



CEMETERY ROSE

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



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*Cemetery Rose
Garden
Activities and
Dates*

Propagation

Wednesdays &
Saturdays in October & November

10:00 a.m.

California's Rose Heritage—HRG Symposium

Clear your calendar for May 12-16, 2005 for the Heritage Rose Garden Symposium, *California's Rose Heritage*. This national symposium will be held in northern California next spring and will be held in conjunction with *In Celebration of Roses* in El Cerrito. include speakers, tours, and rose auctions in addition to the annual meeting.

Thursday afternoon will include a flower display and Board meeting followed by a wine bar and light supper.

Friday, the conference opens with a welcome by Mel Hulse (San Jose Heritage Rose Garden), incoming

president of the Heritage Rose Group. A silent rose auction fundraiser will be followed by several speakers discussing the History and Sources of the Rose in California (Gregg Lowery, Alice Flores, Tom Brown, Frances Grate & Rusty Rollieri). The afternoon session includes our own Barbara Oliva, Jeri Jennings and other rose rustlers with Fred Boutin and Judy Dean, Lynne Storm & Bev Vierra discussing classifications and rose characteristics. The evening concludes with a presentation of tea roses in Australia.

After a continental breakfast, the
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Rose Garden Team Meeting

On Sunday, September 19, an intrepid team of seven met to discuss current activities and plan for future events in the Historic Rose Garden. Yes, the meeting was a potluck scheduled for the Cemetery. We quickly changed venues to Barbara Oliva's home when a sudden downpour chased us out rather forcefully.

Propagation

Rose cuttings will be propagated in the fall for sale at next spring's Open

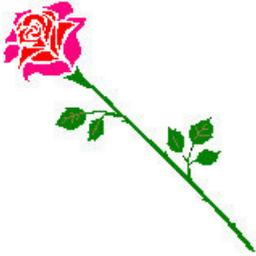
Garden. Join us on Wednesday and Saturday mornings beginning at 10 a.m. throughout October, November and into early December if the weather holds. Volunteers are needed to help propagate and to baby cuttings over the winter. You don't have to sign up, just show up.

Open Garden

Next Spring's Open Garden will be held on April 16. Volunteers are
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Editorial Title

editorial



As I write today, the 49'ers are doing their thing on television (getting their collective clock cleaned), the slider is open to (relatively) cool air and the leaves are beginning to fade. Fall is definitely here; some of our best days for being outdoors.

It's easy to pretend that we don't need to garden this time of year, after all, plants don't need much water, there are just a few blooms to deadhead, and even weeds slow down.

In fact, I tend to spend more time in my garden this time of year than any other. Partly, it's because I get this 'clean it up' urge in the fall. Now's the time I get out there and clip it off, tie it up, clean it out and generally spruce up the place.

Work with your roses this time of year may not have immediate rewards, but you will see the difference next spring and summer. You can also find out much about what conditions the rose likes and those it just tolerates. You can learn, which plants thrived in full sun and which ones might benefit from being moved a few feet. Should you change the watering system to provide more or less moisture next summer? How about a trellis over there? It's much easier to deal with these issues now than in freezing weather or waiting until spring when everything's already sprouted.

So go for it and get out there while the weather is great and there are still a few blooms to enjoy.

Contributions, complaints, greetings: verlaine@inreach.com or call me at 685-6634.
Judy Eitzen

Great Rosarians of the World V

The fifth **Great Rosarians of the World Annual Lecture** will be held at The Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California on Sunday, January 23, 2005 at 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Peter Harkness, acclaimed rose hybridizer, gardener, author, and a Vice-President of the Royal National Rose Society will be this year's honoree at the **Great Rosarians of the World Annual Lecture**.

Peter has authored numerous books including: *Modern Garden Roses*, *The Photographic Encyclopaedia of Roses*, and *Roses to Enjoy*. His two most recent books *The Rose An Illustrated History*, 2003 and *Reliable Roses*, 2004 are published by Firefly Books.

