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'STEELING' THE GLORY

Lukens roses: Making historic appearance on ground of the National Iron museum



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Arborist Jonathan Fairoaks poses at the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum. He is charged with growing historic roses.

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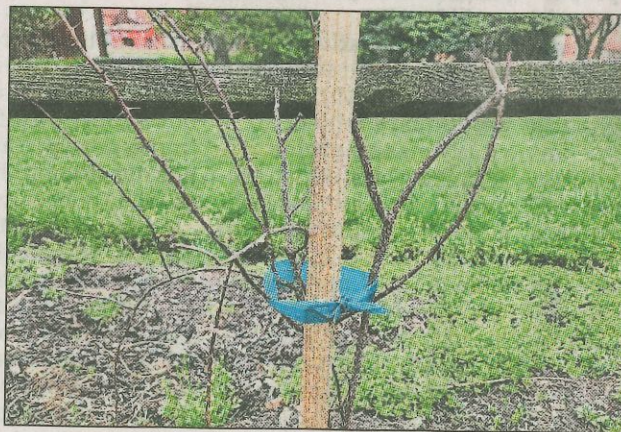
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COATESVILLE » With a nod to Coatesville's long tenure as a steel producer, The National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum is now growing historic roses.

New steel museum arborist and horticulturalist Jonathan Fairoaks is growing "Lukens Roses," which were named after early Lukens steel boss Rebecca Lukens. These types of roses might have once grown in Rebecca Lukens garden.

The correct name for the Lukens rose is the "Harrison rose," which is also known as the "yellow rose of Texas" and the "Oregon Trail rose."

Fairoaks said that the Lukens rose is a little wild and what is growing in iron and steel museum green houses



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Fledgling rose bushes at the National Iron & Steel Heritage Museum in Coatesville.

will grow in four different places on the steel museum grounds. Flower beds and mulch piles will host fledgling rose plants.

"It's a pretty hardy plant," Fairoaks said. "I'm expecting great things from them."

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