

ROSES ANCIENNES EN FRANCE

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1879 Journal des roses Alphonse Karr* publishes a Georges Sand' letter

I adore roses, they are daughters of God and man, they have a rustic beauty and we knew how to transform them into princesses beyond comparison; to thank us they flower continuously. In the middle of December, in my garden, which is far from being under a cloudless sky, each morning I find superb specimens that bloom effortlessly up until the frost, and they are loved all the more because they have survived most of the other flowers planted in the garden.

"My favourite, is a modest rose, of a pinkish white hue with rosaceae leaves; I have rarely seen them in gardens and never in catalogues. They are no longer in vogue, and then it's stem is so thorny that it is difficult to cut; It has however a most subtle and delicate perfume. After this rose I would choose the tea rose, white with a greenish center; it smells like tea and is resistant to frost and ice and I greatly appreciate these brave beauties that add much charm to our dull French winters.

Nohant september 10th 1861

Alphonse Karr - Distinguished writer especially known for his literary works, but also renowned and respected for his botanical publications.

2009 Dear friends,

To our far-away members who are unable to join us on our trips, or take part in activities and lectures, we enclose a review of our trip in Italy on May 2008. Thank you for your enthusiasm for our projects on Old Roses in the coming year, and particularly for the first painted wall mural in Lyon on its historic role in developing roses. I hope we will have occasions to meet and exchange ideas, perhaps in Vancouver. We thank you in advance for your continued support by the renewal of your membership for 2009 and regret that the Association cannot accept bank cheques due to high processing fees.

Yours in roses,

Josiane Pierre Bissey President

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