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### ***Roses at the Rancho Buena Vista Adobe***

Roses have fascinated and pleased human beings since time immemorial. They date back so far as 40 million years ago on this earth as evidenced by fossils found in our country in Colorado and Oregon. Our cultures through the ages have incorporated this flower as symbol with many meanings in our lives from China, to Egypt, to Greece and Italy, to the Mideast, Europe and other continents including our own. They appear only in the Northern hemisphere, not south of the equator. From the wild roses (species) growing unaided by humans, the blooms have come to be included in our own gardens where they thrive with human tending.

It is doubtful that in Southern California roses were especially cultivated in view of our climate of being a coastal desert here in Vista. Some few wild roses thrived based on our weather and when water became available to us in the new 20<sup>th</sup> century, more cultivated roses appeared. Especially after the introduction of significant water availability in the mid-century, roses became a garden reality and standby.

There is an interesting story about Vista however. Cave Cout's owner of the other adobe in Vista, Rancho Guajome had a wild rose, *Rosa laevigata* (Cherokee rose) growing in his courtyard as discovered in the 1990s. The bush dated back to about 1850, the time of settlement of Vista and California. One would speculate that some household water might have gotten splashed on it from time to time as it was in the courtyard, probably nearby the kitchen. A cultivar of that mother plant is now thriving at Rancho Buena Vista Adobe from a recent propagation.

## ABOUT ROSES:

There are many varieties of roses grouped into classes based on their similar characteristics. Here at the Adobe we have roses illustrating a multitude of those classes. In 1989 after the recent purchase of the Rancho Buena Vista by the City, the Vista Garden Club presented the Adobe with a formal rose garden located in its center. The club continued to offer rose consultation through the years and continues to do so. The roses in the formal garden are modern roses consisting mainly of Hybrid Teas by class, Floribundas, and miniatures. These are all man-made hybrids descended from those early wild roses inhabiting the girth of the earth. Over the last few years additional roses have been slowly added to various locations over the 2 acre adobe site. Many classes of roses including a number of significant historical heritage roses now grace the landscape in many small garden areas.

There have been added a significant number of the class of China roses, obviously descended from the roses of China of yesteryear; these roses have given us the gift of continual rebloom through hybridization in our modern varieties. Some of the originals are now here to be seen. They date back to the late 1700s when the British discovered them growing in Chinese gardens and brought them back to cultivate in Europe. They are ideally suited to our temperate climate and bloom almost continuously and also as they bloom repeatedly a garden of antique tea roses has been added alongside the brick walkway leading into the adobe from the Alta Vista entrance. The teas also originated in China and in the 19<sup>th</sup> century the French hybridizers created glorious varieties with their arrival in Europe. The roses are of a refined growth with slender nodding branches and the pale colored blooms are so large they nod and hang from the delicate branches. The blooms have a lovely fragrance.

Also introduced are the class Hybrid Musks hybridized in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century by a British clergyman prior to his death. Only a handful of varieties were created; they too thrive in our temperate climate.

## **Entrance WALKWAY from ALTA VISTA**

### Garden of Tea roses

(Planted Fall 2007)

Outside the gate: Jaune Desprez, climber-Noisette-1830

### Inside:

Reve D'Or-climber-Noisette-1869

Clotilde Soupert-climber-Polyantha-1902

Cramoisi Superieur-China-1832

Mme Joseph Schwartz—Tea-1880

Duchesse de Brabant-Tea-1857

Isabella Sprunt-Tea-1855

Maman Cochet-Tea-1893

Mrs. Dudley Cross-Tea-1908

Monsieur Tillier-Tea-1891

Le Pactole-Tea-1841

Marie Van Houtte-Tea-1871

Souvenir D'Un Ami-Tea-1846

William R. Smith-Tea-1908

By Ivy Bodin, Rosarian April, 2008

(I arrived at Rancho Buena Vista Adobe in the Spring of 2002 at the public request of a need for volunteers. As a rose aficionado I thought the beautiful grounds of the Adobe were a perfect spot to enhance the landscape with special heritage roses to match the historical quality of the facility. With the approval and support of the City of Vista staff I am still creating this special tribute to Vista.)



