

RESTORATION OF THE ROSE GARDEN AND THE COLLECTION OF ROSES AT HANBURY BOTANICAL GARDENS

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The restoration of the rose garden at Hanbury Botanical Gardens started in 2009 and was also supported by the funds of MIUR (Ministry of Education, University and Research) – for popularization of the scientific culture.

The project provided the following steps: historical investigation on catalogues of the plants cultivated in the garden (Cronmeyer, 1889; Dinter, 1897; Berger, 1912; Ercoli & Lorenzi, 1938; Campodonico *et al.*, 1996) and on ancient documents (Zappa, 2011); checking of the roses still growing in the garden and a list of plants to be re-introduced; investigations to obtain material for propagation in specialist collections network.

The main trend of the collection were: the historic aspect of the Hanbury garden itself; the Hanbury connection with the horticultural industry in the Riviera di Ponente, a collection of the Tea roses that were grown in Liguria for the cut-flower industry in the late 19th century; the rose tradition of the Riviera di Ponente, a display of the roses bred by the Ligurian breeders Domenico Aicardi and Quinto Mansuino; the main group of genus *Rosa*.

The rose garden is located in the lower part of the garden known as “Piana”, in the area where historically roses were cultivated – the “Roseto”. A new pergola with wisteria on the side that is exposed to sea winds has been made to shade and protect the climbing roses planted on the opposite side. Such pergolas existed in the time of Thomas Hanbury.



Rosa “Général Schablikine” 1879, Nabonnand



Rosa brunonii Lindl. “La Mortola”

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