

## **ROSES ANCIENNES EN FRANCE**

Association established under the 1901 law (for general interest), "for the study, cultivation, preservation and promotion of old roses."

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Dear Friends

Following our theme in 2005 on perfume, this year's Bulletin is an invitation to travel... What riches are revealed through old roses! With the approach of winter, and as gardening activities slow and nature goes to sleep, we wish you pleasant reading and "bon voyage" through the realm of roses that we all love so much.

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We remind you that the Association was been designated as one of "general interest," and hence we enclose the fiscal form enabling you to deduct 50% of any and all contributions that you have made since January 1, 2006, whether as annual dues or as donations. We would like to suggest that you could "re-donate" this tax rebate as a new grant that would also permit you to take a second 50% rebate if it is recorded by our treasurer before December 31, 2006. These grants would enable us to buy a computer for the Association that we desperately need since we are currently using the personal computer of our secretary, and our growing activities require more and more technical support that justifies such a purchase.

We commenced our Fall-Winter 2006 season of meetings with a presentation by Mr. J. C. Nicholas on Tea Roses, which was a great success. We now have access to a lovely meeting hall that seats 130 invitees, at the Best Western Charlemagne Hotel, offering us all the amenities to meet in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

We remind you that our next conferences are:

- Saturday, December 16, 2006, at 10 AM, subject: "Bourbon and Noisette Roses"
- Saturday, January 27, 2007, at 10 AM, subject: "Reblooming Hybrid Roses"

Location: Best Western Charlemagne Hotel, 23 cours Charlemagne, 69002 Lyon; t. 04 72 77 70 00 Metro stop: "Gare de Perrache"; Tramway Line 1 stop: "Eglise Sainte Blandine."

Fee for the meeting and lecture: 5 euros for members, 7 euros for non-members. An optional luncheon follows the conferences at 24 euros (drink included). Please reserve your place at least 8 days in advance by telephone 06 22 66 24 41 or email to our address given above.

And take advantage of this winter to consult our internet site, also given above. By clicking on the gallery of photos or other links, you will see the marvelous roses and gardens we hope to discover in visits when the good weather returns.

Attached, dear friends, the Membership Form 2007, thank you for your valuable support and our best wishes to you and yours for a very happy holiday season,

Yours truly, rose-lovingly,

Josiane Pierre-Bissey