



Heritage Rose Foundation

Newsletter

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Letter from HRF President Stephen Scanniello

New Rose Garden at Florida Southern
College.



Over the last year and a half, Dr. Malcolm Manners and I have been working together to create a new rose garden on the campus of Florida Southern College. During the November conference, my design will have its official unveiling.

A rose garden should be more than mass plantings of roses. What is too often missing from a public rose garden is historic and academic detail. In designing this garden, it was essential that the educational aspects were kept in the foreground. This garden will serve as a living laboratory for the horticulture students at FSC and become an important repository of old garden roses. Featured in

the garden will be: FSC's collection of virus-free roses; new hybrids created at Florida Southern; the latest hybrids from breeders in Florida, India and China; and most importantly, some of the rarest rose varieties in existence, including a collection of Bermuda Mystery Roses and found Musk Roses.

The location for the new garden is a rectangular plot of land, bordered by the Ordway Arts building and the Esplanades (both designed by Frank Lloyd Wright), the Marla Glover Garden, the dePass Citrus Grove, and a large parking area. The .26-acre garden consists of a series of concentric circles, inspired by the circular patterns of Wright's nearby Water Dome and Ordway Arts Building.

In April, I spent a week on campus working with students to lay out the basic design of the garden. By the end of the week, the students spray-painted the outlines of the beds and paths, and suddenly the garden became a reality. The next challenge for me is to design structures that will add the necessary vertical element and complement the surrounding Wright esplanades.

The challenge facing the college is to find a benefactor to give a name to this new garden. More than 200 rose plants are waiting in 2- to 5- gallon pots for their new home. These roses are from the older garden planted by Dr. Manners in 1991,

which was replaced by "Mr. George's Green," a large, open lawn area, in 2012.

Our goal is to have the new garden planted and in bloom in time for the November conference. I look forward to meeting everyone in the center of the new rose garden.

Speaking of Dr. Manners, I would like to congratulate Malcolm for being the 2013 recipient of the Great Rosarians of the World Award. Malcolm's dedication to roses is known by us all. As a teacher, a scientist, and an avid rose collector Malcolm has earned this recognition. Bravo!

And, speaking of awards, I became the 25th recipient of the Jane Righter Rose Medal from the Garden Club of America. The Jane Righter Rose Medal was established in 1942. Previous winners include J. Horace McFarland and Dr. Walter Brownell. It is indeed a great honor to be in their company.

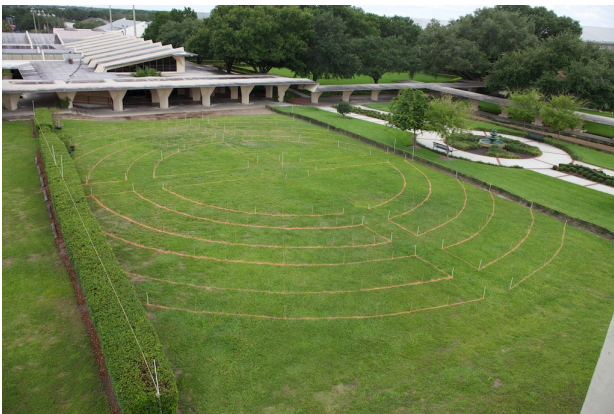
Come on down to Lakeland to smell the roses, and maybe Malcolm and I will let you see our medals!



Florida Southern horticulture students, potting up plants for the new garden into 5-gallon pots, early April



The FSC "pot ghetto" of plants for the new garden.



Site of FSC's new garden site, showing lines indicating the beds. Beyond is Frank Lloyd Wright's Lucius Pond Ordway Building.



The Jane Elizabeth Jenkins Rose Garden, on the FSC campus, planted in 2007.

THE FRIENDS OF VINTAGE ROSES

Carolyn Sanders

There is a wondrous collection of historic, old garden roses located in a rural area just outside the town of Sebastopol, California, located about 50 miles north of San Francisco. Many HRF members know of this collection as having been brought about through the vision of Gregg Lowery and Phillip Robinson. Because of several crises, exacerbated by the economic climate over the past few years, the collection has been sadly deteriorating. Concerned about the future of these roses, a group of loyal old rose enthusiasts gathered together in July 2010 to form an organization now called The Friends of Vintage Roses. In order to raise funds to reverse this drastic situation, it was decided that the organization needed to be a non-profit entity, tasked with the mission of preserving this collection of old and rare roses.

