



HRIA SYDNEY GROUP NEWSLETTER June 2025



Friday, 20th June 2025

***Fimbriata; Hybrid Rugosa;
France; Morlet 1889***

Photo taken at Rookwood 11 Oct 2014

Dear Members,

Winter hit Sydney early this year with it starting to get cold before the end of May and June has been consistently cold so maybe it will kill all the bugs. My apologies for having to cancel our June meeting at short notice and we will reschedule the planned talk for one of our winter meetings next year.

A very warm welcome to our new member Mary Choy. Mary lives on the Norther Beaches and hopefully she will be able to join in on some of our activities and meetings.

On the 26th April a few of us attended the Southern Highlands Plant Fair. There are now quite a few plant stalls represented which is quite different to what it was a few years ago. Reuben Nieuwesteeg was there with his roses from The Wild Rose Nursery and it was great to be able to make a few purchases. Reuben said he will be able to supply us with a couple of Radiance plants to replace the ones that reacted badly to the wet weather at Rookwood last year. He is expecting to have these plants available by say November so that will be great. The Illawarra and Southern Highlands Group were busy selling roses they had propagated and I believe they had a very successful weekend. As well as the Plant Fair there were also gardens open so an event well worth putting in your diaries for next year.

On the 13th May I visited the Goulburn Garden Club to give a talk on Heritage Roses. As part of these talks I usually donate a copy of the Peter Cox book 'Species Roses' and the booklet 'Heritage Roses in our Gardens' with the idea that the club can use the book(s) either as a lucky door prize or a fund raiser for their club. Well in this case the Club President decided to auction the books at a meeting in a couple of months' time so that result will be interesting!

A very big thank you again to Susan Wade who has done the write up on the roses members brought to our April meeting at Rookwood. This 'show and tell' rose segment will be a continuing feature so don't forget to bring your favourite bloom and / or rose story to future meetings.

Very best wishes to all,
Glennis

Roses brought by Sydney HRIA members to the combined Sydney/Illawarra and Southern Highlands meeting at Rookwood Cemetery on 5th April, 2025

Text and photos are by Susan Wade.

Roses brought by Lillian Barry

Lillian Barry, who lives in the Hunter Valley, brought an impressive collection of heritage roses from her garden. All of Lillian's roses were looking good, despite their long journey.



Lillian's roses, clockwise from top left

"Francis Dubreuil in commerce as" – dark red Tea*.

Souvenir de St. Anne's (behind) – light pink Bourbon, discovered by Andrew Wilson Campbell (Ireland) before 1916.

Mme Alfred Carrière – a white with light pink shading Noisette, bred by Joseph Schwartz (France) in 1875.

Cornelia – a pink Hybrid Musk, bred by Rev. Joseph Hardwick Pemberton (UK), in 1925.

* Refer to 'The Tea Roses book'¹ for information about "Francis Dubreuil (in commerce as)". This rose may be the 1932 Hybrid

Tea **Barcelona** (bred by Kordes, Germany). There is also information on the *HelpMeFind Roses* website: www.helpmefind.com/gardening/roses.php

Lillian shares details about where these roses are growing in her garden and how they perform:

- Tea Rose (there is some dispute about this classification), "Francis Dubreuil (in commerce as)" grows in a section of the jewel box garden with lots of other precious gems. He has a strong damask-like fragrance and I use him in my potpourri making.
- Bourbon, **Souvenir de St. Anne's** grows in a warm spot near an eastern boundary fence that gets hot during the day. She's a tough rose that flowers generously. Her clove-like fragrance is distinct, coming from the stamens. She and her parent, **Souvenir de la Malmaison** are my favourite Bourbons, doing well in warm climates.
- Noisette, **Mme Alfred Carrière** grows beside a small shed and is rapidly covering the north facing wall and roof. Her fragrance is a soft sweet rose that permeates the gardens. Mme AC cuts well with long, strong stems and lasts surprisingly well in the vase. She is lovely in bridal bouquets
- Hybrid Musk, **Cornelia**, grows over our front fence adjacent to a rampant old **Dorothy Perkins** and old Wisteria entwined together. Her generous bunches of small blooms have a strong fruity rose fragrance and her short stumpy buds are exquisite dried in decorative dried flower arrangements.

Do (re-)read Lillian's four page story in the October 2024 Sydney HRIA Newsletter about her relocation from a five acre garden in the hinterland of Noosa, Qld to her new half-acre garden in the Hunter Valley.

'Unknown' pink rose brought by Sally Price

The background of this rose, as shared by Glennis in an email to Susan: A few months ago when Sally and Glennis were at Green E Roses, Galston they saw an 'Unknown' pink rose and because it was so lovely Sally decided to buy it. It has since become one of those mysteries we cart around just in case someone can identify it. It was suggested by Brigitte Eckardt at Green E Roses, that maybe it could go in Barbara's Garden' at Rookwood, however, any roses planted in Barbara's Garden must be either on the original plan or known to be growing on one of the graves in Rookwood. Sally and Glennis are eager for the rose to be identified – we all love a mystery especially a beautiful one like this little rose.



