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**"News You Can Use"**

The newsletter for volunteers to the American Rose Center to keep you apprised of service opportunities

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**ARC regular Volunteer Day is Thursday of every week**  
**Master Gardener scheduled service day is the third Thursday of each month.**  
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*Rambler Ramblings... Claude Graves*

This issue of the Volunteer Newsletter was inspired by a recent dialog with Steven Roussel a rose hybridizer in Lake Charles, LA that has rooted some of the rambler for me concerning the identification of a rose. Rose Identification can be very tricky as many roses seem to change color and form with environmental conditions, in addition to the fact that there are different varieties that look very much the same, but are truly different genetically.

**A Rose by any other... Color?**

The rose in question was Gishlaine de Feligonde hybridized by Eugène Turbat & Compagnie (France, 1916) classed as a HMult, HMusk, and Rambler. The growth habit is sort of climbing, but very bushy. It would not do well on a tower. We grew it at Chambersville as very large shrub supported on a tripod and it was spectacular in the first bloom of the season.

In the fall of 2021 I sent some rambler cuttings to Steven Roussel to root for me for Nursery #2 at the ARC. Steven rooted the



roses and brought one of each variety to the ARC the next spring, but he kept extras of some of the varieties for his garden and possibly for use as parent plants for his breeding program. Gishlaine de Feligonde bloomed in his garden, and he liked it very much.

Steven attended a rose hybridizers meeting in Europe recently and was amazed to see Gishlaine de Feligonde in many gardens he visited. But something was wrong! The rose he saw did not look like the rose he grew, the color was a golden yellow, like the photo to the left of Gishlaine de Feligonde at Chambersville.

Last week Steven sent me the photo (to the left below) of the rose he grows and told me of his experience in Europe where they all looked different. My first intuition was that I had sent the wrong cutting, we also have a rose in the Anne Belovich Rambler Collection named Gishlaine Feuerwerk, a sport (naturally occurring genetic mutation) of Gishlaine de Feligonde, discovered in Germany in 2002. I had often feared the possibility of confusing the two roses as they look the same unless they are in bloom. I compared my photos of Gishlaine Feuerwerk from Chambersville with his photo and concluded they were the same. I replied to Steven that I thought his rose was actually Gishlaine Feuerwerk and that I had mislabeled the rose Gishlaine de Feligonde.



Steven's photo of Gishlaine Feuerwerk

A few days latter Steven responded that he did not think it was Gishlaine Feuerwerk because he had looked it up and the photo he saw did not look like the photo I had sent.

Steven did not say where he looked it up, but the odds are great that it was on Help Me Find. The website [www.helpmefind.com](http://www.helpmefind.com) is a great rose resource of extensive knowledge of about everything you would need to know about a specific rose variety, it's classification, hybridizer, date, growth habit, etc. Those of you that do not know about Help me Find and don't use it need to do so. I use it frequently, along with Modern Roses on the ARS website, as it has many photos of old ramblers. However, there is a need for caution when it come to the photos.

The photos on Help Me Find are submitted by the public, and occasionally can be totally wrong, much like Wikipedia can have inaccurate information. When you enter a rose name in the search bar it will sometimes present a number of roses with the same name, or partial name. When you click on the rose you want, it will present a dialog box of information and a photo of that rose. Here is where

the problem come in; the website has randomly selected one of perhaps many photos of that rose, if you get an incorrect photo you have a problem! What I do almost every time is click on a box in the menu bar above the display named "Photos". What you will see is all the photos in their database of that variety.

This can be an eye-opening experience! There may be some of the photos that have no resemblance to the majority of the other photos, and the more subtle differences between the photos can be significant. Most of the time the difference in the appearance is due to the different environments and climates, as well as chemical differences in the soils in which that particular rose grows. In the case of the old ramblers, almost all of the photos on Help me Find are from Europe which has considerable differences in environment, temperatures and soils than Lake Charles LA.

I searched my own database for photos of 'Gishlaine Feuerwerk' and was amazed at the great differences in the photos for the same rose from year to year and from blooms early and blooms later in the season, and obvious differences indicating if we were having a cool or warm spring that year showing up as deeper of colors in cooler weather. Stevens photo was taken recently (yes, this rambler does rebloom later in the year), my photo was taken on April 27, 2018 when it was much cooler.



Chambersville photo of Gishlaine Feuerwerk

However, the most positive identification between my photo and Stevens photo are the very unusual BUDS! Very often the shape and characteristics of the buds can be much more reliable than bloom color, the same goes for prickles, and foliage.

### Help me Find Photos

A Search of the photos posted on the Help Me Find website will dramatically illustrate the vast difference in the same rose (supposedly) photographed in many different gardens at different times. Unfortunately all of the photos on Help Me Find are loaned to the website and copyrighted. With my short lead time of two days over the weekend to write this Newsletter, I had no time to go through the process of seeking permission to publish those photos for this newsletter. However I invite you to visit [www.helpmefind.com](http://www.helpmefind.com) > select the Category, Roses > Search > and enter Gishlaine Feuerwerk in the text box, then select Gishlaine Feuerwerk in the description results then > Photos on the Menu Bar over the Description. You can see for yourself the many different "versions" presented. You will understand the problem of looking at the only the first option presented!

HERE ARE THE DIFFERENCES IN MY OWN PHOTOS OF 'Gislaine Feuerwerk'

The difference in coloration and flower form in my own photos of the same rose in the Gardens at Chambersville over a number of years and taken at different stages of bloom was truly amazing. Below are a number of the photos of Gislaine Feuerwerk taken at Chambersville over the years. These photos dramatically illustrate why it is so difficult to identify a rose from a photograph.



Steven's photo of Gislaine Feuerwerk



Chambersville photo of Gislaine Feuerwerk



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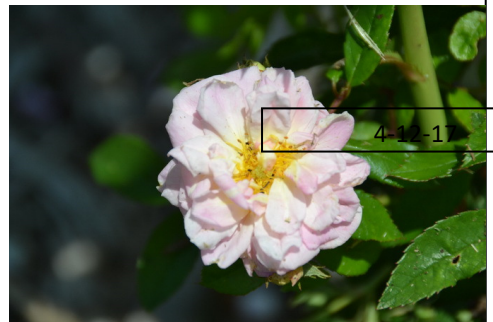
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**Next Master Gardener Rambler Service Day**  
**Thursday August 17th @ 8:00 AM**

I look forward to being there this month! I missed seeing all of you, last month but I had to put my truck in the shop on the day before the meeting, Good Lord willing, I will be there on the 17th!

It's still Hot! We will start at 8:00 again this month to get a little ahead of the heat. We will have cold water available, but feel free to bring your own.

The only thing we will do different this month is that we will **not** tie up or prune off the new growth. I will need to take cutting of larger ramblers in September to propagate new copies of those varieties, so that when they eventually get too big in another one or two years

and we need to move them out of the Nurseries, we will have small plants available to replace them. I will usually try to get the cutting from this new growth if at all possible in lieu of cutting the primary large canes .

Thanks again for all you do to help preserve the rare ramblers!