SISTER CITIES

PRESIDENT OF FRIENDS OF EUTIN REPORT

As we near the first anniversary of the signing of the sister city agreement between Lawrence and Eutin, the Friends of Eutin can look back over a fruitful year exchange between our two cities.

October 1989 marked the official signing of the sister city agreement. Six citizens from Eutin visited Lawrence to inaugurate the bond. The delegation, headed by Eutin Mayor Gernot Grim, remained in Lawrence five days—staying in private homes, learning of our government at the local and state levels, and seeing first-hand the diversity of life in Lawrence. Unfortunately, the visit was marred by the tragic death of Lawrence City Manager Buford Watson. Buford had been an early and strong proponent of sister city relationships. His untimely death made our resolve to succeed as sister cities even firmer.

Through the winter, plans developed for a return official visit to Eutin by a Lawrence delegation. That visit occurred in June 1990. Seventeen delegates, including four city commissioners, comprised the delegation led by Mayor Shirley Martin-Smith. Staying with host families in Eutin, they were able to study the city and national government in Germany, learn about commerce and development in Eutin, and compare social, educational, and medical facilities and programs of the two cities. Although no more "official" visits are contemplated, these two have paved the way for future exchanges between our cities. Such exchanges might include trainee, cultural, and sports exchanges at all levels.

One active exchange is that between the Lawrence High School and the Weber and Voss Gymnasiums. Six Lawrence High students visited Eutin for six weeks this summer. They lived with families, attended classes with their German host students, traveled around the country some, and had a wonderful cultural experience.

This fall six Eutin students are staying in Lawrence for six weeks. They spent one week with their host students before choosing their own classes for the balance of the visit. This visit placed the German students with the students who had been their guests in Eutin.

Two Eutin professional students have also been in Lawrence recently. Silke Weber, a journalism student, was here to observe and work at the University Daily Kansan. Inken Scheewe, a third-year medical student, has studied and observed at Lawrence Memorial Hospital for two months. Her work there included radiology and internal-medicine externships.

In November Bunice Stallworth, a Lawrence actress noted for her one-woman shows, will travel to Eutin and perform her show. She is the first Lawrence performer to visit our sister city. During the various visits, several gifts have been exchanged. Gifts received by the City of Lawrence and the friends of Eutin are on display at City Hall. A slide show of Eutin has also been received in Lawrence. It is available for presentation to any interested group. At the time of the Lawrence delegation's visit fifteen works of art were donated by Lawrence artists. These gifts to our sister city were coordinated by Ann Evans of the Lawrence Art Center. They were exhibited in Eutin along with a photographic display of Lawrence. At the delegation's departure these works of art were given as gifts to the delegates' host families. Our organization is very grateful to the generous artists contributing works of art. Tangible gifts such as these will be a daily reminder of our bond to the city of Eutin.

In the future is the completion of a garden filled with Eutin roses, a patented rose commemorating the City of Roses, as Eutin is known. We hope next year to extend the high school exchange to include a teacher exchange between Lawrence High and the two high schools in Eutin.

Lastly, it is appropriate again to express thanks to the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures of the University of Kansas. The sister city exchange came about because of the Summer Language Institute founded by the department about twenty-five years ago. Out of that institute grew an interest in expanding contact between Eutin and Kansan to include the city of Lawrence too. The faculty and staff of the department have been our main support in realizing the success of our project.

Thanks!

Charles Loveland

LAWRENCE DELEGATION IN EUTIN

A crowded program awaited a delegation of seventeen Lawrence visitors in Eutin. Beautiful weather made it possible for the group to enjoy the scenic countryside on the way from the Hamburg airport to Eutin. An attractive sign proclaiming Lawrence the sister city of Eutin greeted the delegates. In Eutin they were welcomed.
warmly in the homes of Eutin citizens, who then looked after their every need. These host families, the organizing committee under the guidance of Helmut Schewe, and city officials worked hard to make sure that the visit would be productive as well as enjoyable.

