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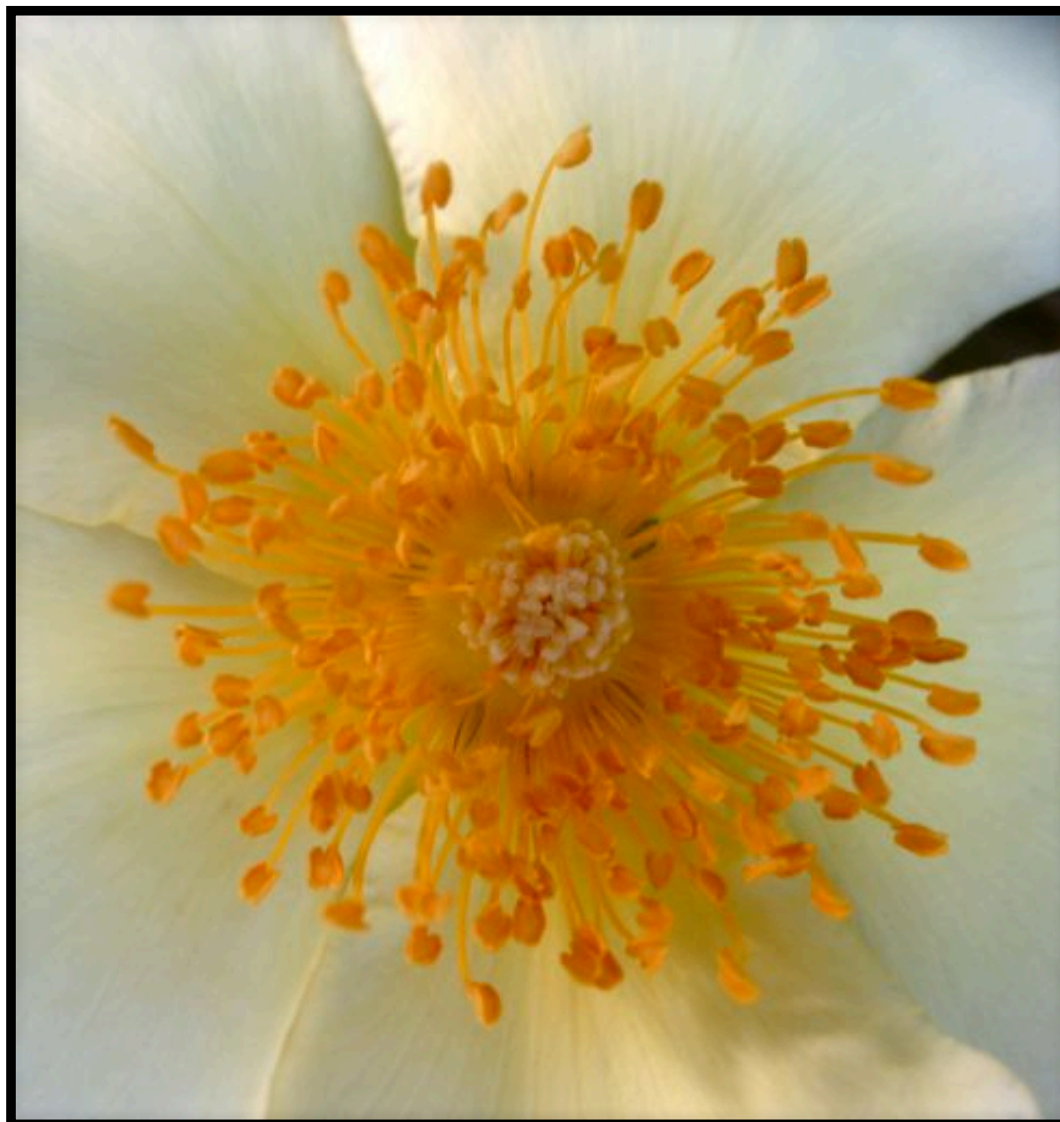
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

Hospitality at 6:30, program at 7:00

Garden Center of the Fort Worth Botanic Garden

Program: CLAUDE GRAVES

“THE EASY-TEAS HYBRID TEA ROSE RESEARCH PROGRAM”
(See Editor’s Notes for more details about the speaker and the program.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JANICE CLARKE



Hi everyone,

Are we having fun yet? At the present time, my garden goal is just to try and keep everything alive.

