

ROSES IN THE FORT WORTH BOTANIC GARDEN

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A SHORT HISTORY OF THE FORT WORTH BOTANIC ROSE GARDEN

The Fort Worth Botanic Garden was originally designated as the Fort Worth Rose Garden and roses have remained a focal point since it was built in 1934. When the garden was constructed (under the old WPA program), the workers, who made only one dollar a day, chipped in to buy the roses. The rose garden has had many volunteers, workers, and admirers, but few can equal the passion for it shown by these workers.

Several auxiliary gardens are contained in its perimeter. The Rose Ramp connects the Shelter House to the Parterre Garden, which in turn is connected to the Oval Garden by a long arcade. These gardens originally consisted of modern hybrid teas, floribundas, and various types of climbers. Due to the lack of time and budget required to keep them in top shape, hybrid tea roses have gradually been phased out, a trend seen in many public gardens. Despite the increased emphasis on disease resistant roses, the 2500 or so bushes in the FWBG represent a great number of the rose classes and provide a rich educational and aesthetic experience.

In later years a garden for miniature roses was added, as was an All-American Rose Selection Display Garden of AARS winners. This garden enables the public to see the newest roses growing in our local environment. In 1991, The Republic of Texas Rose Garden was established, featuring roses that were grown during the Republic era prior to 1846. This bed not only gives us a sense of the history of roses growing in Texas, but also allows us to observe old garden roses growing in local conditions. Two other rose beds have been established: one which contains roses that have won the Earth-Kind (EK) designation as well as those under current trials, known as Earth-Kind Rose Brigade Trial Cultivars (EKB) and the other that features roses hybridized by the Dr. Griffith Buck.

The rose gardens in our Fort Worth Botanic Garden are truly assets to the city and region. Below is an exhaustive inventory of the roses currently planted in our rose gardens. The best flush of blooms usually occurs in late March thru May. In the fall, a second bloom cycle starts in early October and lasts until a killing freeze. There are many bushes, however, that are in continuous bloom throughout the growing season.

[Each rose name is followed by the classification abbreviation, color, date of



Oval Rose Garden

introduction, and if they are Earth-Kind or Earth-Kind Brigade roses (EK or EKB). A list of rose types is on page 4. All pictures were taken from the Fort Worth Botanic Garden website.]

We will traverse the FWBG rose gardens from the north end, beginning with the OVAL GARDEN. This garden is dominated by the beautiful stone structure in the middle and is comprised of three oval planting areas. The following roses are in the Oval Garden: **Altissimo** (LCI, r, 1966), **Archduke Charles** (Ch, rb, 1837), **Belinda's Dream** (S, p, 1992, EK), **Carefree Beauty** "Katie Road Pink" (S, p, 1970, EK), **Carefree Sunshine** (S, ly, 2001), **Carefree Wonder** (S, pb, 1992, EKB), **Dr. Huey** (Wich, dr, 1914), **Ducher** (Ch, w, 1869, EK), **Fortuniana** (Misc OGR, w, 1850), **Fourth of July** (CI, rb, 1999), **Francis Dubreuil** (T, dr, 1894), the low growing and spreading **Home Run** (S, r, 2006), **Hot Cocoa** (F, r, 2003), **Kathleen** (HMsk, lp, 1922), the intriguing russet-colored **Knock Out** (S, r, 2000, EK), **Kronprinzessin Viktoria** (B, w, 1887), **Lamarque** (N, w, 1830, EKB), **Climbing Mlle. Cécile Brünner** (Pol, p, 1881 EKB, reintroduced 1904), **Maggie** (B, r, found, EKB), **Marchesa Boccella** (HP, lp, 1842), **Marie Pavié** (Pol, w, 1888, EKB), **New Dawn** (CI, lp, 1930), **Nur Mahal** (HMsk, mr, 1923), and **Old Blush** (Ch, mp, 1752). Also present are **Pink Promise** (HT, rb, 2007), **Prairie Star** (S, ly, 1985), **Pretty Lady** (F, lp, 1997), **Republic of Texas** (F, y, 2000), **Rève d'Or** (N, y, 1869, EKB), **Scentimental** (F, rb, 1997), **Souv. de la Malmaison** (B, lp, 1843), **Spice** (Ch, lp, found, EK), **The Fairy** (Pol, lp, 1932, EK), **Watercolor** (S, yb, 2006), **Wing-Ding** (Pol, r, 2007) and **Zéphirine Drouhin** (B, mp, 1868).

