latter will be available for sale and for autographs.

A few copies of ANNE BELOVICH'S book "RAMBLERS" and these RAMBLER ROSES will be available for sale at the Heritage Rose Symposium:

Albertine, American Beauty, Apple Blossom, Bocca Negra, Bonfire, Brenda Colvin, Caroubier, Casimir Moullé, Chaplin's Pink Climber, Cherries Jubilee, Chevy Chase, Christine Wright, Edgar Andreu, Ernst Grandpierre, Evangeline, Excelsa, Fernand Krier, Francois Guillot, Frau Kate Schmid, Gardenia, Geisha, Graf Zeppelin, Hallie's Rose, Henri Barruet, Kiftsgate, Millbrook Rail Fence Rose, Monthly Rambler, Mrs. F. W. Flight, Seven Sisters, Wedding Day, Paul's Himalayan Musk, Poema, Polstjaranan, Professor Ibrahim, Reine de Belges, Rose-Marie Viaud, Ruby Queen *and many, many more*. Some of these roses from Chambersville Tree Farms cannot be found anywhere else in the US, including Ruby Queen, a Van Fleet rose.

AMERICA'S ROSE GARDEN's

Great Garden Restoration Project

We hope you have been following the progress of the Great Garden Restoration in American Rose magazine, and on this editor's Facebook page. After having cleared the pines, installed a 4000+ foot deer fence, consolidated the outlying gardens, created a Master Plan, secured the garden design and raised over one-half million dollars in PHASE I (2017-18); developed several satellite gardens, engaged the building contractor and completed the installation of the First Circle in PHASE II (2019), and after additional funds bring the project to \$1.1 million – after all that, we are now engaged in PHASE III (2020) of the Great Garden Restoration during which we will continue fund raising and complete the installation of the Second Circle! We are happy to report that one-half of those funds have been raised for the Second Circle! After that, the Third and Fourth Circles.



A beautiful new soil mix was lifted into the 130 linear feet (x 9' wide) rose beds, and roses are being planted as of this writing. We owe a very special thank you to Chambersville Tree Farms for a big truck load of companion trees, shrubs and perennials that are landscaping the areas near McFarland Plaza and the entrance to the gardens.



Garden Director Don Morgan devised a way to get soil safely into the planting beds, using a sheet of plywood as a slide.



Making an effort to save three large camellias by moving them to new sites, out of the way of construction while dormant.



Part of a large shipment of hollies, magnolias, and crepe myrtles from Chambersville Tree Farms.

ARS MEMBERS' CHOICE ROSE GARDEN

New at America's Rose Garden



and Daffodils 'King Alfred' and 'Dutch Master.' (photos by Marilyn Wellan)

The satellite garden nearest McFarland Plaza and the First Circle (in background), is the American Rose Society Members' Choice Garden. In keeping with our garden's theme, the "History of the Rose in America," this garden displays the roses that ARS members from across the country have chosen as the best performing roses of the year.

The program began in 2003 when the award was introduced. Winners are chosen from the thousands of "Roses in Review" reports that members submit each year. Not surprisingly, the revolutionary rose 'Knock Out' was acclaimed the first Members' Choice Award winner in 2004. After 'Knock Out,' award winners have fallen in almost every group of roses except old garden roses and large flowered climbers. Winners have been hybrid teas, miniatures and minifloras, floribundas, grandifloras and shrubs.

NAMES OF PLANTS: All plants, shrubs and trees will be identified with signage that provides the botanical name, variety name, date of acquisition and donor. Labels for Roses contain the variety name, hybridizer, year of introduction, classification and color.

SPECIAL THANKS

To the following nurseries for providing roses and other plants for the FIRST CIRCLE and for other areas in the gardens:

CHAMBERSVILLE TREE FARMS

DAVID AUSTIN ROSES

JACKSON & PERKINS

K & M ROSE NURSERY

WEEKS ROSES

STAR ROSES & PLANTS

WITHERSPOON ROSE

CULTURE







2020 AWARD WINNER!

'Olivia Rose Austin' was named for the daughter and granddaughter of David Austin, Jr. and David Austin, Sr. so it has to be special! In fact, David Austin himself admitted, "this is possibly the best rose that we have introduced to date." (photos from David Austin Roses)
The late, great David Austin in his rose fields. (bottom left, photo by Marilyn Wellan, 2012)

In 2020, the David Austin shrub rose 'Olivia Rose Austin' becomes the first Austin and the second shrub rose to receive the honor.