A look back at the history of this collection tells the story of how Gregg and Phillip's passionate collecting was informed by their love of the historic roses and how the amassing of their collection grew to about 5000 cultivars. Phillip is no longer involved with the property or collection but his contribution will always be honored. Today, rosarians world-wide consider this collection to be one of the most complete collections of many old rose classes ever assembled. It brought international attention to the Pernetiana group of Hybrid Teas, a seminal historic rose group of great importance to rose history. Also, it is one of the most complete collections of Hybrid Perpetuals, Bourbons, Gallicas, Hybrid Chinas, Teas, Noisettes and Chinas in North America.

Gregg Lowery and Phillip Robinson, who were among the founding members of

Heritage Rose Foundation, not only collected and preserved these roses, but they have been extremely generous in promoting and educating the public. They held 'open garden days' where they opened the garden to the public during a few weeks in spring for many years. They have provided large quantities of propagation material to numerous public rose gardens around the world, helping to develop some of the best-known rose collections. These include the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden, the Japanese historic rose collection at Sakura, the recent old rose garden at the New York Botanic Gardens, the Heritage Rose District in New York City's Harlem and the Historic Rose Garden in Sacramento's Historic City Cemetery. They have provided roses to help replace historic roses long missing from the Roseraie de l'Hay in Paris, the Europa-Rosarium at Sangerhausen in Germany and the National Collection of Old Roses at Monttison Abbey in England. The collection has also been instrumental in various technical studies on DNA research, including a study on rose pigments conducted in Japan.

Through the years a loyal group of volunteers has met at the Sebastopol property to help with weeding, mulching and any other tasks that needed attention. It became a close-knit group, enjoying the camaraderie, sharing rose-growing experiences and gathering for delicious potluck lunches. These events are cheerfully referred to as "Dirt Days".

This is the group that met in July 2010 to discuss their concerns of maintaining this wonderful and vital collection. To date several milestones have been met. An interim board of directors was selected to spearhead forming a non-profit. On March 5, 2012

TFoVR was incorporated in the state of California as a non-profit corporation.

TFoVR now owns the Lowery-Robinson collection outright and the new owner of the Sebastopol property has leased over two acres to TFoVR for a nominal sum. TFoVR has overseen propagation on nearly 2000 varieties from cuttings taken from the mother plants and our "Dirt Day" volunteers have potted up most of these cuttings. Other maintenance chores have also been undertaken. In the near term TFoVR expects to file the application with the IRS for tax-exempt status, which could take six months or more.

Once the restoration of the collection is completed, it is an important part of TFoVR's mission to maintain the roses in the collection in the best possible condition. Long term, TFoVR will seek a permanent home in a garden setting for as many historic varieties as are deemed necessary for the preservation goal. Another part of TFoVR's mission is to educate the public about the history of the rose in human social and scientific life – in all aspects of rose history, cultivation and social relevance. Sharing the collection with the public via guided tours, educational seminars and training classes on cultivation of roses is all part of this. Roses will be provided to the scientific community for study such as the taking of plant materials for genetic research and bio-preservation, and will also be shared with other collections that serve a preservation or scientific role on behalf of the public.

Meanwhile, there is a desperate need for funds to continue to do what is necessary for restoring the collection to a healthy and sustainable condition. An immediate financial need is to hire an attorney to help finalize the 501(c) (3) filing. We are extremely grateful to the Heritage Rose Foundation for facilitating donations to TFoVR through their special-purpose fund. Because of donations made

through the special-purpose fund, TFoVR has received much-needed financial support toward stabilizing and restoring the collection but the need continues and is urgent. To make a donation until the tax-exempt status is granted from IRS, you can go to the HRF website, (www.heritagerosefoundation.org), which includes a link to the TFoVR special-purpose fund donations. Or you can mail a check made out to the Heritage Rose Foundation, specifying it is for TFoVR, in care of Peggy Martin, HRF Treasurer, at P.O. Box 1719, Gonzales, LA 70707.

TFoVR will be launching their website in the near future. For now, visit the Vintage Gardens' Resources page and click onto The Friends of Vintage Roses ([link](#)) to read more about this organization, how it started and what it has done to preserve these old and rare roses.