**FORMAL ROSE GARDEN  
(located in the interior of the compound.)**

Hybrid Musks :

- 88-Ballerina-(1937)
- 89-Penelope-(1924)
- 90-Buff Beauty-1939)
- 91-Felicia-(1928)

Others:

- Autumn Damask-(<1819), R. damascena bifera-Species
- Sydonie- Hybrid Perpetual (1846)
- 2-Mrs. Oakley Fisher-Hybrid Tea (1921)
- 2- Irene Watts-China- (1896)
- 2- Playgirl-Floribunda- (1986)
- 6-Mr. Lincoln-Hybrid Tea-(1965)
- 2-Double Delight-Hybrid Tea-(1977)
- Brandy-Hybrid Tea-(1981)
- (5) Sun Flare
- (3) Pleasures
- Peace-Hy Tea
- (2) Sexy Remy-FI
- 2-Color Magic-Hy Tea
- 2-First Prize-Hy Tea

We also have some species now growing (wild roses). Of course, *R. laevigata*, the Gift, *Rosa californica*, Mermaid (a hybrid *bracteata*), the *Rugosas*, the *Rosa banksias*. And a very special cultivar, *Rosa damascena bifera*, also known as Autumn Damask. This rose is also known as *Quatre Saisons* (French for four seasons) because it was one of the only known reblooming roses prior to the introduction of the China roses. It is thought this rose is the popular Mission rose growing at so many early California settlements because it is thought to have been brought over by the Catholic missionaries from Spain in the 1700s. It is also known as Rose of Castille.

***↻The Roses at the Adobe↻***

**Wildwood Entrance gate walk**

Left side	Right side
<u>Outside</u> -Gold of Ophir, a China rose 1966 ( R. odorato pseuindica-1845)	Altissimo-Climber-
Linda Campbell-Hy Rugosa-1990	Bill Grant-Shrub
Mermaid-Hy Bracteata-1918 1824	Sanguinea-China-
Crystal Fairy-Polyantha-2001 1958	2.5-Alba Meidiland-S Iceberg-Floribunda-
Iceberg	Iceberg
Iceberg	Iceberg
The Fairy-Polyantha-(1932)	Iceberg
Iceberg	Iceberg
Iceberg	Iceberg
Lovely Fairy-Polyantha(1990)	Iceberg
Iceberg	Iceberg
Iceberg	Iceberg
Wild Spice-Hy Rugosa(1999)	White Pearl in Red Mouth-
Dragon's China	
Mary Rose-Austin shrub(1983)	Iceberg
Iceberg	

## **Gift Shop/ Art Gallery/ Patio Walkway (back of gift shop)**

Marie Pavie-Polyantha(1888)	Marie Pavie
Vincent Godsiff-China-(Found) 1929	Pink Pet-China-
Old Gay Hill Red China-(Found) China	Old Gay Hill Red
Hermosa-China- (<1837) China(1832)	Cramoisi Superieur-
Archduke Charles-China-(1837)	
Jean Bach Sisley-China- (1889)	
Mme. Laurette Messimy-China (1887)	
Rose de Rescht-Portland	
Martha Gonzales-Found	
Rose de Rescht-<1940	
Duchesse de Brabant-Tea (1857)	

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## **Art gallery patio roses**

### Climbers on Pergola:

R. banksia 'Purezza'-(1961) Hy Species  
Sally Holmes-Hybrid Musk (1976 )  
New Dawn- (1930)  
Sombreuil\_CI tea (1850)

### Corner right back triangle:

Old Gay Hill Red China-(found rose)  
Old Blush-China- (1752)  
Old Blush  
Old Blush  
Old Blush

### Back Fence Climbers:

Don Juan- (1958)  
Mme. Alfred Carriere-Noisette- (1879)  
White Dawn-(1949)  
Cl Iceberg- (1968)

### Side alley-Art Gallery

Mutabilis-(Tipo Ideale, r. chinensis mutabilis-China-  
(1894)  
Mutabilis-  
Mutabilis-

## **Outside Adobe Quadrangle Wall**

Lyda Rose-Shrub-1994  
White Pearl in Red Dragon's Mouth-Ancient  
White Pearl in red (China)  
Bailey Red-Found  
Crystal Fairy-Polyantha-(2001)  
Kent  
Hybrid Rugosa-Polar Ice-(1991)  
R. rugosa alba <1860  
Mutabilis-China-(1894)  
R. Banksia lutea-species-(1824)  
Cl. Mlle. Cecile Brunner-Polyantha  
Knock Out-Shrub (1894)  
Cherokee rose-Species  
Mutabilis-China-1894  
R. laevigata-(1759)  
R. banksias banksia'Snowflake'-(1807)  
Burbank White Rambler-(found rose)  
Secret Garden Noisette-found  
Sally Holmes-(1976)  
Hybrid Musk  
Hurdy Gurdy-Cl Miniature (1986)  
R. banksias normalis species(1796)

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## **Extra Roses:**

Sedum bed-Altissimo-(1966) climber  
Old room,side of quadrangle-Mermaid-Hybrid Bracteata-  
1918  
Walkway to Alta Vista- -Colette  
The Gift-Polyantha  
California Natives garden-R. californica-Species (1878)

