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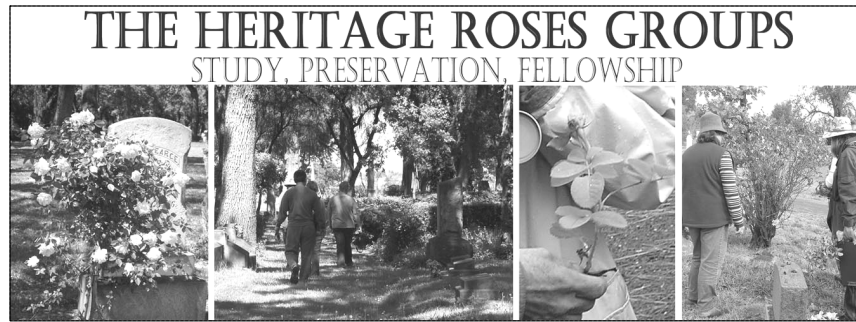
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R. banksia lutea in April

**Historic Rose Garden, Old Sacramento City Cemetery
1000 Broadway, Sacramento, CA (Jeri Jennings Photo)**

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Endings & Beginnings

With this issue of “*Rose Letter*,” we mark a change of Editors — ushering in a change of viewpoint, and fresh ideas. After six years at this “desk,” I am happy to step back to the role of “contributing writer/photographer,” and turn over the reins to Darrell Schramm.

Some of you know Darrell in the first-person, as he is active in roses in the East Bay area of Northern California — where the Heritage Roses Groups was born. Most of the rest of you have gotten to know him through the articles he has contributed to this publication.

On Page three, enjoy the concluding chapter of Darrell’s study of Purple Roses — “*I Know Why They Wear Purple.*” I know you’ll enjoy it as much as I have.

In the next few years, Clay and I hope to spend more time travelling — in search of interesting roses, and in company with our three Long-Coated Dalmatian Dogs. We might pop up anywhere, so don’t be surprised if our travelling circus makes its way to your area.



Reading Us On Line

We have been delighted, lately, to see that a substantial percentage of new HRG memberships — and also a goodly number of Membership Renewals have requested the Digital Version of “*Rose Letter.*”

We’re thrilled! Those who read on line get “*Rose Letter*” in full color (and we REALLY want to show roses in color) — and often get some additional content. Digital Members save money — and so does HRG!

We do, however, invite all of our “print” members to enjoy the digital version. Here’s how it’s done:

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— Reading On Line, cont. from Pg. 1

To read "*Rose Letter*" on line, or to download and print it,

Go to the HRG Web Site, at:

<http://www.theheritagerosesgroup.org/>

At the top of the page, in small red letters, find:

"Enter The Members Only Area"

Click on that line of text.

Next, at The: **MEMBER PORTAL,**

Click on: **Enter the member's only area**

There, you'll be prompted for a user name and password.

For User Name, Enter: heritage (lower case)

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Now, you see a page with several "*thumbnails.*" You may recognize these as "*Rose Letter*" front covers.

Click on the one you wish to read, and the file will open.

Enjoy all of the issues shown there — read them on line, or download, save, and even print them. As time goes on, more and more "*back issues*" will be available.

At some point, we may change/update the User Name and Password, but we'll let you know what the new ones are.

And if you lose these instructions, again — don't worry! Abbreviated instructions will be included in each new print copy of "*Rose Letter.*"

Who knows — When your membership comes due next, YOU may be ready to opt for digital membership. :-)

— Jeri Jennings

IMPORTANT!

