

The American Rose Center  
*America's Rose Garden*

Volunteer Newsletter

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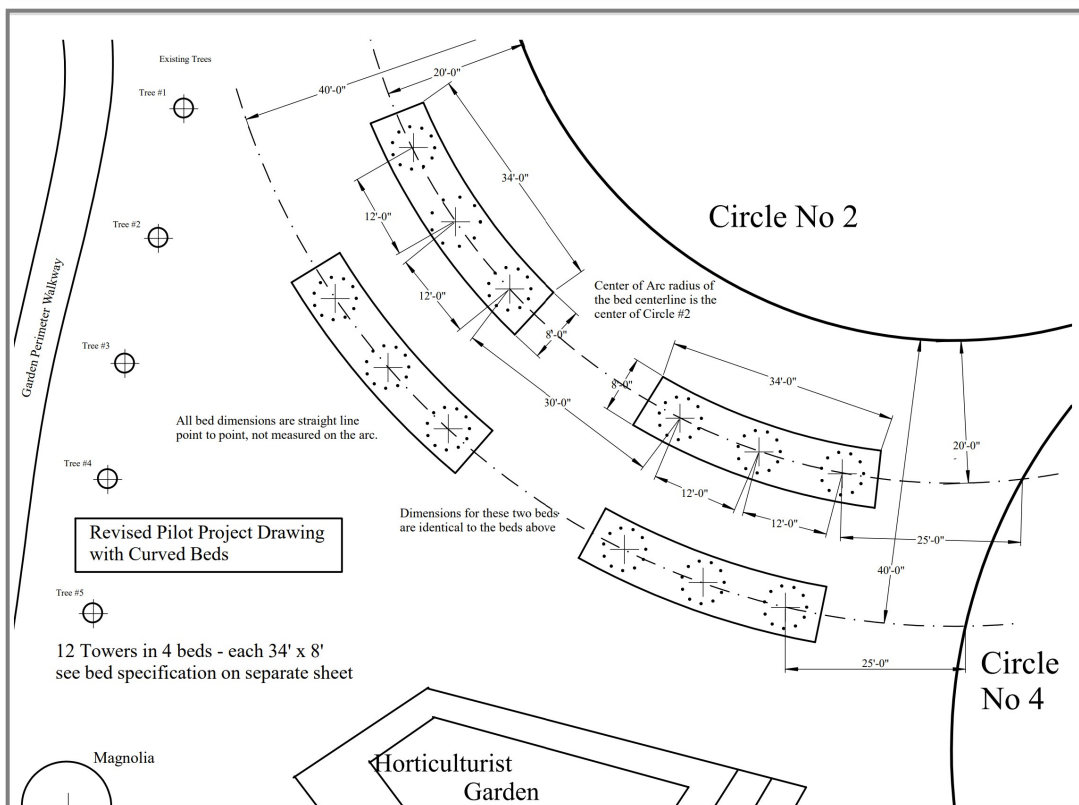
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**ARC regular Volunteer Day is Thursday of every week**  
**Master Gardener scheduled service day is the third Thursday of each month.**  
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*Rambler Ramblings... Claude Graves*

Welcome to the first edition of 2023 of the Volunteer Newsletter. The volume of work in the rambler nurseries will be increasing as the small ramblers of last year will begin their mature rambler growth habits, which in a word is VIGEROUS. Pruning and training these roses will be the major duty for the rambler volunteers. This spring the goal will be to prune for the maximum amount of bloom for the National Convention of the American Rose Society to be held in the ARC gardens in May.



**Rambler Pilot Garden**

The most exciting new project involving the ramblers is the construction of the Rambler Pilot Project Garden consisting of 12 Twelve foot tall towers in 4 separate beds adjacent to Circle 2 of the recently completed Roses in Time Garden.

This garden is not only to display a few of the ramblers, but primarily for conducting a time study on the labor time required to maintain large ramblers in a formal garden setting.

The cost date from this year long study will determine the feasibility of displaying a larger number of the Anne Belovich ramblers in the gardens.

This Tower and Bed garden design duplicates the successful garden design employed at Chambersville Tree Farms.

The 12 Rambler Pilot Garden ramblers



Dorothy Perkins  
*Fades to darker pink*



Evangeline



Gardenia  
*Quickly fades to pure white*



Geschwind's Nordlandrose #2



Heidekönigin



Oriole



Papa Gouchault  
Photo—Help Me Find



Rubin



Rudelsburg



Snowdrift



Venusta Pendula



Vicomtesse de Chabannes

## Ramblers at Chambersville

These Ramblers at Chambersville are planted in the same type of bed as designed for the Rambler Pilot Garden at the ARC.



Photo at Right was taken in December, 2013 when the ramblers pictured above were being planted at Chambersville. The Photos above were taken in April of 2015, 17 months later. Ramblers grow fast! Can you say “Jack and the Beanstalk!”

### Expanding the Plant Variety in America’s Rose Garden

With the completion of the Great Garden Restoration Project, and the establishment of the World Federation of Rose Societies' sanctioned International Rose Trial Garden Plus the addition of the Anne Belovich Rambler Collection, the ARC gardens have an abundant display of roses. As beautiful as roses are, they do only bloom in flushes in limited seasons. For America’s Rose Garden to reach our goal of becoming a year 'round destination garden attraction we need blooms and color in every season.