It was not easy to gather this diverse collection of roses for planting in this garden. We express our great appreciation to WEEKS ROSES, K & M ROSE NURSERY, DAVID AUSTIN ROSES and JACKSON & PERKINS ROSES. (see the Jan-Feb issue of American Rose, p. 70 for a pictorial list of Members' Choice roses.) Fortunately, there is room to expand the Members' Choice garden to make way for many years of future winners.

The Garden's theme: "The "History of the Rose in America." THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY sincerely appreciates the donation of the original Restoration garden design by this friend of the gardens.



DESIGN BY PAUL ZIMMERMAN & RICHARD BEALES

Camellias in America's Rose Garden

IN THE SOUTH, and possibly in other locales, camellias are thought of as "Winter's Roses." The American Rose Center has a surprising number of camellias on the property. Here are just a few images of camellias in bloom now, some we can identify, and others remain a mystery. If you can suggest a name, it would be appreciated. (photos by Marilyn Wellan)



















#1 'Lady Clare'; #2 'Rose Dawn'; others? Note: #6 is on same bush as #9

MAKE PLANS TO VISIT AMERICA'S ROSE GARDEN

The gardens are conveniently located north of Interstate 20 at exit 5 on Jefferson Paige Road – just 5 miles from the state of Texas, and about 5 miles from the city limits of Shreveport, La. Watch for highway signage.

GARDEN SEASON

April through October

GARDEN DAYS & HOURS

during Garden Season

Monday-Saturday 9am-5pm Sunday 1pm-5pm

GARDEN ADMISSION

We love that we are able to offer admission to the garden by donation - \$5 minimum is encouraged for adults. We will be able to continue this practice as long as we have generous guests. Guests must enter through the front entrance of Klima Rose Hall and check in at the gift shop.

HERING GIFT SHOP

The Jim and Anne Hering Gift Shop is open during garden hours. You will find lovely rose and garden-related items, stationary, textiles, home and garden décor, scents, children's items, books, bottled water, light refreshments, and more.

Be sure to see beautiful handcrafted items by rosarian Kathy Wyckoff, former First Lady of the American Rose Society.

REST ROOMS

Klima Rose Hall offers spacious restrooms, always in tip-top condition.

CALL AHEAD – We would love to know you are on the way.

2020 GARDEN EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 14 AMERICAN ROSE CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING 10 AM

FEBRUARY 15 GREEN THUMB HORTICULTURE SERIES:

Connie Reeve: "A Year in the Life of a Rose"; Pruning Demo; Hands-on Pruning in the Garden – the Annual Pruning Party.

MARCH 14 SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER ROSE SOCIETY PROGRAM

"Create a Rose Note Card" 10AM

MARCH 28 HERITAGE ROSE SYMPOSIUM: 9 AM – 3 PM.

"Old Garden Roses in the New America's Rose Garden"

APRIL 1 GARDEN SEASON OPENS

APRIL 4 SPRING EGG HUNT (rain date April 5)

LADY BUG RELEASE (rain date April 5)

APRIL 11 SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER ROSE SOCIETY PROGRAM

"Secret Life of Roots" 10AM

APRIL 22 EARTH DAY

MAY 9 SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER ROSE SOCIETY PROGRAM "The

Art of Deadheading Your Roses" 10AM

MAY 15 AMERICAN ROSE CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING 10AM

MAY 16 GREEN THUMB HORTICULTURE SERIES: 10AM

Ron Killingsworth: "Growing, Collecting and Preserving

Louisiana Iris"; plus Guided Tour of the Gardens.

JUNE 13 SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER ROSE SOCIETY PROGRAM

"Companion Plants for Roses" 10AM

JULY 13 SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER ROSE SOCIETY PROGRAM "The

Science of Hybridizing Roses" 10AM

JULY 17 AMERICAN ROSE CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING 10 AM

JULY 18 GREEN THUMB HORTICULTURE SERIES 10 AM

Program to be announced

AUGUST 8 SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER ROSE SOCIETY PROGRAM "You

And Your Roses Can Survive the Heat" 10AM

SEPTEMBER 12 SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER ROSE SOCIETY PROGRAM