- ◆ **WE MUST HAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO ACTIVATE A DIGITAL SUBSCRIPTION!!**
- ◆ **A FAST (BROADBAND) INTERNET CONNECTION IS NEEDED. YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DOWNLOAD "ROSE LETTER" USING A DIAL-UP CONNECTION**



I KNOW WHY THEY WEAR PURPLE

Pt. IV


Darrell g.h. Schramm

*To this point, this long article has discussed ‘**Cardinal de Riche-lieu**’, ‘**Robert le Diable**’, ‘**Reine des Violettes**’, ‘**Nuits de Young**’, ‘**Rose du Roi**’, ‘**Eugene de Beauharnais**’, and ‘**William Lobb**’, the characteristics of the plants and the history behind their names. I should add that this article in its entirety is considerably longer; lest I weary the reader, I have omitted few roses. Perhaps one day the entire piece will see the light of day on the printed page.*

So I know why most of these roses I’ve discussed wear purple—and there are others, far too many to relate in description or biography. Some were named for royalty, others for those who fawned at the fur-lined purple of royalty, and still others for their royal demeanor or complexion. Of course, scientifically speaking, roses wear purple because of an anthocyanin pigment in their genes.

Enter now the unpretentious purples, those not—to use a pretentious

Photo, Top of Page: “Pulich Children”



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Sunday, May 15, 2011



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Dear fellow 'Friends of Vintage Roses'
AT LAST, WE CAN CELEBRATE
THE SPRING
EXTRAVAGANZA OF ROSES
AT GREGG LOWERY'S GARDEN

He has set three dates in May for Open Garden events:

May 8, May 21 & May 22
10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This will be a major fund-raising drive to help defray the costs in forming non-profit status for the garden. This has been a slow but steady process, however a considerable amount of money is needed to proceed further.

**TO THIS END, THE OPEN GARDEN WILL BE A
CELEBRATORY EVENT.**

THE PUBLIC WILL BE INVITED TO TOUR THE GARDEN.

ROSES WILL BE SOLD.

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OFFERED.

**A voluntary contribution of \$25. is requested
as a donation for this cause.**

We need the Friends to volunteer their help during these three days to sell roses and refreshments, to provide information to the public and to collect donations. Any amount of time you can spare to help make this event a big success will be greatly appreciated.

Please email Joanne Bowman at : _jbfoodie2@comcast.net
(mailto:jbfoodie2@comcast.net)

if you can attend and volunteer some of your time.

ON ANOTHER NOTE,

Even though you were contacted about a pending Dirt Day in his garden, Gregg was never able to proceed with this because of the huge volume of work he had with the nursery. (A good thing!) As you have probably noted from his newsletters, the importing of the French roses and the taking over of the inventory of EuroDesert Roses has been very successful but a huge investment of his time and energy. However, he was able, with the help of additional laborers, to prepare the garden so that it will be in all its glory for these special days in May.



Open Garden Day
Old Sacramento City Cemetery

Historic Rose Garden
Saturday, April 16, 2011



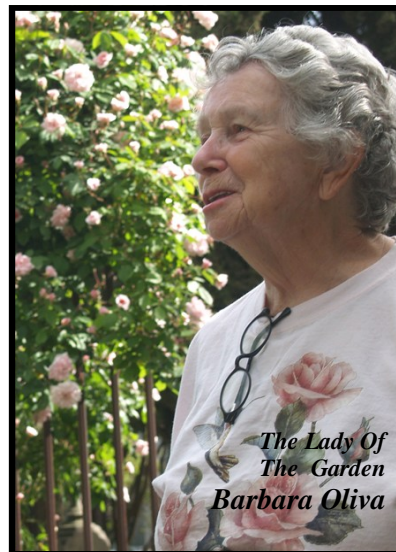
Sunshine and Roses, Laughter and Friendship

Open Garden Day

Saturday, April 16, 2011

In The Historic Rose Garden

Old Sacramento Cemetery, 1000 Broadway, Sacramento





*Garden Volunteer Janelle Michele With
“Magnolia Cemetery China”
(Found, TX, C. Tips)*

*A Suggested Identity is ‘Reine de Lombardy’
(China, bef. 1839)*

The annual spring Open Garden and Rose Sale has become one of the first harbingers of spring for Old Rose aficionados in California. It’s more than the gardens, and more than the bloom, for this is a place for friends to meet, to



Centifolia, H. Shailer, U.K., 1799

share news of how roses fared through the winter months, and to buy some of the rarest of rare roses to add to growing collections.