Jane Elizabeth Jenkins Rose Garden,
Florida Southern College

**Tracing our Heritage –
Discovering our Roots
HRF Conference in Lakeland
Florida!
November 14-17, 2013**

Malcolm Manners

Plans are well underway for an exciting conference in Lakeland Florida, in November, with the theme "Tracing our Heritage – Discovering our Roots." Final registration details are not ready in time for this newsletter, but please watch the HRF website in the weeks ahead. As of now, here is the plan. There may be minor changes, but this is likely very close to what will actually happen, so you can begin to make travel plans.

The meeting will take place on the campus of Florida Southern College, 111 Lake Hollingsworth Drive, Lakeland, Florida. Lakeland has many hotels nearby, with a wide range of prices. We've selected the Terrace Hotel in downtown Lakeland, as our official hotel. If you alert them that you are with the Heritage Rose Foundation Conference when making the booking, they will give a special rate of \$99 plus taxes. The Terrace is a beautiful old hotel, recently refurbished.

Thursday, November 14. Opening reception 7:00 pm, in FSC's Eleanor Searle Drawing Room.

Friday, November 15. All-day bus tour. We'll head north from Lakeland, stopping first at Rose Petals Nursery near Archer, Florida, owned by HRF members Cydney and Art Wade. They specialize in own-root heritage roses. From there we'll visit the Dudley Farm Historic State Park, an old Florida farm that still has roses that grew there long ago. We'll have a barbecue lunch there, before moving on to the home garden of Don and Jan Rogers,

where the Marion County Rose Society will treat us to dessert. Then from there back to Lakeland, happily exhausted. Dinner that evening is on your own -- a good time to renew old rose friendships and make new ones.



Roses at Rose Petals Nursery.



Rose Petals Nursery.



Dudley Farm Historic State Park.

Saturday, November 16. Lectures throughout the day on the FSC campus, as well as tours of the Frank Lloyd Wright campus (FSC has 13 Wright structures, the largest collection of his structures on one site in the world) and the opportunity to visit FSC's new rose garden. That evening,

we'll have a dinner off-campus, probably at the Lakeland Yacht and Country Club, where we hope to have the now traditional auction of rare roses, books, and other paraphernalia, led by HRF president and auctioneer extraordinaire Stephen Scanniello.

Sunday, November 17. Annual General Meeting of the Heritage Rose Foundation, formal tour and dedication of the new rose garden, and any lectures we couldn't fit into Saturday's program. Official end of the conference around noon. Those who want to visit a wildlife area with alligators and water birds could join an informal trip to Circle B Bar preserve, just a few minutes from the college campus.

Speakers:

While the list of speakers may grow somewhat, here is the list so far:

Dr. Nancy Morvillo, professor at FSC, to introduce us to modern methods of rose identification via DNA analysis. This will lead to student speakers from Florida Southern as well as the High School for Environmental Studies, in New York, who will tell us about their research findings .

Connie Hilker, of Richmond Virginia is to speak on rose preservation at Hollywood Cemetery, which is home to many old roses and the site where several of the finds of the true musk rose, *Rosa moschata*, were made.

Peggy Cornett, of Monticello in Virginia, will talk about Thomas Jefferson and rose preservation at Monticello.

Etienne Bouret, of Paris, will talk about his work with the preservation of heritage roses in France over the past decade.

Stephen Scanniello will discuss principles of good rose garden design, and specifically introduce us to Florida Southern College's new garden, with details on what it seeks to accomplish.

Mike Shoup, owner of the Antique Rose Emporium in Brenham Texas, will talk about "Where do we go from here?" -- development of roses for the future that are beautiful and disease-resistant. He will talk about his breeding program of the "Pioneer" roses, and how rose breeding is done.

We hope to have a demonstration of shadowbox arrangements by members of the Bermuda Rose Society, and also to do a Bermuda-style open-bench display of roses (so those of you who can bring specimens of your old roses, please do!) We did this at the last Lakeland meeting in 2002, and it was a great success! It allows us to display and observe large numbers of roses and get help with identification, without the pressure of being judged, as at an American-style rose show.



Shadowbox arrangement by a member of the Bermuda Rose Society.

There will be a rose plant sale of rare roses, propagated by FSC. We also hope to have some independent local nursery vendors at the meeting, and of course you can buy plants from Rose Petals Nursery on the bus trip. So there will be plenty of opportunity to acquire roses!



Temple Musk, one of the rare roses to be for sale at the November event.