On the late afternoon of the arrival day the delegation took part in the formal welcoming ceremony. With all twenty-seven city council members present, Mayor Grimm and City Council President Kruse addressed the Lawrence group and expressed the hope that the sister city relationship would be strong and active. Lawrence Mayor Shirley Martin-Smith thanked the city officials and citizens for the invitation, preparations, and generous hospitality that was evident from the beginning of the visit. She introduced the Lawrence delegation, which consisted of Pat and Phil Anderson, Marilyn and Bunker Clark, Ann Evans, Mary and Chuck Loveland, Mike Ruddle, Sandra and Bob Schum, Warren Smith, Brad Tate, Gary Toebben, Ann and Bob Walters, and Faye Watson. In her talk to the Eutin community, Mayor Martin-Smith stressed that because of the long-standing tradition of friendship programs the two cities had a tradition of friendships and contacts to build on. She saw the visit of the delegation as an opportunity to discuss exchange programs between the two communities in accordance with the agreement Mayors Grimm and Schum signed in Lawrence. The mayors resolved to encourage exchanges in the fields of education, the arts and sciences, and commerce, as well as to facilitate visits and contacts between organizations, professional groups, and especially between families and individuals. The same document also expressed the reason for the importance of these projects: "The knowledge gained through visits and exchanges will enhance the quality of life in our respective communities. Mayor Martin-Smith expressed the belief that the exchange of visitors could provide fresh insights into problems such as city planning and preservation, health care, maintenance for our parks and buildings, recycling, etc.

The Lawrence delegation presented a number of gifts to the City of Eutin—flags of the State of Kansas and the University of Kansas, plaques of the logo that Michael Ryden designed to show the sister city relationship between Eutin and Lawrence, a sculpture representing Lawrence by James Conelly and Ron Hinton, a pen drawing by Albert Bloch, and a book of art by the University of Kansas for several decades. The picture, which is now exhibited in Eutin's museum, is a gift of the painter's widow, Mrs. Anna Bloch, who resides in Lawrence.

The programs prepared by the organizers for the Lawrence delegation included lectures, workshops, visits to the schools, businesses, guided tours around Eutin and in Kiel, and numerous social activities. The activities ended with a banquet on Friday, when Mayors Grimm and Martin-Smith announced a six-point agreement resulting from the discussions held throughout the visit.

AREAS OF AGREEMENT

1. Educational Exchanges. We have reviewed our first experiences with the high school exchange program between Eutin and Lawrence. We are happy with the results so far, and we expect to make the high school and university programs more efficient by making arrangements and decisions at earlier points. We intend to combine the student exchange with a teacher exchange.

2. Arts Exchanges. We have conducted an intense series of discussions about exchange possibilities in the arts. There is serious interest among artists in both cities to receive art exhibits, performances, and visits by individual artists. Implementation of specific programs and exchanges will begin soon in the areas of choir exchange, photo exhibits, and theater performances.

3. Library Projects. The University of Kansas Libraries can make available information and share experience to aid the Eutin Landesbibliothek in the process of opening the library for research. These efforts will take place in the context of developing the Eutin special collection into a North-German Research Center for European Cultural History. We will seek ways to facilitate communication between our libraries. We hope to make it possible for scholars of the University of Kansas to conduct research in the Eutin library, as well as in other research facilities in the area.

4. Commercial Exchanges. We have exchanged information about the state of commercial enterprises in Eutin and Lawrence. We have established contacts between the chambers of commerce in our areas, and we have discussed the possibility of exchange programs. We will continue to expand on the contacts by facilitating visits between representatives of firms in the partner cities.

5. Trainee Exchange. We agree to explore the ways in which a trainee exchange might be implemented. We hope to make it possible for adults with skills and experience in specific areas to gain employment in the firms of the sister city for a period of at least eight weeks. We will seek to identify those who have the necessary expertise as well as minimal language skills. We hope to establish committees and contact persons to work out the basic guidelines and coordinate the flow of information. A number of areas have been identified as promising for exchange programs. We support exchange of information between our newspapers and television facilities in order to keep our citizens informed about our sister city projects.