No matter how strong the resolution, it's simply not possible to attend this event, and NOT bring home roses. Despite Editor's very best intentions, she could not avoid acquiring a '*Cl. Cramoisi Superieur*' and a '*White Cecile Brunner*.' (In view of our firm resolution to reduce rose numbers here, I could not avoid these two, which I've craved for decades.) What the heck. They're small, y'know. We won't have to find a spot for them for some months.

It's always interesting to see what will be in bloom for this special day, in this special garden. This year, after a cold, extra-rainy, and decidedly prolonged winter, some roses were lagging. Buff Beauty had yet to start his big show, and 'Reve d'Or' and 'Comtess du Cayla' were just getting started.

So, this was a year for the roses of Asia. The Cemetery's magnificent Banksias were showing off at an extraordinary level.

Seeing them in more conventional situations around the SouthWest, it's easy to take these beauties for granted. You must, I think, see them growing to their full potential to fully appreciate



R. banksia normalis
In The Historic Old Sacramento City Cemetery

what they offer us. Their springtime in this garden offers an unparalleled opportunity to see what they can really do.

In addition to the joy of the bloom, Open Garden day included the joys of friendship, great educational opportunities (free tours throughout the day introduced hundreds of visitors to things they'd never known about the roses, and the place), and the distribution of many rare roses (more than a few not available in commerce). **Every rose offered was sold.** Every T-shirt went home with a new owner, and the Silent Auction was a rousing success. If you missed it this year, make plans now to be there, in April, 2012. — *JMJ, 4-28-11*



Pat Shink Photo



Pat Shink Photo



*Clockwise From
Upper Left:*

Ready For The Sale

Plant Tags

*Comtesse du Cayla
(Tea Rose, France, 1902)*

*Educational Tour
Anita Clevenger,
Garden Manager*



Pat Shink Photo



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The Old Sacramento City Cemetery



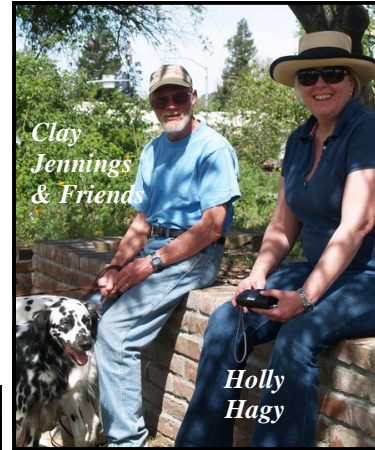
*ABOVE: The Roses Sell Themselves
BELOW: Anita Clevenger Leads A Tour*



*ABOVE: Jen Holden's Tour Reaches
'Fortune's Double Yellow'*

BELOW: Darrell Schramm and Christine Tweet Sell MORE Roses!





*“Castro-Breen Red Climber”
(?‘Bloomfield Courage’?)*



‘Odorata’



*“NOT Humes-Parks”
(Not ‘Humes Blush’, Not ‘Parks Double Yellow’)*

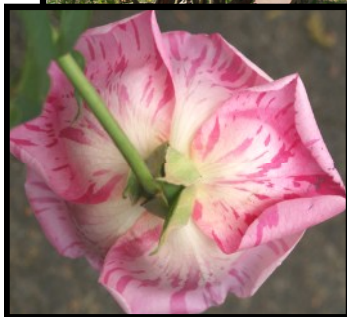


‘Mutabilis’



*“Phillips & Rix
Climbing
China”*

*Old Sacramento
City Cemetery*



*“Moser House Pink Stripe”
(Found Tea Rose; ‘Rainbow’?)*



*Kristina Osborn,
HRG National Convener*

Open Garden

Rose Talk & Rose Sale

Sat., May 22 & Sun., May 24
At Patrick McNally's

Mountain Rose Ranch

Anza, CA



A charter member of The National Heritage Roses Group, Pat McNalley discovered Old Roses in the 1960's, while stationed in Germany. Maintaining Satellite tracers for the U.S. Air Force in Italy, Spain, Germany, Holland, and England, McNalley got around Europe — and in his spare time, he discovered many of its “*Great Gardens*,” and the wonderful old roses in them.