Sally's thoughts: Having checked photos of **Pink Gruss an Aachen** in several rose books and on the *HelpMeFind* Roses website, Sally says that her Unknown rose 'may quite possibly be **Pink Gruss an Aachen**'.

Initially Glennis also thought this Unknown rose was **Pink Gruss an Aachen** (discovered in 1930 by Jan Spek, Netherlands), a sport of **Gruss an Aachen** (Hybrid Tea or Floribunda, 1909, L. Wilhelm Hinner, Germany), but is now not sure and is seeking other possible suggestions for its identity.

Susan's comments: To me, the flower does look like some of the photos of **Pink Gruss an Aachen** (Hybrid Tea, discovered by Speers in 1930). There are two different Pink Gruss an Aachen, both are sports of **Gruss an Aachen** (Hybrid Tea/Floribunda, 1909); the other **Pink**

Gruss an Aachen is a Floribunda, discovered by Kluis in 1929. (Some of the photos on *HelpMeFind* of the two different **Pink Gruss an Aachen** look the same/very similar to me.)

References:

1. Lynne Chapman et al, *Tea Roses: Old Roses for Warm Gardens*, Rosenberg Publishing, Kenthurst NSW, 2008, pp. 102-103.

General Business and planned activities:

Booklet - Heritage Roses in Our Gardens

This booklet has been updated and I now have booklets for sale to the public. They will be available at our next few meetings and are \$10.00 each. There are some beautiful photographs and growing information on the roses we know and love so well. A complimentary copy is available to members and if you are unlikely to be attending a meeting over the next few months and you would like a booklet I am happy to post you one.

Newsletters: At this stage the next newsletters are planned to be weeks ending 23/8/2025 and 31/10/25.

Rookwood planned activity and working bees:

Working bees have usually been 1st Monday of the month commencing approximately 10:00am. As discussed we are also going to programme in a couple of Friday working bees. At this stage we plan to work on Monday 7th July; Friday 25th July; Monday 4th August and Friday 22nd August. Please bring your own tools, lunch and a chair. Park in car park opposite the All Souls Chapel and the rose garden is behind car park. We do not work in the rain or in heatwaves so if you wish to come and are not sure of the weather please phone either Sally Price or Glennis Clark.

If you are planning to come on either of the above dates please email me as it assists with scheduling.

Neutrog:

I was hopeful that Neutrog may be able to organise a depot in Sydney so that we could do some orders via their on-line store. At this stage it is not possible, however, they have said they will enquire further and get back to me next week. If I do have any more news I will send out a special email by the end of next week.

Heritage Roses in Australia website and Sydney Group Web page:

We now have our own web page on the HRIA website and I believe other regions are in the process of setting up their page. If you have not already done so go into the site and have a look at our page.

This page is accessible to the public so you do not need to sign on to read it just open the Heritage Roses in Australia website; in the top toolbar click 'Regions and Events'; click 'Regions' and click 'Sydney Group'. Would love to have some feedback plus ideas for future articles.

Up and coming events:

- **Saturday 12th July from 10:00am**
Annual Working Bee at The Rumsey Garden, Parramatta Park.
Please come even if you are not in a position to do any pruning as it would be great if you could join us for lunch and a chat. Enter the main gates at Cnr of Pitt and Macquarie streets. Go left and you will see a parking area. The rose garden is behind the parking area. Please bring your own morning tea and lunch and a chair. If you are going to be pruning you will need to bring your own tools.
- **Saturday 9th August 2:00 pm**
Topic: The Roses of Finland
Venue: Pymble.
Please contact Sydney Group Coordinator for details should you be interested in attending.
- **Saturday 13th September 2:00 pm**
Topic: Preparing roses for Spring – Speaker from Searles
Joint meeting with Northern Sydney Rose Society Group.
Please contact Sydney Group Coordinator for details should you be interested in attending.
- **Saturday 4th October 2:00pm (note this is the 1st Saturday of the month and not our usual 2nd Saturday)**
Topic: Garden Visit
Venue: Westleigh.
Please contact Sydney Group Coordinator for details should you be interested in attending.
- **Heritage Roses in Australia Inc. Conference to be held in Toowoomba from 17-20 October 2025. Refer to the HRIA Summer 2024 Journal for details.**
I am aware that a number of our Sydney Group members have already booked and are looking forward to a great few days.
- **Saturday 8th November**
Topic: Garden Visit
Venue: Hunter Valley.
Please contact Sydney Group Coordinator for details should you be interested in attending
- **Saturday 13th December**
Christmas lunch still to be organised.

HRIA Sydney Group Committee for 2025			
Group Coordinator	Glennis Clark		
Treasurer	Pauline Dunne		
Calendar Organiser	Sue Ballinger		
Committee Members	Susan Wade Ros Bignold Tiffany Bignold		

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