6. Group Visits between Eutin and Lawrence. We will explore ways to make it possible to send groups, such as youth groups and sport clubs, to travel to the sister city and to find lodging with families.
For the returning delegates it was an experience full of memorable experiences and new friendships. Gary Toebben wrote to friends of Eutin about the "wonderful" trip and expressed gratitude for the organizational work. He indicated his intention of encouraging Lawrence businesses who have an interest in doing work in Germany and Europe to look at establishing a facility in Eutin. Eutin also received enthusiastic accounts from delegates Marilyn and Bunker Clark.

Bunker Clark

What was most impressive for me was the careful planning of the entire week, Monday through Friday evening. My special interest, of course, is music. I had visited Hamburg, Lübeck, and Lüneburg in 1962-63, when I was a graduate student and an organist, and revelled in the expansive reverberant churches and important organs, both historic and modern. The 1987 Metzler organ at St. Michaelis in Eutin is a truly outstanding instrument, and the church is fortunate to have an organist Martin West. I recently wrote him in an attempt to foster an exchange of Mr. West with the KU faculty member at the annual Institute for Organ and Church Music that takes place every June. This sister city relationship, I am sure, will prove quite valuable, and I hope and trust that members of the Lawrence delegation will personally keep in touch with our hosts in Eutin for many years to come.

Marilyn Clark

The week in Eutin was full of pleasant surprises and, in spite of exhaustion, we attempted to see and do everything feasible given the short duration of our stay. In terms of scenery the town is marvelous. The climate is somewhat like Minnesota, but this is a small very old town, the likes of which we do not have in the United States. Mr. Joachim Neumeister's descriptive walking tour of the castle, gardens, older streets, and lake shore with his scenic vistas was a real high point in the week for me. Our opportunity to visit Eutin as part of the official delegation was a real plus. Because our hosts had planned a number of social occasions of various types—picnics, formal dinners, receptions, the beer garden of the local brewery, a midsummer night's festival. Through these events we had an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with many of our hosts and hostesses.

Another marvelous aspect of Eutin is its library of old and rare books, journals, engravings, and maps—primarily from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries—which is a section of the public library of Eutin. I enjoyed the Dr. Lubin's exhibit on early travel, which was based on the resources of this collection. On the whole, I was very impressed with the high quality and dedication of the library staff. I feel that it has been able to accomplish much with few financial resources. Hopefully, one outcome of the sister city relationship will be increased support for that library.

LAURENCE ARTISTS DONATE WORKS TO EUTIN

In the prominent ban building of Eutin, in the Kunstpark, the formal opening of an exhibition took place. On the one hand, there was a series of photographs about Lawrence by Joachim Neumeister and Helmut Schewe and to give citizens of Eutin some impressions of the Lawrence community. The Lawrence delegation was responsible for the other exhibits: a collection of art works by Lawrence artists. Ann Evans, director of the Lawrence Arts Center, introduced the pictures and artifacts. She expressed the hope that this event would be the beginning of many such exchange projects in the area of painting, sculpture, dancing, music, and theater. She spoke of the large number of professional as well as amateur artists in Lawrence. She mentioned specific projects that had been suggested: exchanges between the photo clubs, the exchange of choirs, and longer stays of individual artists in both sister cities. She expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to acquaint Eutin with works generously presented by Lawrence artists. The following works were on display: T. Watson Bogard, "1963 Massachusetts" (watercolor); Vernon Brejcha, "Atmospheric" (blown glass); Alan Brumwell (seaport porcelain); James Connelly and Ron Hinton, "Lawrence" (bronze and silver); Louis Copt, "Winter Landscape with Red Barn" (offset lithograph); Martin Cheng, "Fish on Chinese Newspaper" (lithograph, published at the Lawrence Lithography workshop by Michael Sima); Dick Reeder and Jim Slough of Free State Glass, "Sunflower Still Life" (blown-paperweight); Colleen Zacharias Gregoire, "Lawrence Arts Center" (hand-colored lithograph); Laurie Houseman Whitehawk, "Prairie Dancer" (gouache); Stan Herd, "Sunflower Still Life" (offset lithograph, signed by the artist); Jan Gaumnitz, "Bunny" (ceramics); Elizabeth Layton, "Cinderella" (pen-color lithograph, printed at the Lawrence Lithography Workshop by Michael Sima); Helen Martin, wheat platter (salt-glazed stoneware); G. Mark Smith, "El Salvador Violin" (black and white photog- raph); Wendy Lee Vertaglick (platter ceramic). The arts center supplied an attractive brochure that included biographical sketches of the artists as well as information about their work. The pictures were framed by Fred Sack and Gary Smith.