This is proving to be a monumental task. I am constantly being reminded to tend to my feeding

and watering duties by my cardinals, mockingbirds, wrens, jays, etc. who line up on the tops of my metal yard chairs and peer into my house, chirping all the time. My roses are just hanging out, looking sad and forlorn, stressed out, and thirsty. However, my red Homerun has several small blooms and my Peggy Martin is definitely a Privet eater, as Pam Smith mentioned at our last gathering. Maybe we should try a communal rain dance at our September meeting.

Again, I would like to thank Pam Smith for her wonderful presentation in August where she discussed the Farmers Branch facility and activities. It is absolutely amazing what a group of hard-working, forward-looking people can do under the direction of a very talented, energetic leader like Pam.

I recently attended another South Central District (SCD) meeting in Farmers Branch to evaluate and finalize our plans for our October 21st-23rd conference. Everything appears to be running smoothly and all plans seem to be happening. John Allen has sent another finalized e-mail to me with revised Registration and Silent Auction notations. He has also included a brief description of the SCD Highlights. I have asked Rachel Feldstein, one of our membership chairs, to e-mail it to all our members. Please take a few minutes to read the materials. Hopefully, we will have one of the best district conferences ever and will realize a hefty profit for our investments.

Larry Wiley is continuing to work on our Roses-In-Review program and plans for our October 1st field trip. Herschell is continuing plans for the SCD Rose Show. Both of these individuals would appreciate your help and support. They will bring you up-to-date at our September meeting.

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Our September 6th meeting will feature Claude Graves as our program presenter. Claude is an outstanding, internationally known rosarian with years of experience and a special love of hybrid tea roses. His discussion will enlighten and inspire us on growing hybrid teas.

Meanwhile, get lots of sleep for October!!!! On October 1st, we will have our field trip to Weatherford and Mineral Wells. Larry will bring us up-to-date concerning the field trip at our September meeting. So far, we have twelve people who have signed-up for the trip. Our October 4th meeting will be about fragrant roses with Vicki Agee as our speaker. She has asked me to remind you to bring any fragrant roses you might have to the meeting. This meeting is our plant swap meeting, as well. Please bring a plant, if you are interested in participating. We also have two plant sales (October 6th and October 8th at the Botanic Garden). We need your help to recharge our treasury. Rose Dango runs concurrently with the SCD Convention on October 21st through October 23rd.

Rachel Feldstein is continuing to accept your rose photos to be considered for our card assortment. Please e-mail her your special photos at fwrosesociety@hotmail.com. If you have any questions about the procedure, please contact Rachel at the indicated e-mail address.

See you at our September meeting. Keep rational and hydrated!!!!

**The next regular meeting of the FWRS is
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

**PROGRAM:
The Easy-Tea Hybrid Tea Rose Research Program
(See Editor's Notes below for details.)**

**Presented by
Claude Graves**

Claude Graves and his wife Pamela (McKinney) have been growing roses for 40 years in Richardson, Texas. Their rose obsession began when Claude's mother gave them a dozen Jackson Perkins bare root roses for a new flowerbed they had built in 1969. They now grow over 250 roses of 200 different varieties of all classes at their home and have traveled widely visiting and photographing public and private rose gardens in the United States, England, France and New Zealand. They grow roses primarily for landscape effect in their garden, but also enjoy competing in rose shows and have won many awards at local, district and national rose shows.

