



# CEMETERY ROSE

*Old City Cemetery Historic Rose Garden  
Preserving California's Heritage Roses*



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## *Cemetery Rose Garden*

### *Rose Pruning Clinic Dates*

December 14

December 28

## Heritage Rose Foundation Reborn

Rosarians from around the US were on hand to participate when the **Heritage Rose Foundation** held it's annual meeting with a newly constituted Board. The group met in Brenham, Texas during the Antique Rose Emporium's annual symposium.

The national **Heritage Rose Foundation** was established in the mid 1980's to foster public appreciation of heritage roses and their preservation:

- Through the collection and provision of resources in support of heritage roses and gardens where such roses are displayed .
- By supporting research into the

origin of heritage roses.

- By the dissemination of heritage rose history and culture.
- By conducting symposia, seminars and other means of education about heritage roses.

The Foundation, begun in the mid '80s, had become inactive in 2000 when it's founder, Charles Walker, resigned. Although none wanted the organization to dissolve, it took the efforts of three activists to get things moving again. Mike Shoup, Malcolm Manners and Claude Graves took the lead to reorganize and bring life back to the Foundation. Working with other trustees,

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## Volunteers Needed

The combined efforts of donations, volunteers, a good drip system and Mother Nature have increased the Heritage Rose Garden to more than 400 roses. The Garden is one of the largest and most historically important collections of antique roses in California.

Volunteers are needed during the dormant season to perform a variety of activities centered around prun-

ing. If you know how to prune antique roses, your skills are needed. If you are learning, please attend a pruning clinic held on site. At the end of each clinic, we will be pruning roses and you can join in.

A number of volunteers work throughout the year to bring this garden to it's beautiful potential each Spring and you can be part of it by giving just a couple of hours.

## Winter Tasks

*editorial*



Ah, those California winters. While not as balmy as Pasadena during the annual Rose Parade, even we northern California gardeners can spend virtually all year growing something outdoors. Okay, so we must wear a sweater and waterproof shoes or boots in December and January, but there's work to be done. Let's get out there!

One of the best things to do during the winter is to plan for spring and summer—and some planning can include early planting. One well-respected western garden resource, *Sunset*, says that, in the "Pacific Central" area, January is "the busy garden month. Planting, transplanting, spraying and cleaning up all need your attention." And that was the 1940 edition of *Sunset's Complete Garden Book!*

Well, we're still busy outside in winter. In fact, a check of the most recent, *Sun-*

*set Western Garden Book* gives the same advice when it comes to roses. The 1940 guide goes on to instruct that all roses should be pruned to within one foot of the ground which is understandable because they were talking about hybrid teas almost exclusively. By the 1942 edition of the *Flower Garden Book*, *Sunset* began to recognize that different roses require different pruning.

And, what about your roses? Now's the time to prune them and move those which need relocating. Make room, make room, more roses are coming! Perhaps it's time to consider removing the lawn after all—just think of all the pretty new roses!

Contributions, complaints, greetings: [verlaine@inreach.com](mailto:verlaine@inreach.com) or call me at 685-6634. *Judy Eitzen*

## Pruning Clinics Feature Barbara Oliva's Expertise

Pruning Clinics are scheduled at the Heritage Rose Garden in the Old City Cemetery on upcoming Saturdays in December and January. Barbara Oliva, co-founder of the garden will be on hand to conduct each clinic and assist those who wish to participate in pruning the garden's roses. Barbara, a consulting Rosarian, has worked with these roses for a number of years and knows each plant personally. (In fact, she probably planted it in the first place!)

Though not as tricky or time-consuming as their modern cousins, old garden roses do require some attention during the dormant season for the best results in the Spring.

Barbara will discuss pruning techniques, timing and tools and will demonstrate on the roses in the garden. Attendees should simply come to the Rose Garden with your favorite pruner and wearing sturdy gloves. Clinics begin at 10:00 a.m. and last about an hour.

Volunteers are needed to help prune the roses and will be welcome at the clinics. See page 5 for dates and times.




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## Heritage Rose Foundation, Cont.

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the three reconstituted a Board which met in May and again in November at the Symposium. The Board is actively putting the Foundation back on track; Foundation offices have been transferred to Dallas, Texas, the quarterly newsletter re-established (next edition in December), and the website will be re-activated soon.

During the membership meeting, President Mike Shoup announced that Lakeland, Florida will be the site of the November 2003 meeting. (Nice time of year for a visit! Orlando is not too far...) Further announcements included a healthy financial picture and approval of financial support to the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden for a propagation facility.

### Web Searching

Do you spend too long on the web looking for specific information? Do you wander from site to site before finding exactly what you want? Jef Cameron, Associate Editor of the *Rosarian's Network ejournal* spent time examining many search engines and rated the ones he thought best for finding rose- and horticultural-related information.

