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RoseDango *A Celebration of Roses* 2009

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THE CITY OF FARMERS BRANCH AND CHAMBERSVILLE TREE FARMS CELEBRATES ROSES AT ROSEDANGO 2009

FARMERS BRANCH, TX (May, 2009) – The City of Farmers Branch and Chambersville Tree Farms announce a weekend celebration of roses at the second annual RoseDango held October 17 and 18 in the cities of McKinney, Chambersville and Farmers Branch, Texas. RoseDango features guest speakers Marilyn Wellan and Stephen Scanniello, this year's Great Rosarians of the World (GROW) honorees, as well as, Mike Shoup author and owner of the Antique Rose Emporium and Dennis Jones, President of the Fort Worth Rose Society.

Actively involved in local, national and international rose societies, Mr. Scanniello, author and current president of the Heritage Rose Foundation and Ms. Wellan, past president of the American Rose Society have been honored for their work promoting the love of roses and bridging the gap between two major approaches in the hobby, Modern Roses and Old Garden Roses. Mike Shoup, a Texas Rose Rustler has long promoted the preservation and use of Old Garden Roses. As the former Rose Gardener at the Fort Worth Botanic Gardens, Dennis Jones has cared for over 2,000 roses and promotes an earth friendly approach to rose gardening.

This year's RoseDango celebration provides rosarians and rose enthusiasts the opportunity to exchange information and see firsthand the rose gardens in Farmers Branch and Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden. The weekend will kick off Saturday with presentations at the McKinney Performing Arts Theater followed by tours of the Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden. On Sunday the event will move south to Farmers Branch and will feature garden tours, a rose pruning clinic by Mike Shoup and much more. The event concludes with the Dallas Rose Society's Fall Rose Show at the Farmers Branch Senior Center. The show will be open to the public from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

About the City of Farmers Branch Rose Gardens

With more than 200 different roses planted in the City, Farmers Branch offers old garden roses, modern roses and roses yet to be released for public sale. The City is also home to several rose gardens including the National Earth-Kind® Trial Rose Garden which features over 100 rose cultivars in the study of environmental horticultural research, a demonstration garden at the Farmers Branch Historical Park in front of a circa 1885 Queen Anne Victorian Cottage and an All-America Rose Selection Test Garden dedicated to the introduction and promotion of outstanding new rose varieties.

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About the Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden

Chambersville Heritage Rose Garden, located 10 miles north of McKinney, Texas, is a study garden of the Heritage Rose Foundation and has been designated by the Heritage Rose Committee of the World Federation of Rose Societies as an important world collection of historical roses. The garden features over 300 different varieties of rare and unusual China, Tea, Noisette and Hybrid Musk roses growing in a natural meadow setting. Owner Dean Oswald states that the garden marks just the beginning of "what will be a significant resource for those rosarians wanting to study our heat loving historical roses and one more link in the chain of protection for old roses."

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