Claude is a member of the Heritage Rose Foundation, American Rose Society, Dallas Rose Society, Collin County Rose Society, and the Dallas Area Historical Rose Society. He is also Chairman of the ARS Easy-Tea Hybrid Tea Rose Research Committee and Curator of the Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden, McKinney, Texas. Among the awards he has won are: "Outstanding Consulting Rosarian of the Year" by the South Central District of the ARS (2002); ARS Bronze Medal by the Dallas Rose Society (2000); and ARS Bronze Medal by the Collin County Rose Society (2004).

EDITOR'S NOTES

BY LARRY WILEY



That's a close-up of the climber 'Mermaid' (*R. Bracteata* x Tea) on the cover. As those of you who have grown it know, it is one of the most aggressive of our climbers and has perhaps the deadliest prickles on the planet. In my yard it is among the last to flower, but the wait is worth it when the entire 20-foot length of the plant is dotted with the 5-6 inch "sunny-side up" flowers. Southerners should not believe some catalog entries that call it a "moderate" climber, perfect for "a small rose arbor." In fact, if you have an ugly outbuilding you want to hide or want a deterrent to vandals, 'Mermaid' is your choice!

We are very fortunate to have Claude Graves for our next meeting to talk to us about the The Easy-Tea Hybrid Tea Rose Research Program. "This program is intended to provide an easy pathway for the thousands of current Earth Kind rose enthusiasts to take the next step to grow hybrid tea roses, the queen of roses. The Easy-Tea Hybrid Tea rose cultivars identified in this new research program will give these budding new rosarians a list of scientifically tested, easy to grow, hybrid tea rose cultivars to grow, along with a proven minimal fungicide program of low environmental impact with which to care for." (Taken from the website, antiqueroses.org.) Claude is an outstanding speaker and you DO NOT want to miss this meeting!

It is a delight to have the first of a series of articles by Nan Garvin about the Earth Kind and Buck roses in this month's Rose Prose. Nan is our V. P. for Programs and is a Master Gardener who toils long hours in the Resource Connection, a Master Gardener project at 1100 Circle Drive, Fort Worth, Texas. In addition to the original 'Knock-Out' roses, the project also has other 'Knock-Outs', other Earth-Kinds, Buck roses and, coming soon, Kordes Roses. In addition to the roses, there is a greenhouse, barn plants, shade plants, herb garden, perennials, a children's place, compost areas, community vegetables, a natural grass area, and water projects. Gardening classes are held at the greenhouse and at the Resource Connection. The project is directed by Steve Chaney, Tarrant County Extension Agent, Home Horticulture. Plan to visit in the fall!

Please note that CORRECTED forms for the SCD Convention and Rose Show in October are included in this month's Rose Prose.

**MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 4, 2011
L. WILEY FOR
YVETTE HENRY, SECRETARY**

Pam Smith, who serves as the Park Landscape Manager for the city of Farmers Branch and is active in the Dallas Rose Society and The Dallas Area Historical Rose Society, gave an excellent talk and slide show about the rose gardens in Farmers Branch, among them an Earth-Kind trial garden.



LEAVES

The falling leaves drift past our window, the falling leaves of red and gold.

It would have been nice if this had been the result of the change of seasons. It was, however, the result of near record breaking 100 plus degree-days of July and August. Some of the beautiful

red and gold are not from the trees but from our surviving rose bushes. Also, if we have not been supplying the water district with funds for a mystic with a divining rod, then we should also be in a rescue mode for the roses.

Since there is a gap between the time this is written and the time you read it, we will play like the problem has shifted from lack of moisture to shortage of nutrients. Since you hocked the family car and kept them watered during the inferno days you must now switch to funding food for the emerging potential of the anticipated fall bloom. All of that watering has carried off many of the goodies you supplied in May. The chief one will be nitrogen, but be cognizant of potassium and phosphorus deficiencies. These are less soluble than N, but still can be leached with the heavy watering the writer presumes you did. As for trace minerals, they should be plentiful—assuming you have used some organic mulch and additives such as alfalfa meal, blood meal, or various seasoned manures or sludge. (This last statement was based on a séance with an old gypsy who also suggested a seasonal change of underwear for the writer.) Now it would behoove you to get a good soil test for xx amount of dollars. (No? OK, then you are wanting the number of that old gypsy the writer uses.)

