

The American Rose Center
America's Rose Garden

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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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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

With a tip of my hat to my first rose mentor, Howard Walters, I have named this column after Howard's famous "Rosarian Ramblings" column that ran in The American Rose magazine for 32 years.

In each issue I will be writing a *Rambler Ramblings* about ramblers, it may be about a hybridizer, a particular rambler variety, or group of ramblers.

**Albert Barbier 1845 -1931
Orléans, Loire
France**



ABOVE—'René André' showing its early bloom, cool weather deep coloration, seldom seen in the warmer southern states. Enjoy this special treat if we get lucky with the weather some year. This rose I number 2.08 in the Rambler Nursery.

In previous Volunteer Newsletters we have looked at some of the famous American hybridizers, this issue we will look at arguably the most famous French hybridizer, Albert Barbier. Barbier is recognized for his success in creating beautiful large bloom H wichuraiana ramblers. Later studies on his roses revealed that he was actually using the Japanese *R. luciae* instead of the conventional Chinese *R. wichuraiana* used by the other hybridizers of the time. *R. luciae* is considered by some to be a form of *R. wichuraiana*. The other secret of his ability to produce large blooms with a wider range of colors is that Barbier frequently used the large bloom Tea Roses in his crosses. Although Barbier's ramblers were superior in some ways to the *R. wichuraiana* roses of his peers, his

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rose were notable less hardy, reflecting the characteristics of *R. luciae* and the tender Tea roses he used in his breeding program. Barbier's primary commercial work was with fruit trees, but he achieved more enduring fame with the legacy of his beautiful climbing roses.

Barbier has the largest representation of any hybridizer in Anne Belovich's collection at 31 different varieties. The largest collection of Barbier roses is said to be at the gardens at La Roseraie de l'Haÿ-les Roses, near Paris. I don't know how many they have at l'Haÿ-les Roses, but it can not be too many more than in the Anne Belovich collection.

'Jules Lavesher',

'Jules Lavesher' Barbier, H Wich 1908 is an example of a beautiful rare rambler in Anne Belovich's collection. I recently wrote an article on Anne's Collection for The Heritage Rose Foundation Newsletter and I included some photos of some of the lesser known ramblers. 'Jules Lavesher' was one of 6 photos I sent. The editorial staff of the HRF Newsletter is a very knowledgeable group and none of them had ever seen a photo of this rose before, nor any of the other 5 photos. Jules Lavesher is number 7.06 in the Rambler Nursery, it should be in bloom on May 19 at the next Master Gardener's day. Be sure and check it out, you will be viewing a rose very few people in the United States have ever seen bloom!



RIGHT—If you like vivid color, you will love this big bloomed beauty. 'Henri Barreuet' Barbier H Wich - 1918 is one of the most brightly colored ramblers in the Anne Belovich Collection. But you will have to wait until next year for this visual treat. 'Henri Barreuet' will not arrive until this fall in the arrival of the new rooted cuttings from Chambersville.



'Paul Transon', HWich, 1900

'Paul Transon' is named for a nurseryman business partner of Barbier. There are two different ramblers 'Paul Transon' and 'Paul Noël' that are frequently confused. This photo is from a 'Paul Transon' cutting received from Steve Jones, a former ARS President.

'Paul Transon' is described as light pink, 'Paul Noël' is salmon-pink. This rose seems to actually be 'Paul Noël'



'Paul Noël', Tanne, HWich, 1913

The photo on the Left is the 'Paul Noël' we received from Anne Belovich. It appears we may have both roses name wrong! The rose named 'Paul Noël' in this photo is definitely light pink. However I have seen this rose appear much more "salmon" tinted than in this photo. In fact in the past, I have laid the two blooms together and they appear identical! I see the reason for the amount of confusion.

**'Casimir Moullé' HWich
1910**

Right—'Casimir Moullé' is a very vigorous grower and puts quite a show with its pink blend blooms. This rambler is on one of the six towers at the entrance of the Rose Center. Look for it when you come in. It is the largest rambler there at this point in time.



A Change of Procedure for the Third Volunteer Day

We had a great turnout for the second Master Gardener Training day on April the 21st. Larry Williams has done a great job of communicating the esprit de corps that is forming with the volunteers to save the ramblers in the Anne Belovich Collection. I appreciate the sincere interest and "ownership" of this project developing in the group.

As the number of volunteers needing training decreases we will modify the procedure this coming Service day on May 19. I will be there and will provide training to the new volunteers to the project. While I train the newcomers, we will have some experienced volunteers tending to the Ramblers.

Larry has assembled two teams of volunteers that have already been through the training. The ARC Volunteer

Coordinators, Frank Hover and Pam Bradley will each lead one of the groups to do the actual work that needs to be done in the nursery of tying and pruning the ramblers.

At this time the ramblers are still very small it will not take long for the two crews to complete their work. We realize that the volunteers want to serve longer to accumulate more service hours, so Frank and Pam will then move them into the main rose gardens when the nursery work is completed.

There will plenty of pruning and deadheading to do in the new Circle Gardens and the other existing rose gardens. Your help in these gardens will be very much appreciated by our staff that is stretched thin with the increased number of rose in the new gardens.

Third Master Gardeners' Service Day

Thursday, May 19

8:30 AM - At the fenced area East of the administration building (not the west side).

We do not meet at the Klima Center near the gate. Please drive down the road thru the open deer fence gate.

You will see the Rambler Nursery on your left. Park on the side of the road.

Agenda for the day

Returning volunteers: Larry Williams is going to organize two teams of volunteers to work on the ramblers. After the work is done in the Rambler nursery these crews will fill out their volunteer hours working on the roses in the main garden.

Tools needed: Pruners, Gloves

Optional: Knee Pads, scissors or knife to cut tape.

New Volunteers

Claude Graves, ARC Committee Chair and Curator of the Anne Belovich Rambler Garden at Chambersville Tree Farms will conduct a training session on the various tasks for the new Rambler Garden volunteers. This information will be essential for proper care and training and tying of the ramblers.

Tip of The Day

If you are going to buy new gloves to work on the prickly ramblers, consider buying goat skin gloves. They are much more impervious to the prickles than most any other gloves and still soft and more flexible. Home Depot usually stocks a good goat skin glove at a reasonable price.