

G Michael Shoup

Mike Shoup has always had an interest in plants. With this in mind, he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Trinity University and his Master's degree in Horticulture from Texas A & M University. In 1976, a year after graduation he started Containerized Plants, Inc. which grew and sold woody plants and hardy, old-fashioned perennials, Texas natives and most importantly neglected Old Garden Roses.

In 1984 he opened the Antique Rose Emporium which specialized in the re-introduction and distribution of these historic roses. This developed into display garden/retail centers in historic Independence and San Antonio, Texas. These unique retail centers consist of theme gardens showing the versatility of antique roses in garden settings. His work has been recognized in *Smithsonian* and *National Geographic* magazines and in many trade journals as well. His hope that the beauty seen in these gardens will create resurgence in the preservation of these rare and beautiful roses.

Mike is a past president of the board of directors of the Heritage Rose Foundation, an organization dedicated to the preservation of Old Garden Roses. He has also written many articles and supplied numerous photographs for trade magazines and national periodicals on the subject of using Old Garden Roses in today's gardens. He has written two books, Roses in the Southern Garden, published in 2000 and in 1991 published Landscaping with Antique Roses, co-authored with Liz Druitt and more recently in 2010 Empress of the Garden.

Mike and his wife, Jean, have three children and are active in many organizations in Brenham..