Search engines come and go and vary from the simple (designed to let you search a specific website) to the complex (those which purport to search the entire web—patently

Dues paid during 2000 will be valid for 2003. Dues paid from now through 2003 will be valid through 2003. Those interested in joining this rejuvenated nation-wide organization dedicated to the preservation of heritage roses are urged to do so. Send a check with your name, address, city, state, ZIP, telephone and email address. Include your area of interest if you wish to volunteer.

Checks should be payable to the **Heritage Rose Foundation** and sent to 2204 Canyon Creek Plaza, Richardson, TX 75080. Annual Dues:

Organizations	\$25
Individual	\$10
Family	\$12
Senior (65+)	\$ 8
Student (-21)	\$8

an impossibility!).

Mr. Cameron's top five choices based on his extensive research are:

1. **Kartoo** ([www.kartoo.com](http://www.kartoo.com)) Search engine which maps each search, showing relationships among responses. Can be confusing to newbys.
2. **alltheweb** ([www.alltheweb.com](http://www.alltheweb.com)) Quick responses in random order.
3. **HelpMeFind** ([www.helpmefind.com](http://www.helpmefind.com)) Engine is limited to searching roses, clematis and peonies.
4. **IXQUICK** ([www.ixquick.com](http://www.ixquick.com))

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offices have been  
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*Something new to try when propagating roses...*



### Gel Does It All (Well, pretty much...)

At the Antique Rose Symposium in early November, attendees had the opportunity to learn how a commercial grower ensures next year's crop of new plants.

The product used is **Rootech Cloning Gel**. Staff of the Antique Rose Emporium have tried a variety of rooting hormones and found this one most useful for several reasons.

- It contains powerful hormones, vitamins and nutrients "especially formulated to promote rapid, healthy root development."
- It's a thick, rich gel, which adheres to the cut tissue, preventing embolism and shock.

- It is among the strongest cloning gels on the market, with a concentration of 0.55% IBA, a potent rooting hormone.

Technaflora (the Canadian manufacturer) claims that **Rootech** is ideal for propagation of the most hard-to-root plants, and it can also be diluted with water for use on cuttings that will form roots more easily.

Technaflora's products are available locally at Mystic Gardens 8484 Florin Road, #110 and Monsees & Co, Unit 6 4741 Pell Road.

### Update Your Information

This newsletter is mailed to those who have expressed interest in the Heritage Rose Garden at Sacramento's Old City Cemetery. Please fill out and return or send an email to [verlaine@inreach.com](mailto:verlaine@inreach.com).

Do you belong to the Old City Cemetery Association?

Are you willing to volunteer in the garden or at events?

Comments:

- Yes
- No
- Tell me more

- Yes
- No

Are you interested in writing for the newsletter or webpage?

The best way to reach me is:

- Yes
- No
- Tell me more

- Email
- Telephone
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Pruning Class</i>
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22	23	24	25 <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28 <i>Pruning Class</i>
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### *Schedule of Events*

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- Any Saturday in January—Saturday is the most popular day for pruning roses. You're sure to find someone at work. Come on down!

## Searching the Web, cont.

This metasearch engine (uses multiple search engines) stars responses in order of relevance.

5. **Ask Jeeves** ([www.askjeeves.com](http://www.askjeeves.com)) Generic search engine with good responses.

Librarians rely strongly on the web for current information and have come to rely on **Infopeople**. The U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services supports the **Infopeople Project** under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act, administered in California by the State Librarian.

Their search page, ([www.infopeople.org/search/tools.html](http://www.infopeople.org/search/tools.html)) gives a choice of the currently available comprehensive databases.

As professional librarians constantly update the page, the search engines do change and only the most comprehensive and quickest are carried. The page includes metasearch engines and subject directories. Check it out.

Finally, try looking at "Internet and Electronic Resources" on the Sacramento Public Library Webpage at [www.saclibrary.org](http://www.saclibrary.org).

Resources are updated regularly by local librarians who are continually looking for the best resources.

If you need help searching, try calling 264-2920 to reach TELIS, Sacramento Public Library's telephone information service. This is a free service.





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### Perks

Historic Rose Garden volunteers receive more benefits than one might think. Not only are volunteers able to spend time working on a project that benefits the entire community, they get to spend time learning about roses with others interested in antique roses, their history and horticulture. Volunteers are good company! Volunteers are the first to try growing roses from the Rose Garden in home gardens. Join in!

### *Quick Garden Tip:* **Bicarb for Roses?**

Sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) may be one of the most effective broad spectrum, environmentally safe fungicides known. A solution of 1 Tablespoon baking soda and 2.5 Tablespoons of horticultural oil in 1 gallon of water applied when symptoms appear and each two weeks after than helps control black spot and other fungal diseases.

Horticultural oil is commonly used for insect control and consists of either petroleum or vegetable oils. Check your nursery.



*An idealist is one who, on noticing that a **rose** smells better than a cabbage, concludes that it will also make better soup...*

*H. L. Mencken*