

Historic Sacramento
City Cemetery

20th Anniversary Rose Preservation

Seminar

Oct. 12 thru 14, 2012
Sacramento, CA

A Report On The Seminar



1000 Broadway, Sacramento, California



'La France' (HT, Guillot, France, 1867) In The Historic Rose Garden, Oct. 2012

BOY! AM I EVER GLAD that I was able to attend the rose preservation seminar, held this past October, in Sacramento. (I wish gasoline had not been selling at record-busting prices at the time — but SO glad we did not let that discourage us from attending.)

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*Anita Clevenger
Rose Garden Manager*



"Baretta St. Amber"



'Mme. Goubault' (Tea, France, 1834, Maurice Goubault) Found, Attribution Questioned. In The Historic Rose Garden, Oct. 2012

The weekend began with time spent in the Historic Rose Garden on Friday, Oct. 12.

We spent Thursday night in Bakersfield, and so, arrived early enough to

spend part of Friday wandering through the garden, taking photos.

A big, big **'La France'** greets arriving visitors to the garden. In full bloom for the occasion (yes, mid-October) it set the tone for the weekend — and made a strong case for **'La France'** in every garden.

Friday evening was **"meet and greet"** time — with wine and hors d'oeuvres in the cemetery. What fun to meet for the first time people we've been **"talking"** with on line for years! A Lantern-Light Tour of the old Cemetery followed, featuring more **"introductions"** this time to some of the more interesting, famous (and infamous)



"Cheshire Red," Found Red China

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“residents” of the historic cemetery.

(I must pause, here, to say that such tours are a regular late-fall offering — and one heck of a great show. If you haven’t attended a Sacramento Cemetery Lantern Light Tour, put it on your calendar for Fall, 2013.)

The actual seminar got under way promptly, on Saturday morning. I’ve attended many Seminars, covering many aspects of Roses — and particularly Old Roses. This has to rank among the very best.

ALL of the talks were excellent — and the fellowship among the group was the cherry on this ice-cream-Sunday of a day. For me, there were two real highlights . . .

First, a succession of rosarians, discussing roses which they’d found, and the research, preservation, and dissemination which makes them available to the world.

Most-moving among these was a series of reminiscences bringing to life the discovery of the “**Pulich Children**” rose, and the subsequent re-connection of that beautiful rose with its family. Even I, knowing the story well, found myself moved to tears, as the story of the discovery was recounted by Liz Hall and Kathryn MacKenzie — with Pulich family members there to take up the tale.

One of the things that makes Old Roses exciting is their connection to history. Rarely is that connection so strong that the discovery of a rose reunites long-lost branches of a family.

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The “Pulich Children” Rose

The promise of Fred Boutin’s discussion of the discovery of, and research on, another forgotten rose — which appears to have returned to us the TRUE **‘Bloomfield Abundance’** — was one of the things that drew me to this conference. I was not disappointed.

I doubt if anyone left that room NOT wishing they were taking home that lost beauty.

If, however, they couldn’t take home THAT rose, they were able to choose later in the afternoon from a magnificent collection of very rare roses for sale. Some roses simply not available in commerce went home with many happy rosarians. I’m still thrilled at having brought home Mrs. Emory Ethelyn Keyes beloved **“Faded Pink Monthly.”** And even more thrilled that it turns out to be — probably — a forgotten Poly-Tea in the style of **‘Marie Pavie.’**

Saturday night saw a dinner, accompanied by a live auction of roses and other treasures. And yes — one lucky person won a plant of **‘Bloomfield Abundance.’**

That wonderful weekend ended with another visit to the Historic Rose Garden, which included tours of the garden. I wish I could say — **“if you missed it, watch for next year.”** But opportunities such as this are rare, and rarely-repeated.

I’m just glad I was there.

— Jeri ‘12

Scenes From The Seminar



Above L: Fred Boutin

Above R: Darrell g.h. Schramm, “Rose Letter” Ed.



Preparing For
The Great
Sale Of
Rare And
Unusual
Roses

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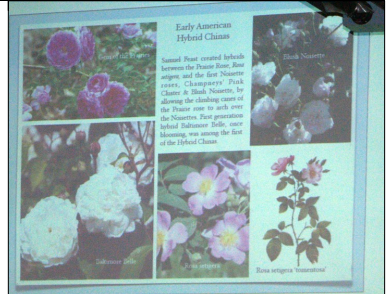


"Faded Pink Monthly"



'Mrs. B.R. Cant'

**RIGHT:
Gregg Lowery
Speaks
On Hybrid
China
Roses**



"Old Town Novato"

Ladies Of The Lantern Tour



'Mlle. Blanche Lafitte'



'Mrs. B.R. Cant'



'Kaiserin August Victoria'



"Tamalpais Homestead"