Still, if the soil is friable and the roses look OK maybe your luck is changing and *tally ho* for the fall bloom. You cannot put a circle around a couple of weeks in September or October and write in “fall bloom.” OK, so you can do that, but it just won't do you much good. It will happen when it happens. Be ready! Remember that roses fade, but pictures endure. (Pictures also fade but on a different scale). So be ready to take some.

It occurs to the writer that we sometimes do not sufficiently honor our local pioneer rose people. Their teaching, advising, and providing of a scientific and philosophical base determine the quality of our rose growing community.

Although there are a number of outstanding men and women that are filling various rolls in this category, the writer will take the self-aggrandizing position of pointing to the man whom, in his opinion, fills the largest number of the requirements for this unofficial honor: Mr. Jack Walter. He has consistently produced extraordinary plants and blooms that show us that the limitations of our local environment will not prevail in the face of effort and knowledge of the genus *rosa*. His age and physical situation have not deterred him from inspiring generation after generation of growers in our area with the true faith in roses. It is impossible to overestimate the positive effects of this man's work. To this old friend of both the writer and the FWRS, a heartfelt “Thank you”!

Coda: The medical profession is waving a few of its most arcane wands over the writer in search of even more arcane physical conundrums that seem to be his lot. Not to worry. He has the luck of the Irish.



'Mermaid' HBC, 1918
Photo by L. Wiley

While you are heat-bound in your homes this summer, why not take the time to rate roses in the ARS Roses in Review program? As you may recall, these are the ratings used in the ever-useful Handbook for Selecting Roses. You can do it online via the ARS website or by paper ballot. I will bring some ballots to the September 6 meeting. September 26, 2011, is the deadline.

L. W.

IF IT'S SEPTEMBER, WE SHOULD BE...

Watering	Feeding	Spraying	Mulching	Planting	Pruning	Other
At this writing it looks like you need to continue the same program you have been using during the heat of the 2011 summer. Water, Water.	Feeding in September will depend on when the drought stops. Began your fall nitrogen recovery and general feeding but with plenty of water before and after feeding.	As long as the heat and dry weather continue, the spray could probably be put away. When the fall rains start (if ever) use judgment when spraying.	Keep three to six inches on beds. Some has turned to good soil and some has just oxidized into the air. To appreciate mulch, stick your finger into it and feel the coolness. This is a special need this year.	A special exception is made for this September. Due to the record-breaking heat it is best to hold off on new plants until more reasonable weather. This year is just being ridiculous. (This may be changed by the time you read this.)	Deadwood is still fair game. Some bushes may be too exuberant; prune to fit the pattern you want. Check for and dig out any soft suckers. Deadhead old blooms.	Mulch, particularly pine bark will wash off of many raised beds. Be sure to replace. If you love your roses, mulch them. If not, that is another problem. Even hardwood oxidizes and needs supplementing watch for critters!
Replenish mulch and practice clean beds. Run leaves through compost beds to break them down. Feeding is according to your particular plan. In the absence of soil testing feeding should emphasize Nitrogen, as this has almost certainly been drastically reduced by heavy watering. Be sure to water before and after feeding and keep plants turgid when absolutely necessary to indulge in spraying.						

Fall Garden Tour Scheduled for October 1

Make plans to participate in our Fall Garden Tour on October 1. Our first stop will be at Chandor Gardens in Weatherford at 10:00 a.m., followed by lunch at a local restaurant, and ending the day trip with a visit to Clark Gardens a few miles west in Mineral Wells. A guided tour has been arranged at Chandor Gardens and we will tour Clark Gardens independently. Travel to and from the venue sites will be in private vehicles, with members either traveling from their own homes or meeting at the F. W. Botanic Garden to form car pools—whichever is more accommodating. These details will be worked out at our September meeting. In the meantime, visit the websites of Chandor Gardens at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/3tn2dcs> and Clark Gardens at <http://www.clarkgardens.org/> and you will be excited about visiting these local treasures.

