Houston Rose Society 2011 Garden Tours

This will be an afternoon to remember. Get an early start so that you won't miss any of the sights, and make sure that your camera has plenty of film (or memory chips), and plenty of battery charge. The flowers are a-bloom in our fair City, and you'll see plenty of them. The owners of these gardens will show you what good blooms are all about.

A few suggestions: (1) Don't show up early - the Tour starts at Noon, not before. Don't stay

late, unless asked. Don't litter – pick up what you drop. Don't pluck anything. Don't ask to go inside. DO thank your hosts, and compliment their gardens. DO speak to others in the gardens. DO have a great time!

NOTE: Gardens do not have to be visited in the order in which they appear on this list.

Baxter Williams, Tour Chair

Sunday, April 17th, 12:00 pm until 6:00 pm

1. Bert and Wanda Williams

10 Wincrest Falls Drive, Cypress

281-370-7468

Our garden consists of a large mostly hybrid tea bed with a few Minifloras and a smaller bed of minis and a couple of The Dark Lady's which my husband started from an old bush. There is a bed of Old English Roses near the lake. Bert and Wanda visited, and ordered from, Heirloom Roses in Wilsonville, OR, all of which are own-root roses. There is a new bed near the lake, which is called "the red bed". Knock Outs and Home Runs are in several beds near the house, as well as several other shrub roses around crepe myrtles, etc. Their 100+ azaleas should be blooming.

Directions: From N Beltway 8 to TX Hwy 249, exit northbound to Louetta Rd, left (west) past N. Eldridge to Wincrest Court, left to Wincrest Falls Drive, left to house on right. This is a gated community, but the gate will be open for the duration of the Garden Tour.

2. Margaret and Herb Loper

11038 Lark Brook Lane

281-807-4911

This garden features beautiful mature and new Hybrid Teas as well as Miniatures and Minifloras. Like so many of us, Margaret and Herb just have to try some new varieties each year. You'll see new ideas to try in your own garden.

Directions: From US Hwy 290, exit right on FM 1960 one block to Wortham Blvd, left (north) past bridge to Walnut Lake Road, left to Lark Brook Lane, right to house on right.

From Williams: Return to Louetta, right to N. Eldridge, right (south) 5.8 miles to FM 1960, right to Wortham Blvd, right to Walnut Lake Road, see above.

3. Donald Burger and Maria Trevino 702 Mosby Circle

713-861-5412

Always a favorite garden on the Tour, Donald and Maria's garden highlights not only Old Garden Roses but also garden trains, ponds, turtles, bees and other interesting features.

Directions: From I-10 W take the N. Shepherd exit, north to 11th Street, right to Studewood, right (south) to 7 ½ Street, right to two blocks Mosby Circle, left to house in *cul-de-sac*.

From Loper: Return to FM 1960, right to US Hwy 290, south to Loop 610, right to Loop 610 South to I-10, left to N. Shepherd, left (north) to 11th Street, see above.

4. The River Oaks Rose Club Lazy Lane

This unusual garden is in the center of the street on Lazy Lane, and is a delight to those local residents who jog and walk the dogs each day. You will see various types of roses planted so that all who pass might enjoy their beauty.

Directions: From US 59 S take the Kirby exit, go north past Inwood Drive to Lazy Lane, left to garden in esplanade.

From Burger: Return to Studewood, right past White Oak (becomes Studemont) to Allen Parkway, right (west) past S. Shepherd (becomes Kirby) to Lazy Lane, right to garden in esplanade.

5. Elizabeth Herrera 1618 Milford 832-221-9482

Elizabeth's garden is new on our Tour this year. Dr. Herrera has emphasized several styles of roses – Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, and Old Garden Roses. It is amazing to see what she has done with a modest-sized site in the heart of the City

Directions: From US Hwy 59S, exit south on Greenbriar to Milford (first street on left), left to house on left.

From River Oaks: South on Lazy Lane to Inwood, left (east) to Kirby, right beyond US Hwy 59 to Bissonnet, left to Dunlavy, left (north) to Milford, right to house on left.

6. Hospitality Apartments

7300 Bertner

713-740-9120

Hospitality Apartments provides free housing to families in need who are receiving medical treatments in the Texas Medical Center, and is just seven blocks south of M D Anderson Cancer Hospital. Joe Hightower and Bob Paddock have created a delightful floral display to raise the spirits of residents. Many of the specimens in this garden would win awards in a judged rose show, if harvested and entered.

Directions: From S Loop 610, exit onto Fannin, north to Old Spanish Trail (OST), right to Bertner, left to Swanson, left U-turn to entry on right.

From Herrera: East to Mandell, right (south) to Sunset, left to Rice Blvd, left to Main St, right past the Texas Medical Center to Pressler, left past Fannin to Bertner, right past Swanson to entry on right.

7. Denise Cope

5319 Birdwood

713-771-4841

This garden shows just what a single person can do to enhance an environment. Low-care roses are accented, to allow more free time to do other things that are important. Ask about time-saving features that allow Denise extra time to pursue other personal interests.

Directions: From Loop 610, exit onto North or South Braeswood westbound to Hillcroft, right (north) to Birdwood, left to house on left.

From Hospitality Apartments: South on Bertner to Old Spanish Trail, right to Fannin, left (south) to S Loop 610, right to South Braeswood exit, continue westward to Hillcroft, right to Birdwood, left to house on left.



