



Roses anciennes en France

Association Loi 1901 (Reconnue d'intérêt général)
Pour la connaissance, la culture, la préservation et la promotion des roses anciennes
Siège Social : Espace 101, 101 Boulevard des Etats Unis 69008 LYON
Adresse Postale : 15 Rue de la Chapelle 38630 LES AVENIERES
Téléphone : 06 22 66 24 41 Email : infos@rosesanciennesenfrance.org
Site Internet : www.rosesanciennesenfrance.org



The Roses of Emile Zola

Roses had their way to love. There are the ones that only consented to half-open their bud, very timid, their heart blushing, whereas others, their corset unlaced, twitching, large open, seemed crumpled, crazy of their body to the point of dying from it...

There were small ones, alert, jolly, in a row, cockade on their bonnet; enormous ones, bursting with charm, with the fullness of fattened sultana; sassy ones, girlish, coquettishly sloppy, flaunting petals whitened by powdered rice; honest ones, with a neckline of a proper bourgeoisie; aristocratic ones, with a subtle elegance, permitted eccentricity, inventing négligés. Cut roses offered their perfume as in a precious crystal; inverted roses, urn form, trickling it drop by drop; round roses like cabbages, exhaled it in a regular breath like sleeping flowers; the roses in buds tightened their petals, giving away only a vague sigh of their virginity.

Emile ZOLA. La Faute de l'abbé Mouret

(1875)

November 2011

Dear members,

There we are, the first cold spell is here. This morning, minus 3°, reminded us that winter is soon here. However despite this cold, certain roses continue to blossom, tirelessly: "Mutabilis", "Sanguinea", "Madame Alfred Carrière", "Fée des neiges", "Jacques Cartier", "Félicia", "Moonlight" are all sprinkled with fresh pink, wrinkled by the cold, melancholic and nearly barren of all vegetation.

To help us wait for spring, I remind you about the two conferences taking place at the Best-Western Hotel:

- **December 10, 2011 at 10 am: "The Botanical Rose Bushes and Rosa roxberghii" by Jean-Claude NICOLAS.**
- **January 21, 2012 at 10 am: "The Lyons Roses Anciennes in the USA" by our vice-president Fabien DUCHER.**

The World Rose Convention will take place October 11 to 16, 2012 at Sandton, near Johannesburg, in South Africa. If you are interested in this convention and journey, here are the sites you may consult for further details:

www.rosafrika2012.co.za

Email: info@rosafrika2012.co.za; rutherg@iafrica.com

Tel et fax: +2711 440 3371 or; +2711 447 3329

A French delegation should attend this convention in order to promote the "Lyons Roses 2015" which will be held May 27 to June 1, 2015 and present the program with pre-registration forms. Please contact us if you are interested: Tel: 06 22 66 24 41 or by mail: info@rosesanciennesenfrance.org

We would like you to note already that our annual tour will take place in the Southwest of France during the second half of May. Other garden visits will be proposed to you in the January 2012 letter.

Today you receive the 17th bulletin dedicated to Japan. It is a precious bulletin, because it contains a message of friendship, support and hope and we wish you happy reading.

We remind you of the rule: photos without captions in the text belong to the author of the article.

Heartfelt thanks for renewing your membership for 2012 risen from 25 to 28 euros for associations, and for professionals from 50 euros to 60 euros. There has not been a raise since 2003 and we would like to remind you that the membership fee is tax deductible.

Congratulations to our fellow member, Mr. Patrick MASURE, who received us in his estate in June 2009 and who was granted the CCVS honour this year for his botanical rose collection.

I wish you a Fine End of the Year 2011 and Best Wishes for 2012; remember that of all treasures, good health is the most important, so take good care of it, as well as of your friends, families and roses.

Your president, Marielle Jourdan-David