

An Early Twentieth Century Rose Garden

HRF's 2008 Conference at Hearst Castle

Hearst Castle is the site for the HRF's upcoming two-day conference in April 2008. The rose garden of William Randolph Hearst's fabulous estate was originally planted with standard roses. Since 2006, it's been undergoing a restoration of the original rose plantings from the 1920s and 1930s.

The conference opens on the afternoon of Thursday, April 17, with a talk by Hearst Castle's horticulturist **Christine Takahashi**—a gardener's perspective on rose restoration and what it takes to maintain one of the most visited gardens in America. After touring the garden and house, everyone will gather for wine, an al fresco dinner, and sunset viewing on the terrace overlooking the Neptune Pool. On April 18, historian and author **Victoria Kastner** will give a two-part presentation on Julia Morgan and the Spanish and Mediterranean inspirations for Hearst Castle's plantings and architecture. Sequoia Nursery's accomplished rose grafter, **Burling Leong**, will reveal her techniques for reproducing Hearst Castle's original tree roses.

Also in Friday's speaker lineup are three international rosarians. French breeder **Fabien Ducher**, whose award-winning roses derive from 19th century cultivars and classes, will tell the story of his famous rose family: Jean-Claude Ducher, creator of RÊVE D'OR, his wife, the creator of Mlle. Cécile Brunner, and Joseph Pernet-Ducher, who unlocked the secrets of the yellow roses. Also coming from France is HRF trustee **Étienne Bouret**, who will illustrate the use of arbors and treillage in gardens like Bagatelle and l'Haÿ-les-Roses and discuss tree roses and other turn-of-the-century rose topiary forms.

From New Zealand, we are bringing **Jocelen Janon**, a photographer whose recent research focuses on the hundreds of roses introduced by the Nabonnand family from the 1880s through the 1930s.



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HERITAGE ROSE FOUNDATION CONFERENCE AT HEARST CASTLE®

APRIL 17 & 18, 2008
SAN SIMEON, CALIFORNIA

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SUNSET OVER THE PACIFIC, APRIL 17

Hearst Castle's horticulturist Christine Takahashi leads a tour of the gardens and the newly replanted 1930s tree roses. Sunset reception overlooking the Neptune pool.

ROSES & GARDENS IN THE EARLY 20TH CENTURY, APRIL 18

VICTORIA KASTNER

author and historian—

Julia Morgan, William Randolph Hearst and the Gardens of San Simeon

BURLING LEONG

propagator of Sequoia Nursery—*Creating Historic Replicas of Standard Roses*

FABIEN DUCHER

nurseryman of Lyon, France—

A Family of Rose Breeders, from Jean-Claude Ducher to Joseph Pernet-Ducher

ÉTIENNE BOURET

HRF trustee and member of the Friends of Rosarie de l'Haÿ-les-Roses—

Tree Roses and other Rose Topiaries in Early 20th Century French Gardens

JOCELEN JANON

photographer and creator of the old rose Web site, Rosarosam—

The Nabonnands and Their Roses—Turn-of-the-Century Tea Roses



POST-CONFERENCE TOURS, APRIL 19 & 20

- *The Art of the Garden*—A special tour of Hearst Castle
- *A Walking Tour of the Adobe Gardens of Monterey* with Frances Grate
- *Tours of Southern California Gardens* from Santa Barbara to Pasadena

**For more details and to register, visit the HRF Web site,
www.heritageosefoundation.org, beginning November 1, 2007.
Seats are limited, so please register early!**