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDARS!



*'Mermaid' HBC,
1918
Photo from
helpmefind.com.*

2011 FWRS PROGRAMS

Keep an eye on the calendar for more details and/or changes. All meetings are at 7:00 p.m., preceded by a hospitality time at 6:30, unless otherwise indicated. Program V.P.'s Nan Garvin and Matt Orwat have done an outstanding job!

September 6 - Claude Graves: Easy Teas.

October 1 – Fall Garden Tour to Chandor and Clark Gardens.

October 4 - Vicki Agee: Fragrant Roses; Members' Plant Swap.

October 6 and 8 – FWRS Rose Sale at Botanic Garden. Times TBA.

October 21-23 - SCD Convention and Show in Farmers Branch, sponsored by FWRS and Dallas Rose Society.

November 1 - Jeff Myers: the State of the FWBG.

December 1 - Christmas Party, Mimi's Café.

EARTH-KINDS AND BUCKS: ROSES FOR EVERYONE

BY NAN GARVIN, FWRS MEMBER AND MASTER GARDENER

(This is the first of a series of articles on the Earth-Kind and Buck Roses at the Resource Connection. The Resource Connection is a Master Gardener project at 1100 Circle Drive, Fort Worth, Texas.)

In addition to being an active member of the Ft. Worth Rose Society, American Rose Society, Dallas Area Historical Rose Society and a Tarrant County Master Gardener, I am responsible for the care of the roses at the Resource Connection. [Ed: Learn more about the Resource Connection in the Editor's Notes, p. 3.] It has been an awful summer for roses. There has been no water (did you know that roses quit blooming to conserve water?) and lots of heat over 100 degrees. Perhaps it is the hottest summer on record.

The Earth-Kind and Buck roses are basically shrub roses that can be grown in the Texas heat and humidity. While there are now 'Double 'Knock Outs', I am writing about the single 'Knock Out' that has made the Earth-Kind Texas A&M rose designation. The single was also the 2000 AARS winner. It is a shrub rose developed by William Radler, a Wisconsin botanist, who was looking for a disease resistant rose bush. He almost discarded it, but didn't. Aren't we glad for the bush that continues to break all records of rose sales in North America?

Here is why the 'Knock Out' family is easy to grow. The original 'Knock Out' Rose is a cross between 'Carefree Beauty' (a Buck Rose that was among the first to receive Earth-Kind designation) and 'Razzle Dazzle'. Both are strong roses. In 2004 the 'Knock Out' was awarded the prestigious Texas Super Star for its outstanding disease resistance, its beauty, and its heat and cold hardiness. It is a rose that never needs to be sprayed with fungicides. As an added bonus, the rose bush has orange-red rose hips in the winter, thereby extending its beauty. The 'Knock Out's' lack of fragrance is a drawback for those people looking for that in a rose. It grows 3-4 ft. in height, blooms May-November and is an excellent choice for gardeners who want to give only minimal care to their roses and for those just beginning to grow roses.

Come and see the 'Knock Out's' in the fall at the Resource Connection.

(All photos are by Nan Garvin and were taken at the Resource Connection and her own garden.)



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- ❖ The official newsletter of the FWRS—Rose Prose—each month except January;
- ❖ Eleven (or more) meetings consisting of lectures, visits to members’ homes, ice cream socials, plant exchanges, field trips and our annual Christmas party;
- ❖ Opportunities to participate in the Fort Worth Botanic Garden plant sales and other events.

Send to:
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Silent Auction

for the

South Central District Convention and Rose Show
Hosted by the Dallas Rose Society and Ft. Worth Rose Society
in the City of Farmers Branch, TX

October 21-23, 2011

http://www.dallasrosesociety.org/convention_home.html

"Roses 'round Texas"

A **Silent Auction** has been planned for the SCD Convention and Rose Show to be held at the Holiday Inn Select (Dallas North) Hotel Friday, October 21, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 22, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Silent Auctions are a wonderful way to add excitement and interest to Conventions as well as help rose societies realize a profit from all the hard work of hosting a Convention and Rose Show.