Back in the U.S. in 1973, McNalley bought twenty acres of land in the California desert, South of Anza. There, he began to plant his garden — a garden rich in shrubs, and shade trees, and Old Roses.

When Miriam Wilkins called, in 1975, for those who loved “*The Old Roses*” to join in an “*informal association*” devoted to them, McNalley was among the first to answer the call.

McNalley's garden grew. He favored the “*English Garden*” concept. In pursuit of it, he imported roses from Europe, and traded cultivars with The Huntington Botanical Garden, and others. By 1985, his “*Mountain Rose Ranch*” boasted over 200 varieties of roses, grown among over a hundred different trees and other companion plants — and Sunset Magazine took notice.

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Local Groups News



CASCADIA
Heritage Roses Group

Winter continues to be a big presence in the northwest, with temps. running an average of 10 degrees below normal in Western Washington, and plenty of snow in Oregon. But...the roses are starting to leaf out, and some are already setting a few buds. Plant losses from cold and wet seem to be minimal so far, though many roses were in effect hard pruned by our mid November snow/cold event which produced many frozen, black canes, they all seemed to have lived through it, and there is now lots of basil break activity going on to replace the top growth.

We continue to discuss things via the Yahoo on-line forum, recent posts covering pruning, winter clean up, rose books and the accuracies and inaccuracies found in them, as well as investigating means to circulate rose books among members have kept us busy. There will be a virtual open garden album put up later in the spring, since we live so far apart, we are thinking of all taking photos on the same date, perhaps June 1st, and then posting them. Special dispensation is given to members who live in the far south!

Wishing you all armfuls of roses
Claire & Angelique
Cascadia Heritage Roses Group

<https://sites.google.com/site/cascadiahrg/home>

“Rose culture may claim to be quite the oldest and the most highly developed of the many struggles of man with nature.”

Anonymous: From the “Rose Letter,” May, 1976, Vol. 2, No. 1

Local Groups News

SOUTH BAY Heritage Roses Group



The magnificent San Jose Heritage Rose Garden is the primary focus of this local group — their joyous service to that garden is important to all of us.

South Bay President Jill Perry (also Curator of Roses of the SJHRG) tells us to mark our calendars for:

Saturday, September 24

and make plans to attend

“Autumn In The Heritage Rose Garden”

A Fall Celebration Of The Beauty Of The Garden

To learn more about the South Bay Heritage Roses Group (some of my favorite people) contact President Jill Perry at: oldtearoses@hotmail.com
Or Secretary, David Giroux, at: hummer344@sbcglobal.net

For more news of the Autumn event, watch the Garden’s website:

<http://www.heritageroses.us/>

In 1993, McNally's partner Tricia Riley began to add tall bearded iris to the mix (I love Iris with roses.) A greenhouse was built in 1995, and own-root plants are offered at the Ranch.

For more than 20 years, Patrick McNalley has opened the Rose Ranch for an annual spring Open Garden, Rose Tour and talk. Snow damages and collateral damage prevented the Open Garden the last couple of years, but it will take place this spring, right on schedule.

If you've been aware of this event, and *"always meant to go,"* this would be a good time to do so. Patrick tells us that this could be the last Open Garden for a while.

He has plans for travel, he said, and: *"I still have the same three guys working here at the ranch, 'Me, Myself, and I.'"*

We know THAT story!

The Open Garden and Talk will take place on Saturday, May 22 and Sunday, May 23, from 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. Walking tours of the garden start on the hour. The tour takes about one hour, and ends at the Greenhouse, with a demonstration of propagating roses from cuttings.

There will, of course, be roses for sale, own-root plants, in 1-Gal. containers.