Walking south from the Oval Garden toward the rose ramp, one comes upon the MINIATURE

ROSE area. Here we find **Beauty Secret** (r, 1965), **Child's Play** (pb, 1991), **Giggles** (p, 1987), **Green Ice** (w, 1971), **Hwy 290 Pink Buttons** (p, found), **Jeanne Lajoie** (Cl, p, 1975), **Judy Fischer** (p, 1968), **Incognito** (m, 1995), **Linville** (w, 1989), **Little Buckaroo** (r, 1957), **Mother's Love** (pb, 1989), **Red Cascade** (Cl, dr, 1976), **Rise 'n' Shine** (my, 1977), **Sweet Caroline** (rb, 1998) and **Sweet Chariot** (m, 1985). Also in this area are **Cornelia** (HMsk, pb, 1925), **Gartendirektor Otto Linne** (S, dp, 1935), **Lavender Lassie** (HMsk, m, 1960), **Petite Pink Scotch** (HWich, found), **Star of the Republic** (F, y, 2002), and **Sweet Pea** (Pol, lp, 1998).

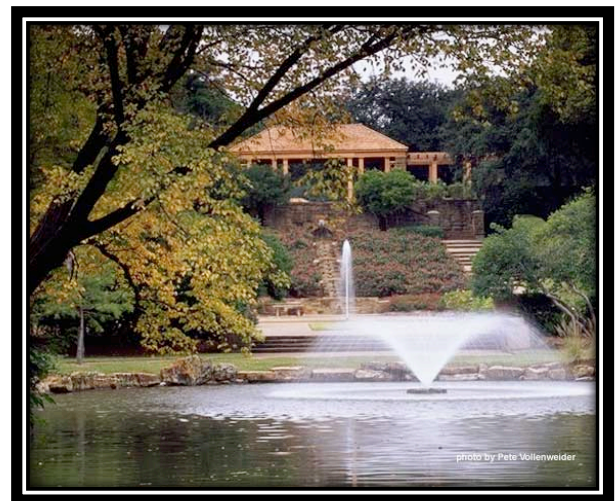
East of the miniature beds is the ALL-AMERICAN ROSE SELECTION (AARS), currently planted with **Easy Does It** (F, 2010). Roses in this bed are rotated out at the end of each year.

South of the Mini Beds is the EARTH-KIND ROSE GARDEN, which contains roses that have won the Earth-Kind designation as well as those under current trials (aka Earth-Kind Rose Brigade Trial Cultivars): **Arethusa** (Ch, yb, 1903), **Belinda's Dream** (S, mp, 1992, EK), **Buff Beauty** (HMsk, ab, 1939), **Carefree Beauty** (S, mp, 1979, EK), **Climbing Pinkie** (Pol, p, 1952, EK), **Clotilde Soupert** (P, w, 1890), **Comtesse du Cayla** (Ch, ob, 1902), **Dublin Bay** (Cl, r, 1976), **Ducher** (Ch, w, 1869, EK), **Duchesse de Brabant** (T, p, 1857, EK), **Else Poulsen** (F, p, 1924, EK), **Isabella Sprunt** (T, y, 1855), **Juane Desprez** (N, yb, 1830), **Knock Out** (S, rb, 2000, EK), **Lafter** (HT, yb, 1948), **La Marne** (Pol, pb, 1915), **Lamarque** (N, w, 1830), **Louis Philippe** (Ch, rb, 1832), **Maggie** (B, r, fnd), **Mme Antoine Mari** (T, pb, 1901), **Marie Pavié** (Pol, w, 1888), **Mrs. Dudley Cross** (T, yb, 1908), **Mutabilis** (Ch, yb, before 1894, EK), **Mons. Tillier** (T, op, 1891), **New Dawn** (LCL, lp, 1930), **Pink Pet "Caldwell Pink"** (Ch, p, 1928, EK), **Rêve d'Or** (N, my, 1869), **Spice** (fnd, EK), and **The Fairy** (Pol, lp, 1932, EK).

