

800 year old Lübstorf and BUGA in Schwerin

(BUGA: Bundesdeutsche Gartenschau - German Federal Horticultural Exhibition) By Wolfgang Gömer

This year the BUGA exhibition will be held in Schwerin. A part, called Wiligrad, of the 800 year old village Lübstorf, will serve as an external exhibition site of the BUGA.

The village of Lübstorf itself is located in the Province of Nordwest - Mecklenburg, by the road B 106, between Schwerin and Wismar. Lübstorf was first mentioned in an act by Pope Innocent III dated 25 November 1209 and addressed to the Cistercian Doberan Abbey.

Wiligrad Castle is an exceptional sight of the village, located approximately 1 kilometre North from it in a lovely beech and oak forest. It was built by Duke Johann Albrecht (1857-1920). The foundation-stone was purposely laid in 1896, when the 25th anniversary of the founding of the German Empire (Deutsches Reich) and the 10th anniversary of the Duke's marriage with Elisabeth von Sachsen-Weimar was celebrated. The Castle was opened in 1898 when it received the name Wiligrad, which is of Slavic origin and means Great Castle. The Duke landscaped the forest surrounding the Castle as a park and also maintained promenades here. These included the 'Friedrich-Franz Way', which linked the railway station with the Castle. The latter has been reconstructed and is kept up by the Society of the Friends of Wiligrad Castle. The Castle itself is kept up and made accessible to visitors by the 'Wiligrad Art Society' and the 'Monument Conservation for Real Estates'. On the area of the former garden a very pleasant café and a kitchen-garden await visitors.

A rose was named after Duke Johann Albrecht:

'Herzog Johann Albrecht', Hybrid Tea, Bred by: Jacobs, 1913.

K. Auguste Victoria (Hybrid Tea) x Soleil 'd'Or (Hybrid Tea),

Introduced by: August Jäger, Rosenlexikon, Zentralantiquariat der DDR, Leipzig 1960, S. 372., Kiese. According to information from the Rosarium of Sangerhausen, the rose is no longer present in their collection.

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Wolfgang Gömer : Hungarian roses in Lübstorf
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The village of Lübstorf itself is located in the Province of Nordwest - Mecklenburg, by the road B 106, between Schwerin and Wismar. In 2004 the Municipality decided that the village would participate at the BUGA exhibition to be held in 2009 by creating a public rose garden of approximately 500 m² that would serve as an external exhibition site.

In the Rose Year Book of 2006 an article appeared on the oeuvre of Hungarian rose breeder Gergely Márk, which had a profound effect on me. This rose breeder, who had created over 600 new varieties out of conviction, in the autumn of his life is weighed down by what the future holds for his life's work. It is simply threatened by extinction because of enormous changes that have taken place in Hungary due to the transition to a market economy and because EU conditions need to be met. The Hungarian State should pay more attention to maintaining and supporting the oeuvre of one of its greatest rose experts. Because it is not only the survival of a few pretty roses that is at stake, but saving a priceless genetic stock. And not only for Hungary! This is why we started thinking about how we could help. Our Municipality, which I informed of a supplementary project we were planning, quickly took its decision on extending the existing exhibition garden with a 100 m² Hungarian rose garden by

circumventing the usual red tape and even made the necessary financial support available.

As a gift from Eva Kígyóssy-Schmidt I received 65 Márk roses, of 13 varieties, in the autumn of 2007. These included the rose 'Árpád-házi Szent Erzsébet emléke' (Saint Elisabeth of Hungary or Heilige Elisabeth). Moreover, a couple of Rudolf Geschwind varieties and comparable varieties of other breeders were also added. The roses endured the winter well and have sprouted robustly. Further extension of the garden is planned for the autumn of 2008. An additional 8 Márk roses, which originate either from the rose 'Saint Elisabeth of Hungary' or its parents, will also be exhibited. We will do everything we can for the roses to be exhibited in their full splendour and beauty during the BÜGA in 2009, to the joy of as many visitors as possible, in order to win them over to our favourite hobby.

I am very grateful to Mr Gergely Márk and his wife Icuca for their help during the creation of the external exhibition garden of the 2009 BÜGA located in Lübstorf. We are similarly indebted to Mr András Zareczky (Iregszemcse, Hungary) for his help in designing the garden and for transporting the Márk roses.

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Árpád-házi Szent Erzsébet emléke



Báthory István emléke



Minifilla



Munkács



Rozália



Teréz anya emléke