



*HRNZI Conference 2018  
A Journey with Old Roses  
28<sup>th</sup> November - 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

## **CONFERENCE SPEAKERS**

### **David Stone - "Walking the paths of Paradise - The Garden of Old Roses at Mottisfont Abbey"**

Head Gardener of Mottisfont Abbey, Hampshire for 36 years with special responsibility for the management of the 'Graham Thomas Rose Garden' which opened in 1975. At this time the collection of Old Roses numbered approximately 220 varieties. David worked closely with Graham Thomas, who was then Garden Consultant to the National Trust.

David oversaw the expansion of the collection and the creation of a second rose garden (1986), which contained many varieties collected from the Sangerhausen Rose Garden (then East Germany).

The Mottisfont Rose Collection now exceeds 700 varieties and remains the largest collection of Pre 1900 shrub roses in the UK. It is designated a 'National Collection' under the auspices of Plant Heritage. (NCCPG)

### **Trevor Nottle – The legacy left to us by early HRNZI members**

Trevor Nottle is a garden historian and writer who has devoted much of his life and spare time to researching and studying Colonial era plants in Australia, and other Anglo-European settlements. is recognised internationally as an authority on old roses, cottage gardens and Mediterranean-climate gardening. He has published gardening books in Australia, New Zealand and the USA, with each book covering new ground, introducing fresh perspectives and bold ideas to an admiring readership.

A popular speaker at international gardening events he uses his travels and engagements to share his knowledge and learn more. His particular interest in old roses led him to found Heritage Roses - Australia in 1979. He was also instrumental in guiding Toni Sylvester and Ken Nobbs in the early years of HRNZI.

### **Lynda Hallinan - 50 friends for old roses**

Former NZ Gardener editor, writer, broadcaster, amateur home-brewer, pickler, preserver, part-time farmer, occasional farmers' market stallholder and mad-keen gardener, Lynda Hallinan has spent half her life writing about her passion for plants. Lynda is a former member of HRNZI.

Lynda will share her favourite old-fashioned plants (plus a few modern hybrids) for growing at the feet of, or up into, or around, or beside, heritage roses.

### **Sarah Waller-Yates – A Charming Journey**

Sarah Waller-Yates is the youngest granddaughter of New Zealand heritage rose collector and grower Nancy Steen (1898-1986), author and rose hunter extraordinaire. While not a trained gardener herself, Sarah has an abiding interest in her Grandmother's work and a passion for heritage roses.

In her speech Sarah will bring Nancy Steen's garden back to life with Nancy's original slides and Sarah's interpretation (based on Sarah's scholarship learnings) of her planting plans.

### **Ann Chapman – A Rose Odyssey**

The gardens of England, including Sissinghurst were the stimulus for Ann's odyssey into the riches of old roses. Ann developed many gardens with the major one being Trinity Farm. Sited on three acres of virgin soil she and Lloyd grew about 1500 roses, with The Trinity Farm rose nursery producing about 8000 roses for sale annually over nearly thirty years. Ann has also written three books and plans to continue writing.

### **Fran Rawling – The Dunedin North Cemetery**

A teaching career of 35 years was eventually given away to further develop Wylde Willow Garden. A passion for heritage roses grew as Fran became aware of the disappearance of this treasure through eradication programmes in old gold mining cemeteries and public plantings.

Fran convened the 10<sup>th</sup> International Heritage Roses Conference 2005, the first Heritage Roses National Conference 2011 and the NZ Gardens Trust Conference in Dunedin 2012. She instigated the NZ National Register of Heritage Roses recording every rose brought to NZ prior to 1920 and propagating found rare roses to ensure they remain in our gardens.

### **Catherine Davies-Colley – Rosy Friendships**

An active gardener for over 25 years, Catherine has focused on her current garden for the last 15 years. During this time Catherine and her husband David have created a  $\frac{3}{4}$  hectare garden from an old kiwifruit orchard. Whether it be from other gardeners at the local garden clubs, online courses, university papers or evening classes, education and learning are part of Catherine's gardening practice.

During this presentation the relationships between old roses and their garden companions, and environment are explored. What works well for the rose in one garden doesn't necessarily work the same elsewhere.

### **Clare Haig – Conservation of Heritage Roses**

Clare joined Heritage Roses in 2008 and immediately became Nelson Convenor without any clear idea of what made a rose a heritage rose. Clare has been involved in Conservation since arriving in New Zealand in 1977 when her first job was as the gofer for the Native Forest Action Council. Her husband also worked for them as Political Lobbyist and they travelled round the country helping to put on events to raise awareness of the need to conserve what precious little was left of native forests on public land. It follows that one of the key aspects of Clare's interest in Heritage Roses is their conservation.

### **Francoise Saparelli – French Pronunciation of Rose Names**

Francoise was born and raised in a small town in Brittany, France. She spent most of her life involved in outdoor pursuits and when her and her husband came to NZ 12 years ago they set up Adventure Forest in Whangarei. She doesn't know much about roses but her mother who still lives in France, loves them and has many growing in the garden and along the fences. Francoise will educate us on the correct pronunciation of the French rose names.