After the exhibit the works of art were given to the host families who hosted the Lawrence delegation: the Fleischer, Grimes, Helds, Jäschkes, Jansens, Kochs, Neumeisters, Möllers, Rithjens, Scheweke, Theiles, and Werners.

EUTIN PLANS FOR A RESEARCH CENTER

Professor Paul Raabe, director of Germany's foremost research library in Wollenbuttel, came to Eutin for discussions with the Eutin delegation about the Eutin's rich library holdings. He suggested that the resources in Eutin justified the establishment of a North European research center for the cultural history of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. But it became clear that the difficult financial obstacles had to be addressed first. During these discussions Marilyn Clark of the KU Libraries
suggested steps to be taken in approaching the thorny financial problem. Professor Raabe later spoke to the entire delegation and outlined plans. He stressed that the interest of the American guests could be a key factor in providing the initial impetus. He believed that scholars from KU would probably find it useful to come to Eutin for research and to use Eutin as a basis for visiting other research libraries in cities such as Hamburg, Kiel, Lübeck, and Wolfenbüttel. He felt that the promotion of the research center was particularly important in the context of the momentous changes taking place in Europe. International participation in the project would help in realizing the goal of a center that was not restricted to local or even national topics in its scope. In Professor Raabe’s view the rich collection in Eutin justified the concept of a research library that embraced the cultural history of the entire continent.

FIRST HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE BETWEEN LAWRENCE AND EUTIN

Six high school students from Lawrence were part of the first exchange project between our sister cities. Their stay from May 28 to July 10 overlapped to a considerable extent with that of the University of Kansas Summer Language Institute. Many formal activities therefore involved both high school as well as university students. For example, soon after arrival Dieter Frick, director of the Eutin Tourist Office took both groups on a boat ride and spoke about the various activities in Eutin in the areas of social life and sports. The tourist office hosted both groups on a unique bus trip into East Germany. On June 13 Mayor Grimm invited both groups to a reception at city hall, and later, during the visit of the Lawrence delegation, Mayor Grimm invited all students to join the delegation in a visit to Kiel to visit the famous frigate of the German navy, Gorch Fock, to experience the festivities of Kiel Week, and to visit the state parliament. We were invited to attend performances of the opera together. A highlight was the picnic that the Eutin Fire Department sponsored for us. On the whole, students returned with many fond memories of these events, their school activities, and especially their host families.

Cathleen Carothers

Our trip to Eutin was an incredible experience. I met so many wonderful people and made a lot of new friends. I got to know the differences, good and bad, of the German and US school systems first hand. It was an exciting time historically to be in Germany with the economic reunification, announcement of joint elections in the fall, and Checkpoint Charlie being put in a museum. My most vivid memories are of Berlin. It is such an incredible city. There is so much history, art, youth, political controversy, and hope in the one city. I will never forget our trip to Lawrence’s sister city, Eutin.

Jason Crawford

I have been interested in Germany since the first day in Junior High German class. This summer my dream of traveling and living in Germany came true. My family, the Stegemanns, were very hospitable and fun to be with. Another opportunity that I looked forward to for as long as I can remember was to play soccer in Germany. I have high hopes for this sister city exchange in the future, and I am glad that I was able to participate in it for the first year of its existence.

Adrienne Graham

My trip to Eutin expanded my horizons. Not only were the people friendly, but they treated us as if we were their own. Everywhere we went, we were taken care of, so we never felt like outsiders or foreigners.

The German school system was a real experience. I especially enjoyed the history classes. We got to see the German viewpoint on reunification, first-hand. The principal of Voss Gymnasium introduced the three Americans in a special ceremony before the whole school.

