

The American Rose Center
America's Rose Garden
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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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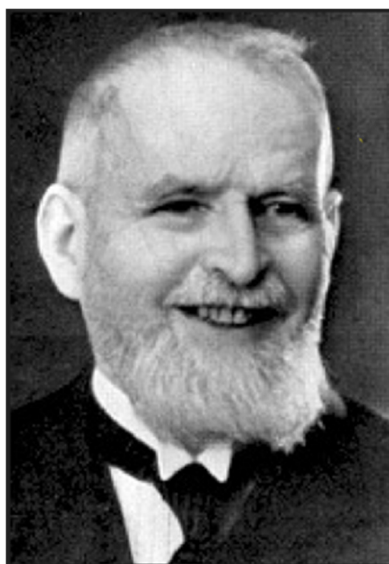
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ARC regular Volunteer Day is Thursday of every week
Master Gardener scheduled service day is the third Thursday of each month.
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Rambler Ramblings... Claude Graves

This month we will continue to look at the true pioneers of rose hybridization, our subject this month was much more than a rose hybridizer, Eugène Maxime Turbat. In addition to a successful hybridizing career he became a very successful nursery businessman. He was elected mayor of Orleans France in 1929 and became a senator in the Loiret in 1933. Eugene Turbat was awarded the rank of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. An Orleans street was named after him.

Eugène Maxime Turbat, 1865—1944
Ardon France



Turbat began propagating roses at fifteen years of age and specialized in Dwarf Polyanthas. He became successful not only with roses but also many other plants including Irises. Turbat eventually joined with Gaston Rouillard and they associated with a nursery founded by Jules Gouchault. The new venture became "Pépinières E. Turbat & Compagnie" became one of the largest wholesalers of nursery stock in Europe.

Roses were only a small portion of their business that eventually was just called "E. Turbat & Cie". However they did produce about 500,000 roses a year until a new U.S. Quarantine law cut that figure to 150,000 per year. Most of the roses were of the Polyantha class which were very popular in the early 20th Century.

Much of his hybridizing of roses used the rambler "Turner's Crimson Rambler" for its small bloom cluster prevalent in Polyanthas and presumably also for its bright red color. I suspect many of his rambles were the result of attempts at creating Polyanthas that retained the vigorous growth characteristics of Turner's Crimson

Rambler. Three of his rambles are named for his business partners, 'Papa Gouchault', 'Marie Gouchault' and 'Papa Rouillard'. We have the first two in the Belovich Collection, my database shows we received 'Papa Rouillard' in November 2015 but I have no record it was ever planted in the garden, it must have been one of our first lost roses.

Unfortunately many of Turbat's rambler have a susceptibility to powdery mildew, probably as a by product of using Turner's Crimson Rambler .



'Ghislain de Feligonde'
HMult 1916

'Ghislain de Feligonde' is a rose I was growing at my home. It was getting too large and I had to remove it, but not before rooting a cutting. We continued growing it at Chambersville for years before the arrival of the Anne Belovich Ramblers. We grew it as a huge shrub and it was beautiful, but eventually became a problem due the bird planted trees growing in it. We eventually lost it to RRD. It is a great easy care rose, and is one of the few that "passed the test" in Longwood Garden's Ten-Year Rose Trials.



Left
Mature blooms age to a soft apricot color



Right
Newly opened light yellow blooms with beautiful yellow stamens. Also a very nice fragrance.



'Beauté Orleanaise'
HWich 1919

One of Turbat's most beautiful Ramblers. The delicate 1 1/2" blooms are very well formed, perfectly round and very symmetrical. They are borne in open sprays. The bright red buds open perfectly white and the bloom remains white during its entire cycle. The pure white blooms against the small glossy dark green foliage are beautiful to behold!

The rambler will easily grow to twelve to fifteen feet or more making them suitable to grow on the towers.

'Daisy Brasileir'
HMult 1918

Another of Turbat's more beautiful Ramblers in our collection. The small bright purplish red blooms almost glow when they first open. The blooms are born in large clusters of up to 30 blooms and have a pleasant moderate fragrance. It makes a hardy, sturdy plant.

This rose to my knowledge is not in commerce and can be seen in only a few gardens around the world, it deserves a better fate.





Above

'Bonfire'

HWich 1928

'Bonfire' is another of Turbat's ramblers that opens with an intensely red blooms with a deep pink reverse. The interior of the bloom will fade with time to a deep pink. The foliage is a glossy dark green as is typical with HWich ramblers. This rambler is a strong bloomer as seen in the photo above. It is a very vigorous grower and can attain about any height needed.



'Violette'

Below

HMult 1921

'Violette' a seedling of 'Vielchenblau' opens purple/red and fades to a dusty purple or lilac color. A very popular rose often confused with its more popular parent 'Vielchenblau'. I consider Violette an improved 'Vielchenblau'.



All Photos by the author

Next Master Gardener Rambler Service Day
Thursday, August 18th 8:30 AM

More to do in the Rambler Nursery

First, I want to extend a sincere thank you to Larry Williams and Melissa Elrod for their great work in organizing the monthly work sessions. They make it a smooth and pleasant experience for all.

Last month Larry had assembled a smaller crew of volunteers for the July work day commensurate to the amount of work that needed to be done. The rambler have grown slowly during the extended hot weather we have been experiencing.

The volume of work in the nursery will increase over the next few months as the weather cools.

Larry had five new volunteers for the rambler project who went through the training required for caring for the rambler. We now have a group of 28 trained volunteers to draw from to maintain the roses.

There will be more work to do in the near future. Work has begun on converting the old trial garden west of the Administration Building into a smaller duplicate of the current Nursery #1.

I expect to bring a few additional rambler for Nursery 1 in August and we will be bring a lot more over in September for Nursery #2.

Upcoming Events at the Rose Center

There are no events scheduled for the month of August other than the regularly scheduled volunteer work day every Thursday in the existing gardens.

A special ARC work day is planned to prune for the fall bloom in the Circle Gardens and other existing rose gardens on Saturday Sept. 10th