Adjacent to the Earth Kind bed is the REPUBLIC OF TEXAS ROSE GARDEN, which contains many roses thought to have been in cultivation in Texas during the years it was a republic (1836-1845). They include: **Aimee Vibert** (N, w, 1828), **Archduke Charles** (HCh, rb, before 1867), **Autumn Damask** (P, r, 1819), **Baltimore Belle** (HSet, lp, 1843), **Baronne Prévost** (HP, p, 1814), **Blush Noisette** (N, w, 1817), **Bon Silene** (T, dp, before 1837, EKB), **Carnea** (HMult, w, 1804), **Champney's Pink Cluster** (N, lp, before 1810), **Crimoisi Supérieur** (ClCh, r, 1885), **Fellenberg** (Ch, r, before 1835), **Fortuniana** (Misc OGR, w, 1850), **Hermosa** (Ch,



lp, before 1837), **Ispahan** (D, mp, 1832), **Kazanlik** (D, dp, before 1700), **La Marne** (Pol, pb, 1915), **Le Vésuve** (Ch, pb, 1825), **Lamarque** (N, w, 1830), **Louis Phillipp** (HCh, rb, 1834), **Mme Plantier** (A, w, 1835), **Marchesa Boccella** HP, lp, 1842), **Mrs. Bosanquit** (B, dp, 1832), **Napoléon** (Ch, pb, 1835), **Old Blush**, **Queen of Bourbons** (p, 1834), **R. canina** (Sp, lp, 1753), **R. carolina** (Sp, lp, 1762), **R. eglantgeria** "Sweet Briar" ((Sp, lp, 1753), **R. laevigata** "Cherokee Rose" (Sp, w, 1759), **R. moschata** "Musk Rose" (Sp, lp, 1540, reblooms), **R. palustris** "Swamp Rose" (Sp, mp, 1726), **R. roxburghii** "Chestnut Rose" (p), **Rouletii** (HCh, mp, before 1867), **Russelliana** (HMul, m, 1826), **Safrano** (T, ab, 1839), **Seven Sisters** (HMul, pb, 1817), and **Souv. de la Malmaison** (B, lp, 1843).



Shelter House

Immediately east of the Republic garden is an area devoted to the roses developed at Iowa State University by the distinguished rosarian, Dr. Griffith Buck. These roses are gaining more and more recognition worldwide for their hardiness, attractiveness, low maintenance and their resemblance to modern roses. [All the roses listed below are classified as shrubs except as indicated and were introduced between about 1970-1997.] The BUCK ROSES included in these beds are: **Amiga Mia** (Gr, pb, EKB), **April Moon** (y, EKB), **Aunt Honey** (p), **Barn Dance** (op, EKB), **Brave Patriot** (r), **Bright Melody** (r), **Carefree Beauty** (p, EK), **Chorale** (lp), **Country Dancer** (dp, EKB), **Country Music** (dp), **Distant Drums** (m), **Dorcas** (pb), **Earth Song** (Gr, dp, EKB), **Enchanted Autumn** (Gr, ob), **Folksinger** (yb, EKB), **Freckles** (pb), **Frontier Twirl** (pb), **Grace Note** (p), **Griff's' Red**, **Hermina** (pb), **Honeysweet** (op), **Kathy's Find** (p), **Mavourneen** (rb), **May Time** (yb), **Music Maker** (p), **Pearlie Mae** (Gr, ob, EKB), **Polonaise** (dp, EKB), **Prairie Clogger** (r), **Prairie Flower** (rb), **Prairie Harvest** (ly, EKB), **Prairie Star** (ly), **Prairie Squire** (p), **Princess Verona** (p, EKB), **Quietness** (lp, EKB), **Serendipity** (ob), **Simon Estes** (dr), **Spanish Rhapsody** (pb), and **Summer Wind** (op, EK).

To the south of these gardens is the LOWER ROSE GARDEN, also known as The PARTERRE GARDEN. This elegant, European-style design was inspired by the Villa Lante in Italy. [More information about this historical garden at http://www.bergerfoundation.ch/Jardin/bagnaia-intro_english.html.]

