



# Bench Newsletter

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Glorious Peggy Martin at our Tea Meeting

**PROGRAM for 2016****Thursday May 5th 2016****SET UP for AGM**

Horticultural Hall

Set Up for the Friday meeting

9 – 10 AM

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## Tulo Vally Propagation Unit News

Tulo Valley is up and running as of April 1st



Eugene explains the mystery of unlocking the new padlock on the gate at Tulo Pen  
The code is R3181



The watering crew at Tulo Valley gather for a group photo. Thank you Neville Richardson Botanical Gardens Curator for your continuing support

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## **Roses still remaining at Tulo Valley FOR SALE**

I am normally at Tulo on a Thursday morning around 9-30 am to  
water please call me or Pat Thomas to pick up

Agrippina (Cramoisi Superieur)	5
Archduke Charles ("Seven Sisters")	2
Belle Strickland	1
Bermuda's Catherine Mermet	1
Carefree Beauty	1
Carnation	3
Emmie Gray	1
Fortuniana	1
Francois Juranville	1
General Schablikine	4
Green Rose	1
Papa Gontier	4
Portuguese Rambler	1
Smith's Parish	3
St. David's	3
White Mamam Cochet	1

### Guess the Rose Competition



If you think you know what the rose above is, please email your bench team.  
In our March 5th newsletter the rose was Baby Blanket a Shrub rose (below)  
Thank you those who responded . Please keep trying it's all about getting to know roses!



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## **“ADVENTURES IN THE LAND OF WINE AND ROSES”**

### **Another ramble from Gerry Ardis**

We had an early dinner on Sunday evening because we had to be up bright and early and on the buses by seven o'clock on Monday morning for a visit to Saint Galmier, a small town some 80 kilometers west of Lyon, which is known for roses planted everywhere. Seemingly, over the years, there has been a very good relationship between the Heritage Rose Groups of St. Galmier and the Lyon Rose Society hence the invitation from the Mayor of St Galmier to receive all the 600 plus delegates from the Convention. We were leaving too early for breakfast at our hotel in Lyon but all was not lost because when we arrived in St. Galmier, just after nine o'clock, we had an excellent breakfast at the Mayor of St Galmier's reception. The venue of the morning reception was unusual because it was held in a large grass area in the local harness race course. Many local people from the town were present to ensure that their 600 plus guests from around the world were well fed with a very enjoyable French breakfast of croissants, Danish pastry, cheeses, yogurts, fruit, excellent coffee and champagne.

After breakfast we were guided into a large room called the “Longchamp Room” (probably named after the famous French race course) where we heard speeches of welcome from the Mayors of Saint Galmier and the nearby village of Chamboeuf where the famous French Meilland family of rose breeders has its origins. Meilland roses are world famous and they grow over twelve million roses each year in nurseries in France, Spain, Morocco and the Netherlands. One of the most famous Meilland rose is the hybrid tea “Peace” .

We had a few short talks, which thankfully, were interesting. The subjects were “Managing a centenary rose garden”, “The Noisette rose project in France” and three talks about how to select rose fragrances and create rose perfume.

After the talks there was a stall where the delegates were able to pick up postcards of Saint Galmier and send them round the world without postage.



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Our next event was lunch which was described as a “Traditional French ‘Picnic’ on the grass” which turned out to be a very nice sit down four course lunch buffet with wine and water in the large grass area beside the race course. The buffet was served by local volunteers who did a great job making sure everyone was well fed and supplied with plenty of water and wine.

After our picnic lunch we boarded our buses for the short drive to the village of Chamboeuf where we were greeted by the children of the local primary school waving the national flags of the delegates; it was very nice because I even saw one of the children waving the Bermuda flag. We had a welcoming address from Mr. Gerald Meilland who is a member



of the Meilland family of rose breeders and also a leading member of the Committee who organized the Convention. The Heritage Rose Society of Chamboeuf village had refreshment tables set up with cold “Badoit” sparkling mineral water and soft drinks.

Badoit sparkling carbonated mineral water comes from a natural spring in Saint Galmier where the spring has been producing clear bubbling drinking water since 1778. We are told the spring produced seven thousand bottles of water a day back in 1848. The spring is completely natural and the water is carbonated by a natural process of ground water passing through fissures and gas pockets in the granite bedrock.

Chamboeuf is an amazing place for roses. The small village is, in fact, a carefully tended rose garden with wooden and metal arches, fences, extended porticos on the houses and

buildings, pergolas and trellises all covered with masses of different blooming roses. There were roses everywhere; long pathways with arches covered in climbing roses; carefully weeded beds of blooming rose bushes along a sports field; trellises and fences literally covered in blooms bordering the roads and roses trained up the sides of the houses. The village itself was immaculate, I formed the impression that half the inhabitants of the village must spend much of their time tending roses. Also, there was a member of the Chamboeuf Rose Society at every street corner and intersection to guide us to the next amazing view of blooming roses. There was literally a different view of blooming roses round every corner with each stunning view different from the last.

The closing ceremony and farewell dinner were held at the Convention Center and consisted of Mr. Steve Jones of the United States passing over the chain of office of President of the Federation of World Rose Societies to Mr. Kelvin Trimper of Australia who will be

President for the next three years. There were the usual speeches and presentation of awards.

Bermuda won the World Federation of Rose Societies' Literary Award of Excellence for the best rose book published during the previous three years. Of course, we all cheered when the award was announced but I have to say that the loudest cheer, or should I say scream, was from Molly White. Molly was sitting next to me and she even scared me. I noticed that the large Chinese delegation who were sitting at an adjoining table seemed a somewhat taken aback by our rather raucous celebration of the award. Peter Holmes and Marijke Peterich accepted the award on behalf of The Bermuda Rose Society and again received a loud cheer from us. There wasn't that many of us but I think we made the most noise.

The farewell dinner was very nice. The first course was a fish Terrine cooked with white wine

followed by chicken "Mere Blanc" with cream and mushrooms and potato pancakes; then a course of local cheeses and fig chutney and for dessert lemon tart with meringue and a Yuzu sorbet. The meal was prepared under the direction of Michelin Guide chef Christian Tetedoie. Of course, the meal was accompanied by a selection of excellent local wine; Chateau Barbeyrolles and Chateau la Tour de l'Eveque red, white and "Petale de Roses"



To be continued in October 2016

**Photos from our April Tea Meeting held at Diana Antonition's home**



Above: Teapot arrangements  
Below: "Alton" at Diana's Home



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## Rose News

Attention new members please advise me if you have not received your Belfield Rose.

If members have an idea of a speaker that would be interesting for our members please contact me.

<http://evite.me/ZYfsNr8bCS> If you helped out at the AG Show this is the link for an invite to the Appreciation Party to be held this Wednesday May 4th at Camden House Lawn at 6-8 pm see you all there.