Please help the SCD Convention and Rose Show by donating a quality item to be offered in the Silent Auction. Some items that have been well received by rosarians at past Conventions and Seminars have been:

- original rose art work
- basket of homemade delicacies
- basket of rose items
- gift baskets from specialty stores
- rosebushes that are in high demand
- homemade crafts and needlework
- garden art
- crystal and china with a rose theme
- rose jewelry
- decorative rose potpourri
- teapot with cups and tea blends

Please participate by completing the form below and submitting to Vicki Agee at chulochica@tx.rr.com, 972-412-8767, or by snail mail 2310 Hanover Court, Rowlett, TX 75088 as soon as you have something wonderful in mind to donate!

Thanks for your support of the SCD Convention and Rose Show!

I plan to donate the following item(s): _____

I will bring my donations to the Holiday Inn Select, Dallas North, by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 21, 2011, to be entered in the Silent Auction (or make other arrangements with Vicki Agee).

Name _____ Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____



South Central District Convention and Rose Show
Hosted by the Dallas Rose Society and Ft. Worth Rose Society
in the City of Farmers Branch, TX
October 21-23, 2011
Holiday Inn Select Dallas North (Galleria Area)

"Roses 'round Texas"

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration is required to participate in any of the events or to enter exhibits. Only one form is required per family.

Name(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number (____) _____ Email _____ Local Society _____

	Number	Price	Total
Registration (postmarked by September 30)	_____	\$35.00	_____
Registration (postmarked after September 30)	_____	\$40.00	_____
Saturday Banquet	_____	\$40.00	_____
Sunday Continental Breakfast and Garden Tour	_____	\$10.00	_____
Discount Voucher for Breakfast at Hotel	_____	\$8.95	_____
Awards Donation – SCD Trophy Fund	_____		_____
Total Amount Enclosed:			_____

Banquet Dinner Choice: (Enter number for each selection please.)

Steak _____ Grilled Breast of Chicken (Dijon Sauce) _____ Maple Walnut Glazed Salmon _____

Rose Show Exhibitors: Please check if you are planning to exhibit roses in: Horticulture _____ Arrangements _____

Make check payable to: DFW SCD Convention

Mail to Helen Reynolds: 6938 Wake Forrest, Dallas, TX 75214-1741

Hotel Accommodations: Holiday Inn Select Dallas North (Galleria Area), 2645 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, TX, 75234. Please make your registration by calling this number only: 972-243-3363. Please tell the person answering that you want to make a registration for the Dallas Rose Society and Ft. Worth Rose Society block of rooms for October 21-23, 2011. The room rate of \$75.00 per night is for your choice of a room with one king or two queen beds. Room block expires October 7, 2011. After October 7, you will need to make a reservation at the regular hotel rate so please register early. Buffet breakfast at the hotel will be served from 7AM to 10AM on Saturday and Sunday. A special discount price of \$8.95 inclusive for the breakfast is available for registered convention attendees who purchase a voucher for \$8.95 at registration.

Registration Cancellation Refund Policy: Cancellations received by October 7, 2011 will receive a refund of registration, banquet and garden tour fees that were paid in advance. Hotel cancellations must be handled through the hotel.

Speakers for the Convention include: **Dr. Jim Hering:** Banquet Keynote Speaker: "The Award of Excellence (AOE) Program - Past, Present and Future"; **Laura Miller:** Insects and Roses: Friends and Foes; and **Tommy Hebert:** Rose Hybridizing for the Amateur. **Gardens** available for touring on Sunday include the personal gardens of Pam Smith, Claude Graves, John Allen and Vicki Agee.

Questions: Contact John Allen, 972-727-3007 or johnann@airmail.net.