Peter's presentation will focus on his "two special and abiding interests, roses and history." The first has supplied his bread and butter for the past half century, and the second has been a pleasurable, lifelong study. A new annual addition to the Great Rosarians program will be the curated photographic exhibit entitled *Grand Gardens of the Rose World*. It will showcase one exemplary rose garden that strives to preserve the history, heritage, and genetic diversity of the rose. The selected Grand Garden for 2005 will be the *Roseto Botanico di Cavriglia 'Carla Fineschi'*. The guest curator for the 2005 exhibit is Marilyn Young, Vice-Director of the Roseto.

The premiere of *Grand Gardens of the Rose World* exhibit will be held during the California Gold Banquet. The exhibit will be on display in the Botanical Complex at

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HRG Symposium, cont.

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second day includes a discussion of heritage roses in western gardens, conducted by Mel Hulse. Topics include rambling roses, polyantha roses, and historic hybrid teas with speakers Dan Russo & Anne Belovich, Jim Delahanty & Barbara Gordon, and Phillip Robinson.

After lunch, Gregg Lowery will conduct a discussion about gardening in five climate zones in western gardens with several speakers who grow roses in very different areas. A dis-

cussion of hybrid perpetuals follows presented by Pierre Lawyers of Belgium. The day concludes with a question and answer period for all speakers and a raffle of great California found roses.

Sunday, a post conference tour of the Berkeley Botanic Garden is available followed by the Celebration of Old Roses from 11–4 p.m. An elective tour of Sonoma County Gardens is offered on Monday.



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The Huntington during the weekend of the Great Rosarians program and the week following.

The annual *California Gold Banquet* will be held on Saturday, January 22nd in the Botanical Center. Banquet participants will be treated to live music, docent-led tours of The Huntington's new *Bing Children's Garden*, unveiling of the exhibit and a presentation honoring the speaker and Huntington Rose Garden Volunteers.

On Sunday, the new *Rosarian's Corner* - held in the Friends Hall-adjacent Overseers Room - will begin with a *light lunch buffet*, offered at 12:00 noon.

Following the Sunday Program, ticket holders are invited to join in honoring Peter with *coffee and cake*. After presentation of his cake, he will be available for a book signing on the Garden Terrace.

Tickets for **Great Rosarians of the World V** will go on sale on 1 November 2004 and are \$25 per person for Huntington Members, \$40 for non-members. The Members' discount will be offered to local Rose Society and American Rose Society mem-

bers. Tickets for the California Gold Banquet are \$45 per person. Tickets for the Rosarians Corner Buffet Lunch are \$15 per person. *This year they are offering Members of the Huntington and Rose Society Members a Great Rosarians package that includes the California Gold Banquet, Rosarians Corner Buffet Lunch, and admission to the Great Rosarians of the World V Lecture for \$80, a savings of \$20 over the non-member price.*

A *Plant Sale* of Huntington-grown, own-root roses is scheduled for Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and will be held on the lawn directly in front of the Entrance Pavilion. A color catalog and prices will be posted on the Huntington website when available.

For information about additional events, check The Huntington's website (www.huntington.org) or contact Clair Martin at 1151 Oxford Road, San Marino, CA 91108 626-405-3507 (phone) 626-405-3501 (fax) or email: cmartine@huntington.org.

Team Meeting, Continued

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invited to participate in several activities; rose sales, tours, raffle, preparation, cleanup, etc.

Logo

We agreed that the Historic Rose Garden should have its own logo. This could be used on signs, shirts, sales items, etc. for a unified look. Our design needs to coordinate with the logo for the Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc. Judy Eitzen will discuss with Lou Demas (President of OCCC) to coordinate a design.

Shirts

We agreed to design and procure polo and/or t-shirts using the moss rose design from Sherri Berglund. Judy Eitzen will investigate shirt production and cost. We plan to wear the shirts at next spring's Open Garden.

Inventory

We discussed the need to prepare a record of the plants in the Historic Rose Garden. First, Anita Clevenger is heading up a project to prepare and install permanent markers for each plot in the Rose Garden. (see article on page 5.) Sherri Berglund (of B & B Roses) will bring a camera on the morning of October 23 and we'll begin a photo record of the roses. We need to capture them at various times of the year so that we can record all the different looks of each plant.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Saturday, October 23 at noon. Come early to help in the garden or come at noon and join us somewhere nearby for a lunch and meeting.