Overall, my trip to our sister city was an experience I will always remember and cherish. The whole group (KU students included) grew really close and even today our friendships flourish.

Jennifer Van Schmus

Our trip to Eutin was different from any trip I have been on before. I would not trade the time I spent in Germany for anything. I made many new friends and became good friends with the other five high school students. Germany is a very exciting country, especially now. By staying with host families and by being surrounded by the culture and people, one learns about the importance of the changes that are taking place. We traveled to East Germany, we partied when the German team won the World Cup soccer, and we had a birthday on the Berlin Wall. I will always remember the times we spent with my German family and friends in Eutin and hope that I can go back to visit again some day.

David Wolf

My host family was very nice. They have done so many things for me. We got along very well. We took trips together to Lübeck, Kiel, Hamburg, the North Sea, Denmark, and other places close by. I also enjoyed many social activities with Jan Finke, my exchange partner. My host family tried to integrate me into the family and make me feel at home. I have learned a lot of German by talking with my family and Jan’s friends. I think that my stay in Eutin has been an enlightening and worthwhile experience.
Michael Zeddees

My stay in Eutin was certainly one of the most exciting trips I have ever taken. It was my first time away from the American continent and Germany was also the first non-English speaking country I have visited. I saw and experienced far more than I ever imagined I would, and yet there is so much more to the country that I want to learn! Everywhere I went everything I saw (Kiel, Lübeck, Schleswig-Holstein, Wismar, Schwerin, Berlin, and the North Sea coast) was fascinating.

My host family was very hospitable. I can hardly wait until my exchange partner comes to visit. I have so much to show her about my country and culture. It is very difficult to really understand a culture, to really break through the stereotypes, until a person has visited that culture and absorbed some of it. I am thrilled that I had the chance to do that, and I certainly hope that Marlen is as pleasantly surprised here as I was in Eutin.

I fully intend to return to Germany some day. These six weeks were wonderful, and I have learned a lot, but I really need more time to learn everything I want to know about German society. I am glad that I had the opportunity to begin, and one day I will go back (hopefully for at least a year) and discover more about the land of my ancestors.

GUESTS FROM EUTIN IN LAWRENCE

After completing her school work at the gymnasium this summer, Silke Webers came to Lawrence for a six-week stay to take on a voluntary job at a newspaper in Lawrence. Tom Ebben, faculty advisor to the University Daily Kansas, made it possible for Silke to attend meetings and to contribute a guest editorial in the Kansas. Silke stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Bracker. Ann Bracker, a student at KU, is a student of German, and she helped to show Silke the attractions of campus life. She hopes to visit Silke in Eutin next summer.

Inken Schewe, a student in medical school at the University of Kiel, who is close to completing her studies, was in Lawrence in August and September. Charles Loveland helped to make arrangements for her to stay in Lawrence and be an aid and observer at Lawrence Memorial Hospital. Inken stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ohlen.

Nikolaus Grimm and Ulrich Heldt spent their summer vacation in Lawrence in August 1990. They were hosted by the families of Bill Bowen and Jason Pech, who plan to go to Eutin in the near future.

PRESENTATION OF THE GUESTS FROM EUTIN TO THE LAWRENCE CITY COMMISSION

Soon after their arrival, on September 25, Dr. Brad Tate introduced the students of the Voss and Weber schools to the Lawrence city commission meeting. Gesine Bockwoldt, staying at the home of Jennifer Van Schmus, Jan Fink, at the home of Ada Gunter, at the home of Cathleen Carothers, Maren Hauck, at the home of Michael Zeddees, Alexandra Schulz, at the home of Adrienne Graham, and Christoph Stegemann, at the home of Mark Stover. Dr. Tate also introduced Inken Schewe and Silke Weber. Mayor Shirley Martin-Smith recalled the reception of the delegation during the summer visit and was glad that our city could also welcome visitors from Eutin. Afterwards a reception was given at the Watkins Community Museum.

At this time the students received certificates and dictionaries from the Kansas Honors. The following day Dr. Tate and Dr. B.J. Wells met with the students at the high school to welcome them and to help arrange a program of studies for the following weeks. At the University of Kansas, the German Club and the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures also gave a reception in honor of the guests from Eutin.

