



Roses on the Red

Red River Rose Society

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President Message

I hope your holidays were fun and restful. I know I gained the mandatory five pounds and I loved every bite. Despite the 2 ½ inches of solid ice we had before Christmas that covered the roads and piled up several feet before our garage door and front door, I have daffodils poking their leaves up three inches and some other bulbs also beginning to show life. This may be a crazy winter and spring.

I have been thinking about Mike Shoup's November presentation, especially the climbers/ramblers. I read somewhere that climbers are the magicians in the gardens and looking through Mike's book, *Empress of the Garden* his pictures are definitely 'show stoppers'. Climbers usually reach for the sky, although some of the flowers look down as you gaze up. Ramblers have thinner canes that droop or arch down and usually bloom once with large flowers or in cluster of small flowers.

Climbing Cecile Brunner



January is the best time to go through your rose books and pamphlets to see if you can find a climbing rose that will be your next 'show stopper' Climbing Cécile Brunner has slightly larger blooms and leaves than its counterpart shrub, which is very striking close or from a distant. Albertine is probably one of the most popular of the Ramblers. It is a very reliable rose that blooms freely. The buds start out as a salmon-red and open into a large, coppery-pink flower. It has a lovely fragrance. Albertine is perfect growing on a fence. But it can be a 'show stopper' any place. Climbing Souvenir de la Malmaison was once named the Queen of Beauty and Fragrance. This rose can climb 20 feet and because it gets so tall, some people prefer the shrub version, which can grow four plus feet and is very fragrant. But if you

do choose the climber, you will have flowers looking down at you, nodding with approval and spreading their wonderful fragrance.

Albertine, a Rambler



Albertine, drooping into a pond



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If you look around and feel there are lots of shades of pink and cream in your garden, I can suggest Climbing Crimson Glory. The color is a deep, velvety red and finally a shade of purple. It has a lovely fragrance and a good climbing form. Red Fountain is another red climber with scarlet petals and a slight fragrance. It is a repeat bloomer. Altissimo has bright red petals. It is a repeat bloomer and has large double petaled five inches across bloom.

A large bloom, sweet fragrance, salmon-pink petals tinted with apricot, is a repeat bloomer. Compassion is a favorite with many rosarians.



Climbing Crimson Glory



Compassion climber



Altissimo climber



Red Fountain climber

These are just a few of the wonderful
climbers and ramblers.
Sandra

Did you know?



The Dog Rose (*R. Canina*)

This rose is named after the ancient belief that its roots could cure the bite of mad dogs. The dog rose, (*R. canina*) grows wild over much of northern Europe and western Asia. I found no evidence that this remedy is effective as a cure...

It is that time of year when the north wind doth blow and maybe there's snow.
But no maybe, the Red River Rose Society dues are payable by check for
\$20.00 to:

Harriet Steward
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Or payable to Harriet at the next RRRS meeting on January 21st.

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calendar year and checks made out to the Red River Rose Society can be mailed to Harriet Stewart, 801 Holland Drive, Denison, TX 75020.