The Mountain Rose Ranch

Patrick McNalley 59600 Ramsey Rd., #A Anza, CA 92539 951-763-4638
Pat_mcnalley@anzavalley.net

	<p>Iris & Roses The Most Congenial of Companions</p>	
		<p><i>Iris & Rose</i> <i>Photographed</i> <i>In The</i> <i>Historic</i> <i>Old</i> <i>Sacramento</i> <i>City</i> <i>Cemetery</i> JERI JENNINGS PHOTOS</p>

REGARDING THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF ANTIQUÉ ROSES

With apologies for production delays, Bob Edberg of Limberlost Rose Books has announced that Vol. 5 of his great work – The Encyclopedia Of Antique Roses – has been completed.

Bob tells us that he is currently awaiting a sample copy from the printer, enabling him to do a final proofing of the work before copies can be printed — and that he expects the print run to be completed before the end of May (2011) – though he adds with some chagrin that experience tells him NEVER to make promises.

Bob has also been working on another project dear to his heart – Limberlost Roses is reproducing the rare rose chromolithographs issued by Ferenztel Komlosy in Vienna, 1868-1875, and will publish them irregularly in folio form, each set containing 4 different reproductions of rose plates. These will not be in the same order as Komlosy released them, but the order of original issue is shown at the bottom of each plate. More information is available at the American Rose Society's website:

<http://www.ars.org/?p=2017>



Orders and inquiries for the Encyclopedia, rose prints, and other rose books should be submitted to Limberlost Roses, 270 Watkins Rd., Campobello, SC 29322-8009, by regular mail, or via telephone at (864) 472-3220, or email at bob@oldroses.com. Visa and MasterCard are accepted, as well as money orders and personal cheques.

Local Groups News

BIDWELL

Heritage Roses Group

Sherri Berglund, Cindy Rogers, Julie Matlin and Caithlin Wood (Julie's daughter) had a great time at the SHRG Open Garden day. It was great to see so many friends, all at one place and at one time.

Sherri worked with Jeri & Clay Jennings and Darrell Schramm, helping at the sales table. Julie & Cindy had a chance to meet up with Jolene Adams, of ARS fame, and Cindy had a change to try out her new camera and photographed hundreds of roses.

It was a beautiful warm day, the event was skillfully organized, and thanks to Barbara Oliva for the love and support she gives the SHRG. Icing on the cake was the beautiful display of historic roses in the cemetery. All the volunteers are to be commended for such a lovely event!

For the Chico area, Julie spends all of her free time working on the Bidwell Mansion Rose Garden restoration. This has been a ten year project by Julie and Cindy and the roses are being to show real progress in the garden.

Caithlin has been brainstorming on website development for the new chapter of HRG, The Bidwell Heritage Rose Group.

— *Sherri Berglund*

In addition to his early pioneer status, and his other many accomplishments, John Bidwell was one of the first commercial nurserymen in California. Read about the "General" and his mansion in Chico (now a California State Historic Park) at:

<http://www.calparksguide.com/?p=411>

The Northern end of California is of interest for those who seek out and preserve Old Roses, and the Bidwell group is well-placed.

To learn more about this new active group, contact Sherri Berglund, in Willows, CA, at: Phone: 530 934 5295 Fax: 530 934 5297 or by email, to SherriSWO@aol.com

Local Groups News
NORTH-CENTRAL
FLORIDA
Heritage Roses Group



Memorial Rose Garden at Haven Hospice

— *A Report by Pam Greenwald*

Some of us met at the Hospice garden site one day a few weeks ago to meet, and to receive a \$300 check from a donor Bob Mills, (a member of the Walmart family). Hearing of our need for irrigation supplies, Mills and stepped up to the plate.

This enabled our volunteer irrigation specialist, Brian Cox to buy supplies and finish the job with the help of another irrigation company friend who dug the trench. It was a great day and we presented Mr. Mills with a huge bouquet of roses from our gardens. He was thrilled with our design, having a background in landscape Architecture and suggested we expand the garden!



Willie, Pam, and 'Louis Phillippe'

Two weeks later on April 16th, eleven of our group met, and planted 72 roses in the new garden, many of which had already been donated.