Logistics:

Lakeland is a bit over an hour from either the Tampa or Orlando airport. Tampa is smaller and less hectic, but it is sometimes significantly cheaper to fly into Orlando, so it's worth checking on both. Rental cars are cheap in Florida. There is shuttle service from Tampa, although rather expensive. Shuttle service from Orlando would only make sense if you were a group large enough to hire the entire van.

We hope to provide daily bus service between the Terrace hotel and the college campus for those who don't have cars. For those who do, it's just an easy 5-minute drive.

Registration details will be forthcoming. Please plan to join us!

Rosa Mundi Issue Release Date November 2013

Gene Waering

The next edition of *Rosa Mundi*, which will follow the book format of the last issue, *Mystery Roses*, is expected for release to coincide with the Heritage Rose Foundation Lakeland Convention in November 2013. With a working title, *Old Garden Roses Wild and Untamed*, the book should be about the same size as *Mystery*

Roses and will contain about 16 articles collected from all over the world. . The volume, free to HRF members, is being edited by Pat Shanley, Gregg Lowery and Gene Waering.

Upcoming Events

October 19, 2013, 10:30 am to 4:30 pm.

Celebration of Roses 2013

Farmer's Branch Texas

'The Joy and the Diversity'

Speakers:

Tom Carruth - "Just for the Smell of It"

Pat Shanley - "A Vision of Roses - A Vision of ARS"

Stephen Scanniello - "The Truth about Climbing Roses: Myths, Lore, Legends & Some Facts"

For more info: fbroses.com

November 1-3, 2013. Fall Festival of Roses, at the Antique Rose Emporium, Brenham Texas. See their website for details. www.wearerose.com

November 14-17, 2013. Heritage Rose Foundation 2013 Annual Meeting and Conference

See the article above.

June, 2014 Mottisfont, Hampshire, England. An event honoring David Stone and HRF Conference. David Stone has served as Head Gardener at the Mottisfont Rose Garden since 1978. He will be retiring in 2014, and Jonny Bass will be taking his place. (Some of the HRF members may have met Jonny Bass at the HRF Lyon conference in 2011.) At this moment the conference is being planned, to be held at nearby Winchester, home of the Cathedral. Garden tours will be included as part of the event.



Mottisfont Abbey Garden



Mottisfont Abbey garden

Other Heritage-Rose-Oriented Events

June 19-23, 2013. WFRS 13th International Heritage Rose Conference, Sangerhausen, Germany. Sangerhausen, home of one of the foremost rose gardens on the planet, will be the site of the 13th

International Heritage Rose Conference. Arrival and registration on Wednesday, June 19, followed by speakers on Thursday and Friday, June 20-21. Saturday, June 22, there will be an excursion to either (your choice) Weimer or to Kassel. Sunday, June 23, more speakers. Following the conference, on Monday, June 24, there will be a tour to Dresden.

For more information, please refer to the conference website: <http://europa-rosarium.de/index.php?id=304&L=1>

And some event announcements from sister organization the **Heritage Roses Group**, via Jeri Jennings:

The Heritage Roses Group looks forward to 2013 with plans for a pair of Seminars – or what might be more accurately called One Seminar, delivered in Two Parts.

The educational gatherings will take place June 8 and in September (exact date still to be determined), and will be held along the Northern California Coast, in the Mendocino area. The first session will focus on Rose Identification, and the second on Rose Propagation – two elements that make up the foundation of Rose Preservation.

For early consideration, visit the HRG Website to explore Mrs. Keays' 1935 article on rose Identification:

<http://www.goldcoastrose.org/>
Go to "Articles," and select "What Old Rose Is This."

Queries may be emailed to Jeri Jennings at:

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We're on FaceBook! Search for "Heritage Rose Foundation" there and "like" us. You'll find recent photos, news, and discussion there.

And our website is www.heritagerosefoundation.org We are working at developing a new, improved version of our website, to better serve our membership. Look for exciting changes soon!

Thanks! I want to thank Anita Clevenger and Betty Vickers for their editorial help with this newsletter. A second (and third) set of eyes to spot the errors is a good thing, and those are two sets of very good eyes! Thanks ladies. Malcolm Manners, Editor

The Heritage Rose Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit foundation with this mission:

- To collect and preserve heritage roses and promote their culture
- To establish one or more gardens where heritage roses may be grown and displayed
- To conduct and contract to conduct investigations and research in heritage roses

- To publish and disseminate information and research about heritage roses
- to establish and maintain a library to facilitate investigations and research in heritage roses
- To foster public knowledge and appreciation of heritage roses and their preservation

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