A long stated goal of the ARC is to become a botanical garden with an emphasis on roses. The desire to add a broader diversity of plants has now become even more important with the growing acceptance of the ARC Gardens as a wedding venue. Brides get married in every month of the year and expect beautiful, colorful, photo sites in all seasons. Many of the older rose gardens at the rose center will be diversified by replacing or supplementing the existing roses with non-rose plants of different types, textures, colors and bloom seasons. The ARC Committee is tasked with helping to gather donated plants to meet the needs to add the diversity in plant materials before the National Rose Convention in May, 2023.

To that end, we have created a Wish List of specific plants that will merge well into the scheme to provide color and interest in the gardens over a larger percentage of the year. We are appealing to all ARC supporters and volunteers to help secure donations of the Wish List plants for planting this spring.

This appeal extends to the Master Gardeners who provide so much service to the ARC by volunteering in the Rambler Nurseries. I full well recognize the priority of the MG’s is to gather plants for their own Plant Sale, however I do also know that sometimes in such efforts an excess of some specific plant can be created. We would be grateful if these excess plant might be made available to the ARC, by either collecting the plants for us, or by advising us of the location of the source of the plants.

Additionally, we know many of you will be thinning or removing plants from your personal gardens this spring, if these could be potted and given to the ARC we would be proud to offer them a new home.

Thank you! to all of the ARC Volunteers for all you do to help support the gardens at the ARC, we literally could not do it without your help!

**Next Master Gardener Rambler Service Day**  
**Thursday February 16th @ 9:00 AM**

**ARC Plant Wish List**

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The Wish List of plants we are requesting to be donated to the gardens at the ARC has not been completed as of the emailing of this Volunteer News Letter. I will have a copy of the list available at the next Nursery work day on Feb 16th

**Work in Rambler Nursery #1**

The cycles of very warm weather interspersed with brief plunges below freezing has played havoc with all the roses at the ARC, including the ramblers. The roses start to bud out and then the tender new growth gets frozen.

Our job this month of pruning the ramblers will be to identify how much needs to be cut off and what will be a wait and watch situation.

The pruning this month will be a great teaching-learning experience as we determine what we do to

various individual ramblers of varying genetics. It will be even more valuable because of the significant number of large size ramblers being held to be planted in the new Rambler Pilot Garden.

The irrigation spray stakes need to be installed on some of the large ramblers in nursery 1. I will be bringing a supply of the correct spray stake assemblies for these roses.

**Work in Rambler Nursery #2**

In Nursery #2 we will be (temporarily) installing 17 new rooted rambler cuttings. The new ramblers are in 1 gallon pots and will need to be transplanted into the standard 3 gallon pot we use in the nursery prior to installing into the nursery and installing the temporary drip irrigation system.

We will also complete the drip irrigation on the roses installed into Nursery 2 last month.

**Upcoming Events at the American Rose Center**

**ARC Annual Pruning Party— See flyer on page 5**

## ANNUAL PRUNING PARTY AT AMERICAN ROSE CENTER

**SHREVEPORT, LA** – America’s Rose Garden at the American Rose Center is seeking volunteers to participate during its upcoming “Pruning Party” on Saturday, February 18, from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to come work in the garden. Lunch will be provided to all who register. From 8:15-8:30 attendees will learn how to prune roses by Claude Graves as part of our Green Thumb Series of horticultural programming.

*Claude Graves, a retired engineer, is an American Rose Society Master Rosarian. Claude has been growing roses for 50 years. He is the Rose Consultant for the Dallas Arboretum and has been involved in testing and evaluating roses in the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Earthkind™ Rose Research Project, the American Rose Center, and Chambersville Tree Farms. He is the 2020 recipient of the American Rose Society’s Klima Gold Medal for his work in Rose Education. He is also a 2021 recipient of the Mary Johnston Award for his work and dedication to the American Rose Center.*

No experience is needed. Volunteers should bring pruners and garden gloves. Master Gardeners, Garden Club members, Scout troops, 4-H Clubs, businesses and church groups are encouraged to participate. Volunteers are essential to fulfilling a public garden’s mission of connecting people with plants, including Roses. What better way to learn, than to work alongside fellow gardeners with a goal of helping to keep America’s Rose Garden beautiful and ready for visitors.

Registration is necessary to reserve a complimentary lunch. For more information about the Pruning Party or to register, please contact Brandy Boudreau (318) 532-5423 or by email: [brandy@rose.org](mailto:brandy@rose.org)

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The American Rose Society is a non-profit, educational organization working to promote the beauty, culture and preservation of the rose. Their headquarters home, the American Rose Center - America’s Rose Garden, features more than 7,000 rose bushes – this translates into more than 400 different types of roses in one place. The grounds also include various sculptures and water features, as well as a playground and picnic area. The American Rose Center, located at 8877 Jefferson Paige Road in Shreveport, Louisiana, is open Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., April 1 through October 31. Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.