PLANS FOR A TEACHER EXCHANGE

An exciting development is the work in progress in implementing a teacher exchange between the two cities. Although the preparations are in the planning stage, there is a possibility that the first exchange may take place as early as next summer in conjunction with the high school exchange.

FROM THE EDITOR'S CORNER

Since our organization is very young and evolved very quickly in order to cope with a swift sequence of exchange visits, it may be appropriate to reflect on the structure that exists now and to assess how it might be changed to meet the needs of the new sister city relationship.

Friends of Eutin became established on the recommendation of the Sister Cities Advisory Board at the moment when the proposal of establishing the link with Eutin was approved. Carol Shankel, chairman of the board, proposed that Friends of Eutin take responsibility for maintaining contact with Eutin authorities for developing exchange projects and reporting at regular intervals to the Sister Cities Advisory Board. These followed a series of meetings, to which former students of the summer institutes in Eutin and others with contacts and potential interest in Eutin were invited. Much time was spent with the urgent work of planning for the delegation visits; little on questions of a formal organization. A steering committee of founding members has been responsible for most of the work that our organization. This
group has included: Charles Loveland, president, Stuart Boley, treasurer, Mary Allen, Ernie Eck, Helmut Huelserbergen, Glenn Kappelman, William Keel, Stephanie Murray, and Frank Baron, chairman of the steering committee. This last-mentioned fancy title has turned out to refer to the coordination and close consultation with the other members of the group. Because from the beginning it has been our goal to involve as many persons from the Lawrence community as possible, we have called a number of meetings to which we invited participation from other persons we thought might be interested. As a result, the number of persons involved in our project increased considerably. For example, the high school exchange program would have been impossible without the enthusiastic help from German teacher Hannelore Hess, as well as from Dr. B.J. Wells, Dr. Anne Shaw, and Dr. Brad Tate. One could go on enumerating the support we have received throughout the community.

The question is whether we should continue with this present structure. What could we do to improve it? How could we gain new members and new participants in the organizing committee? How often should we meet? When? Where? What projects should we consider? These are questions that we invite you to comment on. We would appreciate constructive suggestions. The agreements worked out this past summer in Eutin call for a trainee exchange program. This idea has not been worked out in detail. But the concept of such an exchange is not new, and we have received information from Sister Cities International in Washington about the experiences of other cities with such an exchange. The idea calls for people in diverse fields (such as electricians, journalists, city administrators, computer programmers, etc.) to spend a minimum of eight weeks in the sister city to be, trained and employed at a business. To implement this program is a real challenge. Dr. Karl-Heinz Müller, managing director of the firm Globus Gummiewerke, is willing to serve as a contact person for the project in Eutin.

Another idea that was discussed in Eutin in the past summer is the exchange of video films about sister city related activities. The television station in Eutin wants to cooperate in such a project. Along similar lines, the Eutin newspaper is willing to have news reports about the sister city project on a regular basis.

Members of the steering committee have made a number of presentations about Eutin to church groups and civic clubs. This is a service that Friends of Eutin would enjoy doing for any group that might be interested. It is easy to be enthusiastic about Eutin.

Another challenge is to deal with the financial demands of our project. We do not have many expenses. The largest expenses are the newsletter and communications with Eutin. Since the communications deal primarily with the arrangements for those participating in exchanges, I suggest that it may be appropriate to ask for $25 to cover this expense from those who take part in these exchanges. We have had a number of other expenses, such as for receptions held for the delegates and the Eutin students. The money we have raised through membership has made these efforts possible, but we have reached a crisis point, and in order to continue our program, we do need new memberships as well as renewals. With so many fund drives it is unfortunate to have to be promoting another one. But perhaps limiting the expense of a membership to $10 per year is an attractive feature of this effort. Our funds are now in the hands of the city treasury, and this new arrangement makes all contributions tax-deductible. We hope that this appeal will bring the necessary response.

