

# ROSES ANCIENNES EN FRANCE

(1901 Law Non profit Association not subject to tax) Our goals: knowledge, cultivation, preservation and promotion of old roses

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## Dear Friends,

At the beginning of this new year, our good wishes go out to all lovers of old roses, those wonderful roses which we are learning to know and appreciate more and which, with the passage of time, are creating deep friendships among us. Our field trips in 2006 were rich in discoveries, and our field notes, so kindly shared, will enable us to forget for a short while that we are in winter. Thank you to all who have contributed with such passion! And we look forward to new encounters! Thank you also to those faithful to the Association who have already renewed their membership or are about to do so in the coming days.

Yours in roses,

Josiane Pierre-Bissey President

## **OUR ACTIVITIES FOR THE FIRST SEMESTER OF 2007**

#### **CONFERENCES:**

- Saturday, January 27, 2007, at 10 a.m.: Jean Claude Nicolas gives a lecture on "Reblooming Hybrids."
- Saturday, March 10, 2007, at 11 a.m.: Gérald Meylan, President of the World Federation of Roses Societies, will give a talk on "Old Roses and Modern Roses: A Marriage of Love, or Reason?" This follows our Annual General Assembly (8:45 to 10:30 a.m.).

The above take place at the **Charlemagne Best Western Hotel**, 23 cours Charlemagne, 69002 Lyon. The Hotel is near the Metro Station "Gare de Perrache" and Tramway Line 1, Stop "'Eglise Sainte Blandine." Following each meeting there is a luncheon at the Hotel for conference attendees at 25 euros each (all inclusive). Please reserve in advance for the meetings and luncheon since our numbers are increasing each time,

- Saturday, March 24, 2007, in the afternoon: André Eve will lecture on Rose Gardens and Perennials, celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rare Plants fair at the Château de la Carnière, 69800 Saint Priest
- Saturday, June 2, 2007, from 4 to 6 p.m.: Odile Masquelier will lecture at the Museum of Natural History, in connection with their exhibition on "Horticulture and the Botanical World in Lyon in the 19th Century," sponsored by the Botanic Gardens of Lyon.
- For your information: June 13, 14 and 15, 2007: The Eleventh International Conference on Old Roses, at the Abbaye Royale de Chaalis (in Oise Department), 12 different presentations on their history, botany, growing and perservation.

# **CLASS IN PRUNING ROSES:**

- Wednesday, March 7, 2007, aqt 1:30 p.m.: Christophe Ferry will instruct at the Historic Rose Garden of the Botanical Gardens of Lyon. The maximum number of participants is ten, and you must subscribe through the Association.

#### **PLANT FAIRS:**

- March 25 and 26, 2007: Rare Plants Fair at the Château de la Carnière, 69800 SAINT PRIEST.
- *May 18, 19 and 20*, 2007: Plant Exhibition at COURSON (91). We take this opportunity to ask any of our friends in the Paris region to help staff the Association's display, May 18th.
- May 26, 27 and 28, 2007: Fair of Rare and Mediterrean Plants at the Gardens of ALBERTAS, on RN 8, at BOUC-BEL-AIR, near AIX-EN-PROVENCE (13).

## SHOWS AND EXHIBITIONS:

- May 25, 26, 27 and 28, and June 2 and 3, 2007: In support of the exhibition at the Orangerie at the Parc de la Tête d' Or in LYON, on "Horticulture and the Botanic World in Lyon in the 19th Century," our Association will have a stand in the Orangerie and will offer workshops, demonstrations of flower arranging, advice on rose growing and guided visits through the rose gardens. Our next newsletter will have more details.
- *June 6 to 10 2007*: Exhibition in Luxembourg and European Congress of roses Societies (WFRS, World Federation of roses Societies) Contact: <a href="mailto:claude.vion@garden.lu">claude.vion@garden.lu</a> fax 00353 266 10745
- **September 2007**: To coincide with the **National Heritage Weekend**, the Mairie of Lyon's 8th Arrond. where the city's first rose nurseries were located, will celebrate the history of old roses in Lyon, and our Association, in cooperation with the Mairie, will organize an exhibition on these historic rose breeders.

#### **VISITS - FIELD TRIPS:**

- *Thursday, May 17, 2007*: The naming and dedication of Dominique Massad's **newest rose creation** "**Madame de Grignan**," and his local association "Grignan, Pierres et Roses Anciennes" (and a member of our Association) cordially invites our members to tour their "city of roses" following the 11 a.m. "baptism."
- Wednesday, May 23, 2007: Visit the garden of Jacques and Yvette DARU, in Irigny (69) at 9:30 a.m., followed by a visit to the garden of Margot LIOGIER de SEREYS, at St. Genis Laval (69), at 3 p.m.

We hope you will undersand that due to the several major exhibitions we are participating in this year, we are physically unable to offer more field trips this spring.

# **INFORMATION FROM OUR MEMBERS:**

- Our Association's members are cordially invited to the opening of **the rose nursery of Fabien Ducher**, route du Bajard, 42800 Châteauneuf. 04 77 75 31 70, on Saturday, March 17, 2007, from 10 a.m.
- **The rose nursery of André EVE** at Morailles, 45300 Pithiviers, is open all year (free admission) Monday through Friday, from 9 to 12:30 and from 2 to 6, and, between April 28 through July 1, it will be open seven days a week, including holidays, from 9 to 6. Courses in pruning will be given Saturday, January 27, Monday, January 29, Saturday, February 20, Monday, February 12, in the mornings from 9 to 12, and on Monday, February 5, in the afternoon at 2 p.m.
- **The SARRAUD nurseries**, 18179 Loye sur Arnon, will participate with the "Société Pomologique" de Neuvy St. Sépulchre (36) on Sunday, February 25, in the "Journée des Vegetaux", as well as the "open house" at the Bessard nurseries at Polliat (01), March 17 and 18.
- "Les Chemins de la Rose" nursery, 49700 Doué de la Fontaine, will be open every day from May 11, and a complete list of their various activities and special programs is online at <a href="mailto:chemindelarose@unimedia.fr">chemindelarose@unimedia.fr</a>. On March 3, a beginner's classes in rose care and pruning will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Call 02 41 59 95 95 to enroll.
- **The Abbaye de Valsaintes nursery**, 04150 Simiane la Rotonde (04 92 75 94 19) will be open every day from May 17 to June 17, from 2 to 5 p.m., with classes on rose pruning February 26 and 28, March 5 and 7, and March 12 and 14. You must register in advance at: <a href="www.valsaintes.free.fr">www.valsaintes.free.fr</a> and <a href="www.valsaintes@free.fr">valsaintes@free.fr</a>

- **Christiane Gaillard's garden "Mas de l'Abri"** at 30450 Ponteils et Bresis (04 66 61 17 61) was been called "truly remarkable," and can be visited from mid-May through September.

Contact: michri.gaillard@wanadoo.fr.

- **Lucie Deschandol,** one of the Association's leaders, opens her garden at Saint Romain au Mont d'Or by appointment. Pleasew call her at 04 72 27 88 75.
- **Marie-Dominique and François Donnadieu** welcome you to their bed and breakfast, between Puy du Dôme and ther Cantel, at 2 rue des Gorges d'Allagnon, 43410 Lempdes Allagnon,

Contact: françois.donnadieu@wanadoo.fr or 04 71 76 30 71.

# 2007 Other plant fairs where rose growers will exhibit:

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