Volunteers Needed

This newsletter is mailed to those who have expressed interest in the Heritage Rose Garden at Sacramento's Old City Cemetery.



There are a variety of activities and opportunities for volunteers in the Historic Rose Garden and elsewhere in the Old City Cemetery. Please contact the individual/s below if you are interested in:

- Rose Garden maintenance: Anita Clevenger at clevenan@pacbell.net
 - Propagation: Barbara Oliva at boliva@macnexus.net
- Newsletter articles, website information or events: Judy Eitzen at verlaine@inreach.com.
 - Or you may call and leave a message at the Old City Cemetery: 916-448-0811

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Two Projects

Barbara Oliva

There are two new projects started in the Rose Garden this summer, thanks to our wonderful volunteers. Michael Larmer and Anita Clevenger have both taken on big jobs.

Anita noticed how hard it is to keep track of the plot numbers in the Rose Garden. She is coordinating a project to use lengths of PVC pipe marked with the numbers. A Boy Scout will organize and supervise it as his Eagle Project. The project has been endorsed by both the City and the Old City Cemetery Committee, Inc. Anita will begin with the two south running beds, which is probably all the scout can handle. These were chosen because the numbering of the plots is consistent with both the Rose Garden list and the Archives burial records plot lists. Those tags will have the burial book and page numbers in black, and the plot number in red.

When we get to the Broadway bed, the archive number will be in black on one side of the pipe,

and our catalog number on the other, since the archive numbers are not consecutive. This is one of the oldest areas, and the early cemetery management started plots running north and south, then added more to the west. I rather suspect that the Broadway street expansion added to the confusion, by taking some of the northernmost plots.

Michael Larmer has taken on the problem of the fragile drip system. The “spaghetti” clogs, falls off and is even carried away. To keep on top of it I have had to walk the whole area every few weeks, climbing up on each plot to check on whether there is water. Often the first sign of trouble is when I notice a rose defoliating or showing stress in some way. Michael has added sprinkler heads so each rose is getting water without any long runs of spaghetti. He has finished the first two rows nearest the road. What a wonderful improvement!

Many thanks to both, and to all volunteers who do the many jobs needed to keep things going.

Tipsy Imperial Concubine

Barbara Oliva

‘*Tipsy Imperial Concubine*’ What an evocative name! When I heard it, I had to have the plant. I have one in my garden now, and another was donated to the Historic Rose Garden. The name is a translation from the Chinese.

It’s a tea according to *Combined Rose List*, reintroduced from China by Hazel LeRougetel in 1989.

In her book, ‘*A Heritage of Roses*’, LeRougetel refers to it, and includes a good picture. She received it as cuttings brought to her by Professor Ye Junjian of the Beijing Rose Society.

I have heard some say they think it’s a hybrid tea—Gregg Lowery of *Vintage Gardens* among others. The “reintroduced” goes with that line of thought: that it originated as a HT in the west somewhere and was imported to China.

Tipsy has a poor reputation - mostly rightly so. She balls in the spring, seldom showing a good blossom then. Heirloom’s catalog says, “Not an easy rose to grow unless you have a green thumb and a warm climate”. LeRougetel says “...flowers well in early summer and autumn”. This is what I’ve observed: in warm, dry weather she does a great job of producing large, many petaled, blushed and fragrant blossoms. Vintage’s catalog says “Massive eggs of pink petals, scrolled and rolled, quite deliciously fragrant.” It is not a big, vigorous rose, but the blooms! Oh, my!

The plants have just finished a flush of bloom, plan to check it out in the garden in the fall, probably mid to late October. It will be worth your effort.



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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:
Propagation

Fall is a good time to propagate roses from cuttings. So, what's the first thing to remember when taking cuttings?

Stubs don't grow.

If you attempt to grow a cutting with a stub more than ¼" at either end, it will rot which makes it possible for disease to invade. Also:

- Rooting hormone can speed the process.
- Perlite in the mix helps keep cuttings moist.
- Two nodes up and two nodes in the soil is a good rule of thumb.



Garden Quote

My method is to wait until some small part of it annoys me and then take some action.

Helen Dillon

Garden Artistry: Secrets of Designing And Planting A Small Garden, 1995