We will make every effort to send you a newsletter that might be of interest. But we also hope that you will participate in making it better. Please contribute to the newsletter, and bring to our attention creative suggestions that might help our project. Thank you.

Frank Baron

Lawrence, Eutin plan information exchange
Friends of Eutin seek

SUPPORT

FOR ROSE GARDEN AT VETERANS PARK

The hardy Eutin rose symbolizes our friendship with the citizens of our German sister city. Friends of Eutin hope that planting Eutin roses in Lawrence will help to make our city more beautiful.

About two years ago members of Friends of Eutin met with George Osborne, city director of parks and forestry, to discuss plans for the addition of a rose garden to a park in Lawrence. Observing that Veterans Park was in need of renovation and upgrading, Osborne outlined plans that included a rose garden.

Work on this park is nearing conclusion. Last week the city planted Japanese weeping cherry trees, which are designed to provide a background for a bed of roses (including the Eutin rose), shrubs, and perennials. Osborne also has plans for benches, raised beds, and brick work to define a walking area.

Unfortunately, Osborne’s landscaping efforts go beyond the financial resources of the city’s park budget. If we want a park that we can proudly show visitors, we will have to pay for it. Because our modest membership fees have barely provided funds for a newsletter, we are seeking special contributions for this project. We have set $2,000 as a goal. We need to act quickly! Please use the attached form for your contributions.
The Eutin Rose

Introduced in 1940, the hearty, vibrant, dark red Eutin rose grows to a height of about three feet and blooms continuously in the summer. Unlike the hybrid tea rose that bears one blossom on each stem, the Eutin rose is a floribunda; it produces entire clusters of blossoms on each stem.

Attention to sun, wind, soil, and competition from other plants can assure success. These roses should receive about six hours of full sun daily. In Kansas, where we have intense summer heat, they will appreciate some afternoon shade. They should not be planted in an exposed location, wind damages both blossoms and canes, causing rapid water evaporation. Soil must be well drained. Roses do best in slightly acid soil, but they will do well in good friable garden loam. They should not be planted too close to large trees or shrubs whose roots will compete for nutrients. As a rule of thumb, figure the spread of a rose bush to be about two-thirds of its height. Good air circulation around a plant lessens the possibility of disease.

Either bare-rooted or potted roses may be planted. Dig a hole at least 16 inches in diameter and 18 inches deep and work some organic matter and some sand into the soil. For dormant bare-rooted plants, shape a cone of soil in the bottom of the hole and spread out the roots around the cone. In our climate keep the bud union just above ground level. The bud union is the joint at which the cultivar (Eutin) was grafted to the root stalk. Replace the soil to two-thirds depth, then fill the hole with water and let it soak. Add soil and tamp it with the hands. Soak again. Mound soil to eight inches and leave the mound until new growth is one or two inches long.

To plant potted or container grown roses, dig a hole five or six inches wider and deeper than the pot in which the rose is growing. Ease the plant from the container and fill the hole around it. Many gardeners give a feeding of plant starter at this time when adding the water.

Care of roses in summer centers around watering, feeding, mulching, pruning, and spraying. Roses need an inch of rain per week. Soak the soil around the roses at least once a week if rainfall is insufficient.

Use either a liquid or a granular fertilizer once a month beginning in early April. Follow directions on the package. Do not fertilize after August.

Mulch may be wood chips, peat moss, shredded leaves, or well-rotted manure. Mulch conserves moisture and helps to keep the soil cool. Never use grass clippings from lawns that have been treated with weed killer.

Remove all spent blooms at once. Use sharp pruning shears or clippers. Cut back to the first five-part leaflet.

Spray in the early morning. Funginex is a good fungicide. Orthene and Judo are effective against aphids, thrips, and beetles. Spray once a week and after each rain.

Winter care consists chiefly of mounding up dirt to six to eight inches above the bud union. Leave the hill intact “until the forsythia blooms” in the spring. Then trim back the previous year’s canes to twelve inches, remove all the old or dead canes, and carefully pull the mound of dirt away from the canes. Tender new sprouts will emerge to bear the season’s bloom. Leave a collar of earth around the bud union as a saucer to hold water.

Mary Y. Allen