



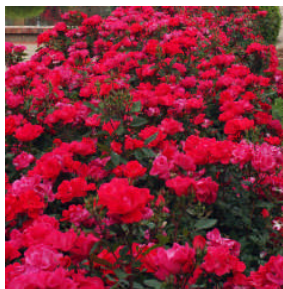
News from the Farm

February 2008

GATHER YE ROSEBUDS...

I ♥ Roses

Nothing says “Valentine’s Day” like a bunch of red roses. And nothing says red roses with exclamation points like the new wonder rose, Knock-Out.



Roses have been part of our culture and history for centuries. Not only have they been used for their beauty indoors and out, they have been important as a source for Vitamin C, of fragrance, and of inspiration for poets as symbols both of beauty and also of the too rapid passage of time.

Robert Herrick reminds us in in his “To the Virgins, to Make Much of Time”:

Gather ye rosebuds while ye may,

Old time is still a-flying:

And this same flower that smiles today

Tomorrow will be dying.

That’s no surprise to any gardener! Dead-heading is ample proof.

But did you know that the Latin phrase that states the theme of the poem, *carpe diem*, has been commonly translated as “seize the day”, but is more correctly translated as “Harvest the Day.”

Now that’s a real gardener’s sentiment

Go Harvest Your Day!

Rosily,
Kathy

Earth-Kind Roses

EarthKind roses have been selected by Texas A&M for having a high level of landscape performance coupled with outstanding disease and insect tolerance/resistance, and have been found to perform well in high humidity and in about any kind of soil. Although not immune to pest problem, as long as you don’t mind a few dropped leaves and a few black spots, you can get by without using any chemical sprays on these roses. See earthkindroses.tamu.edu for more information.

DWARF SHRUBS

The Fairy
Marie Daly

SMALL SHRUBS

Caldwell Pink
Knock Out
Perle d’Or

MEDIUM SHRUBS

Belinda’s Dream
Carefree Beauty (Katy Road Pink)
Duchesse de Brabant
Else Poulsen
Spice

LARGE SHRUBS

Mutabilis

CLIMBERS

Climbing Pinkie
Sea Foam

Additional White Wagon Farm Recommendations

The following are roses currently under serious evaluation for the EarthKind designation (*) or those we have grown for many years and highly recommend for their hardiness and durability.

MINIATURE

Red Cascade
Petite Pink Scotch

MEDIUM SHRUBS

*Ducher
*Georgetown Tea
*Mme. Antoine Mari

CLIMBERS

Cl Cecile Brunner
*New Dawn
Cl Old Blush



♥♥ Happy Valentine’s Day! ♥♥

Arkansas Flower & Garden Show

Mark your calendars now for the Arkansas Flower & Garden show, February 22-24 at Little Rock’s Statehouse Convention Center. Amy and I will be speaking on Friday. Our topic is “Something About Roses...,” and I think we’ll say something about roses.

Nursery & Gallery Hours

Mar - June & Sept - Nov

Monday – Saturday
9:00 – 5:00

March - May

Also Open Sun 1:00 - 5:00

Mid-Summer and Mid-Winter

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