"Learning About Rose Classifications" 10AM

SEPTEMBER 13 BRIDAL FAIR

SEPTEMBER 18 AMERICAN ROSE CENTER COMMITTEE MEETING 10 AM

| 2020 calendar continued | | |
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| SEPTEMBER 19 | GREEN THUMB HORTICULTURE SERIES 10 AM Elaine Hicks: "Oh, My Aching Back – Raised beds will lift your level of gardening enjoyment; from rustic to classic to whimsical. | |
| OCTOBER 10 | SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER ROSE SOCIETY PROGRAM "The Role of Insects in the Garden" 10AM | |
| OCTOBER 31 | GARDEN SEASON CLOSES (except for special events) | |
| NOVEMBER 14 | SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER ROSE SOCIETY PROGRAM "Using Social Media to Promote Your Society" 10AM | |
| NOVEMBER 19 | CHRISTMAS IN ROSELAND MEDIA PREVIEW | |
| NOVEMBER 19 | CHRISTMAS CARDS TO THE COMMUNITY | |
| NOVEMBER 19 | VIP NIGHT | |
| NOVEMBER 27 - 29 | CHRISTMAS IN ROSELAND OPEN (Weekends) | |
| DECEMBER 4 - 6 | CHRISTMAS IN ROSELAND OPEN (Weekends) | |
| DECEMBER 4 - 5 | ROSELAND CHRISTMAS MARKET | |
| DECEMBER 5 | SHREVEPORT-BOSSIER ROSE SOCIETY RECEPTION | |
| DECEMBER 6 | ANGEL OF HOPE CANDLELIGHT VIGIL 6 PM Angel. | |
| DECEMBER 11 | CHRISTMAS IN ROSELAND ATTRACTIONS NIGHT | |
| DECEMBER 11 - 13 | CHRISTMAS IN ROSELAND OPEN (Weekends) | |
| DECEMBER 17 - 23 | CHRISTMAS IN ROSELAND OPEN | |

AMERICAN ROSE CENTER COMMITTEE

The American Rose Center Committee is pleased to present this first "America's Rose Garden Journal". We believe it fills a need in ARS publications, to keep our members and "Friends of the Gardens" informed about the Great Garden Restoration Project as well as to report on garden events, additions, achievements, and to report on its status in general.

A brief history of the ARC Committee: In 1990, an advisory committee which came to be known as the American Rose Center Committee (ARC) was appointed to assist the staff with horticulture issues and suggestions for maintaining and rejuvenating the gardens. Beginning in 2017, Committee was charged with the implementation of the new MASTER PLAN which called for consolidation of many gardens into a central "core", and for implementation of the GREAT GARDEN RESTORATION PROJECT.

The committee has had only three leaders since its inception: **Dr. Joe White**, **Dr. Allen Owings**, and its current chair, **Claude Graves**. We will introduce the full committee in the next issue of the Journal.

AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY

Contribute to the Great Garden Restoration Project

Your name / message permanently engraved on a brick in the garden or on a porcelain tile in Klima Rose Hall.

Our commemorative Brick Pavers and Porcelain Tiles provide individuals, families and businesses, societies, districts and organizations an opportunity to be a part of the GREAT GARDEN RESTORATION PROJECT. Honor or recognize family members, friends and associates, or commemorate your special events. The bricks and pavers will provide permanent recognition of your gift in support of America's Rose Garden.

For credit card orders of BRICKS or PORCELAIN TILES, phone 318-938-5402 x 223, or email Carol Spiers carol@rose.org. Or mail this form with your check to:

American Rose Society
P. O. 30,000 ~ Shreveport, La. 71130-0030

| ENGRAVED BRICK 4 X 8 - \$100 Includes engraving up to 39 characters. 3/4" lettering. 3 lines per brick; up to 13 Characters per line, including spaces. ENGRAVED BRICK 8 X 8 - \$200 Includes engraving up to 52 characters; 3/4" lettering. 4 lines per brick; up to 13 characters per line, including spaces. | ENGRAVED PORCELAIN TILE IN KLIMA ROSE HALL 18 X 18 - \$1,500 Includes engraving up to 90 characters. 1" lettering. Up to 6 lines per tile. Up to 13 characters per line, including spaces. |
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| (4 TH Line for 8 X 8 Brick Only) | |

Thank you for purchasing personalized bricks or pavers for installation at America's Rose Garden. Your gift will help in the Restoration, and will especially help us install the Second, Third and Fourth Circles of the new gardens.

If there are other areas of the garden you wish to contribute to, or if you are interested in learning about naming opportunities, please contact me at roseusa@suddenlink.org.

Great Garden Restoration Coordinator