Willie, a guest at Hospice, came out and joined in our work, then asked if he could have a rose. We gave him an extra *'Louis Phillippe.'* He hung out with us for a long time and took pictures with us. He said he always loved flowers.

Drip system supplies for the new garden, and rose tote carriers, were graciously donated by Witherspoon Rose Culture which was also paramount in getting the job done. Now the roses are on the best system possible.

A local Tree company donated

all the pine mulch we want!

Although deer run rampant in the soccer field at night, we have miraculously and mysteriously been spared a single bite! (Knock on wood) We think



*North-Central Florida
Volunteers*

The Rose Letter



**Looking Back . . .
February, 1976, Vol. 1, No. 3, Pg. 1**

What modern rose could evoke the fanciful musings aroused by this appeal from Lockport, LA?

"I am going to describe as best possible a rose that goes back to the 17th Century, which I would like to grow ... It grew, rather, it was planted thickly, in front of the St. Louis Roi's

du La France Cathedral in La Nouvelle Orleans. The petals were white with large irregular crimson spots. The crimson spots would come off and stain white cloth with contact."

Who can give the reference to the story about the striped or dotted rose which was used on a dinner table. A rose rolled up in the napkin beside each guest's place?

North-Central Florida HRG, Cont. from Page 18

we have an army of souls who have spent their last days at the Haven Hospice keeping watch. Our Ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for June 4th.

Club members (Rose Buds) are chipping in time to weed the gardens at Angel Gardens making ready for the April 30th Rose Lover's Gathering. We're excited about our speaker list which includes 94 year old Dr. T. Senn from Nature's Nog, Gene Waering who will be signing his new book, The Sustainable Rose Garden, Stephen Hoy, and John Starnes from Tampa. Also a Bee-keeping demo and Hive set-up by Councell Farms from Cape Coral. I will be giving a Propagation workshop as well on Sunday. We are expecting around 300 people! Thanks to the generous donation of the National HRG, this fledgling organization is off to a good start.

Some of us found a little time to attend the Thomasville Rose Show and Rose Parade. I've always wanted to see them. The whole city is rose crazy and the Parade was all roses. It was great. I did forget my camera but got it out at the end and captured a couple of pics.

I note that our North-Central Florida group now has 15 dues-paying members and over 60 people on our email list who want to be kept informed of our activities.

ED. NOTE: Clearly, North-Central Florida is GROWING! — JMJ



*“Honeymoon Cottage Purple”
(Found, San Juan Bautista, CA, J. & C. Jennings)*

but intriguing term — porphyrogene, that is not “*born into royalty.*” Consider *‘Arthur de Sansal’*.

‘Arthur de Sansal’ is a rose I do not grow but long to own. It’s a remontant, fragrant Portland or hybrid perpetual (the jury is out on that), apparently easy to grow in a large container because it is upright and compact. The color is definitely purple; some writers have described it as crimson purple, even blackish maroon. My garden misses what it does not have. *‘Arthur’* shows off his strong fragrance, imbricated petals, intense color, beauty of form—I don’t care if he sometimes invites mildew. I want him.

The man Arthur de Sansal (1820-1874) was an unpretentious horticulturist whose special interest was roses. He grew “*a large and rich collection*” of them, sometimes propagating his own from seed. In 1871 he bred the hybrid perpetual *‘Souvenir de Romain Desprez’*, another rose now lost to us. Sansal was the son-in-law of the hybridist Desprez, breeder of the lovely noisette *‘Jaune Desprez’* (also called *‘Desprez a Fleur Jaune’*), a noisette almost lost to the rose world until Graham Thomas came to its rescue. Sansal had married Desprez’s daughter Francine “*Caroline*” in 1848 for whom Desprez then named an 1849 pink hybrid perpetual, *‘Caroline de Sansal’*, probably in honor of their marriage. That latter rose is still—just barely—commercially available.