In the PARTERRE GARDEN we find the following wonderful mix: **Antoine Rivoire** (HT, lp, 1895), **Basye's Blueberry** (S, p, 1982), **Belinda's Dream** (S, p, 1992, EK), **Bishop Darlington** (HMsk, ab, 1926), **Cardinal Hume** (S, m, 1984), **Carefree Beauty** (S, p, 1970, EK), **Cinco de Mayo** (F, russet, 2009), **Climbing Pinkie** (CI Pol, mp, 1952), **Comtesse du Cayla** (HCh, ob, 1902), **Gene Boerner** (F, p, 1968), **Georgetown Tea** (T, pb, fnd, EK), **Julia Child** (F, y, 2004), **Lafter** (HT, yb, 1948), **Marie von Houtte** (T, pb, 1871), **Marie Daly** (Pol, mp, 1888, EK), **Martha Gonzales** (Ch, p, fnd), **Martha's Vinyard** (S, dp, 1995), **Monsieur Tillier** (T, op, 1891), **Climbing Mlle. Cecile Brunner** (CI Pol, lp, 1996), **Mme. Antoine Mari** (T, pb, 1901), **Mrs. Dudley Cross** (T, yb, 1908), **Nearly Wild** (F, pb, 1949), **Perle d'Or** (Pol, yb, 1875, EK), **Phalaenopsis** (F, dp, fnd), **Rainbow Knock Out** (S, pb, 2007), **Rise 'n' Shine** (Min, my, 1977), **Strike It Rich** (Gr, y, 2007), **Sweet Pea** (Pol, m, 1998), **Souv. de la Malmaison** (B, lp, 1843), **Souv. de St. Anne's** (B, lp, 1950, EKB) and

Wild Blue Yonder (F, rb, 2006).

THE RAMP leading down from the Shelter House is planted with **Knock Out**, **Pink Knock Out** (S, 2004, EKB), and **Blushing Knock Out** (S, lp, 2004, EKB), a stunning sight when in full bloom (picture below).

At the top of the ramp surrounding THE SHELTER HOUSE are planted **Climbing Pinkie** (CI Pol, mp, 1952), **Double Knock Out** (S, mr, 2004), **Felicia** (HMsk, pb, 1928), **Jefferson Rose** (Pol, ly, fnd), **Martha Gonzales** (Ch, mr, fnd), **Old Blush** (HCh, mp, 1752), and **Prosperity** (HMsk, w, 1919).



Rose Ramp

There are roses in other gardens of the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens. In the TRIAL GARDEN there are **Carefree Delight** (S, pb, 1994), **Chireno** (S, dp, 2002), **Crimson Glory** (HT, r, 1935), **Georgetown Tea** (T, pb, fnd, EK), **Home Run** (S, mr, 2004), **Knock Out**, **Rêve d'Or** (N, my, 1869), **Rouletii** (HCh, mp, bf 1867), and **Spice** (F, or, 1954).

In the PERENNIAL GARDEN are **Chuckles** (F, p, 1958), **Climbing Pinkie** (CI Pol, mp, 1952), **Double Knock Out** (S, mr, 2004), **Pink Pet** (Ch, mp, 1928), **Glowing Amber** (Min, rb, 1996), **Ophelia** (HT, lp, bf 1812), **The Fairy** (Pol, lp, 1932), and **Sea Foam** (S, w, 1964, EK).

In front of the GARDENS RESTAURANT are **General Nabonnand** (T, p, 1883), **Hermosa** (HCh, lp, bf 1837), **Jean Bach Sisley** (Ch, pb, 1889), **Marie Pavié** (Pol, w, 1888), and **Old Blush** (HCh, mp, 1752).

On the west side of the OLD GARDEN ROAD there is **Rosa Banksiae Lutea** (Sp, ly) and in the FULLER GARDEN there are **Climbing Pinkie** (CI

Pol, mp, 1952), **Knock Out, Mutabilis**, (Ch, yb, bf 1894), **New Dawn** (LC1, lp, 1930), **Rêve d'Or** (N, my, 1869), **Russell's Cottage Rose** (HMult, mb, 1826), and **Sombreuil** (LC1, w, 1880).

For more information on a rose go to:

www.helpmefind.com/roses

Old Garden Roses in the garden:

Alba (A)
 Bourbon (B)
 China (Ch)
 Damask (D)
 Hybrid China (HCh)
 Hybrid Multiflora (HMult)
 Hybrid Musk (HMask)
 Hybrid Perpetual (HP)
 Hybrid Setigera (HSet)
 Noisette (N)
 Portland (P)
 Rugosa (R)
 Species (Sp)
 Tea (T)
 Wichurana (Wich)

Modern Garden Roses:

Climbing and rambling (Cl)
 Floribunda (F)
 Grandiflora (Gr)
 Hybrid Tea (HT)
 Miniature (Min)
 Mini-Flora (MinFl)
 Polyantha (Pol)
 Shrub (S)

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