



# Roses anciennes en France

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Pour la connaissance, la culture, la préservation et la promotion des roses anciennes

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## Friends of Roses Anciennes en France,

A strange mild winter had us already considering starting garden care, pruning although certain rosebushes hadn't stopped flowering.... when the snow and cold arrived !

Our association's activities are starting up again and here is what we're proposing, in hopes it all corresponds to your expectations.

Our newsletter was a great success in France and abroad, as confirmed by members' e-mails and letters. We do want to correct three errors on the cover page which escaped our attention and ask your forgiveness:

- Instead of : « Japanese etching from the Edo period of Yueyuehong (Rugosa )»  
read « Japanese painting from the Edo (19<sup>th</sup> century) period of Rosa rugosa, compliments of the National Diet Library of Japan ».
- Instead of Yuki MIKANAG, please read Yuki MIKANAGI.
- Instead of « Chiba national Museum of Japanese History, » read « National History Museum and Institute, Chiba. »

We welcomed many new members in 2011 and I thank you for this boost to the association. Don't forget to inform friends and renew your membership, on which our good health depends. An important date, our General Assembly next March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Best-Western Charlemagne Lyon 2°. will be followed by a conference, « The fragrance of Roses », given by Sylvie BAUDINO, Doctor in plant biology from St Etienne university.  
Join us, or leave a « power of attorney ». Thanks !

To conclude, a few lines by the French author COLETTE (1873 – 1954):

*Nous, nous tressaillons lorsqu'une rose, en se défaissant dans une chambre tiède, abandonne un de ses pétales en conque, l'envoie voguer, reflété, sur un marbre lisse. Le son de sa chute, très bas, distinct, est comme une syllabe de silence et suffit à émouvoir un poète (...)*

Your President, Marielle Jourdan-David

P.S. The website [www.rosesanciennesenfrance](http://www.rosesanciennesenfrance.org) has been up-dated and you'll find, among other things, the new membership application and dues (which hadn't changed since 2004).