Or consider the found rose currently christened “*Pulich Children.*” This blackish violet-purple rose was “*rustled*” from a California Gold Rush

churchyard cemetery in 2008 by Kathryn Mackenzie and Liz Hall. They found it at the double tombstone of Michell Pulich, who died after four months in 1883, and of Jonnie Pulich, who died after eighteen months in 1888. They were the children of a John and Hazel Pulich. Robin Pulich, granddaughter of Stella and Nick, emigrants from Croatia, lives today in the Bay Area. Nick Pulich was the nephew of John, father of the children. Another son of John, Ray, partnered with his cousin Nick in establishing City Park Nursery in Stockton in 1917. Nick also planted a rose garden in the town's Victory Park. According to "*Croatian Heritage*" online, Nick Pulich experimented with the breeding of roses and had propagated at least forty new varieties.

It is quite possible that this unusual rose "*Pulich Children*" is one of Nick's cultivars. True, he bred most of his roses after 1913, but the rose might have been planted long after the headstone was placed. After all, the headstone there now was not added until at least five years after the death of the first child. Perhaps Nick and Stella, after seeing the beauty of this flower, decided to memorialize their lost cousins with what was to become a lost rose.

Or perhaps "*Pulich Children*" is one of the many, many other purplish roses lost to beauty and time. Where is '*Portland Pourpre*', a mauvish purple of 1830 bred by Prevost? Or the 1841 purplish Portland or damask raised by Vibert's successor Robert? Or the purple hybrid perpetuals that Robert Prince names in his 1846 catalogue: '*Julie Dupont*', '*Marechal Sault*', '*Reine Victoria*' (clearly not the 1872 bourbon)?

And whatever happened to '*George Peabody*', a crimson-purple bour-



'Reine des Violettes
(H.P., Mille-Mallet, France, 1860)



"NOT-Reine des Violettes"
The Hybrid-Perpetual, WITH Prickles,
Frequently Sold As
'Reine des Violettes'

bon bred in 1857 by James Pentland of Baltimore? *California Horticulture* in 1873 listed it as one of the best six “*everblooming*” roses of that year. Could “**Pulich Children**” be ‘*George Peabody*’? Could it be Lacharme’s 1844, very double, blackish purple ‘*Deuil Duc d’Orleans*’? Then there are the lost purple bourbons ‘*Charles Souchet*’, ‘*Fedora*’, ‘*Jacquard*’, ‘*Ninon de L’Enclos*’, not to mention the hybrid bourbons ‘*Elizabeth Plantier*’ or ‘*Esmeralda*’, all possibilities. Could “**Pulich Children**” or any of our other purplish found roses, be the lost china rose ‘*Assuerus*’, a deep brownish purple; ‘*Leonidas*’, a velvety violet purple; or ‘*Eblouissant*’ or ‘*Marjolin du Luxembourg*’, both deep purple? Or the hybrid china, violet purple ‘*George IV*’; brown-purple ‘*General Lamarque*’, a climber; or ‘*Boullote*’, a very double black purple?

Some of these roses are so lost or forgotten that not even Brent Dickerson seems to have known of them in his several wonderful volumes of old and lost roses.

I have risked the reader’s boredom in listing as many roses as I have, but I believe some record needs to be made as one small way to help those searching to identify found roses. Of course I could list more. Just how many roses are robbed in royalty? Far too many to describe or discuss appreciatively in one article. And I deliberately overlook the many lost purple gallicas and damasks because most of our found roses are survivors of a hot California or Texas climate not particularly easy for gallicas or damasks.

But until such a time as some of these found roses are identified with the lost, and the lost are found, I will continue to wrap myself in the purple of ‘*Reine des Violettes*’, ‘*Nuits de Young*’, ‘*Violacea*’, and even ‘*Rose du Roi*’, all the while dreaming of ‘*Arthur de Sansal*’. Sweet luxury. Regardless of equality and fraternity, many of us will always give our loyalty to that royalty, Queen Rose.

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“*Garberville Hybrid Perpetual*”
Found, Jay Williams



“*Forest Ranch Pom-Pom*”
Found, Sherri Berglund

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