



Heart Warmers

Plant roses, they'll make your heart sing!

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It's easy to see why roses are the most loved flower in the world. Their beauty is unsurpassed, their fragrance captivating. Their old fashioned charm turns the mind to a time and place when life was simpler.

Entering a garden packed to the gunnels with roses is a heartening, dream-like experience. But we don't have to

devote a whole garden to roses to enjoy their special charm. For roses can be used in so many ways: integrated into mixed borders, as hedges, as fillers, as features or as container plants, and for screening too.

Now is the perfect time to compile your wish list for the planting season ahead. The trick is to select the right type of rose for your purpose.

Which roses for you?

Hybrid Teas are bush roses carrying classic high pointed buds, usually one per long stem, which open to perfectly shaped blooms. They repeat flower through the season and are considered the best for picking, but scent is variable. Hybrid Teas are traditionally planted as a collection in a formal setting, but in the home garden, they are well suited to scatter planting in mixed garden borders.

Floribundas are bush roses, which produce large clusters of semi-double or single flowers, continuously through the season. Only a few varieties are scented. Floribundas are ideal as mass planting in formal beds to create blocks of colour. They're also useful as filler planting in mixed borders, or background planting in perennial borders.

BELOW: Flower Carpet White





Shrub roses include several different groups from large graceful plants to ground covers. The prime difference between them and the aforementioned classes is that shrub roses do not require fussy pruning to encourage blooming. Ground cover shrub roses are often termed 'easy-care' for their disease resistance and ability to be pruned with hedge clippers! Most are repeat flowering and some are scented. Shrub roses make ideal filler planting in mixed borders and group planting to create blocks of colour. Plant large shrubs as hedging or screening and ground cover types as edging or on banks.

Old Roses are those that were in existence in 1867. They are a large and varied group including species (wild) roses and several different types such as Gallicas, Chinas and Bourbons. Old roses vary markedly in their growth habit from small bushes to ramblers. The colour palette is more restricted and some flower only once in the season, but many possess a wonderful fragrance. Many varieties sold under the Old Rose group are in fact modern roses with an old-fashioned appearance. Old Roses are suited to informal, cottage style gardens.

LEFT: *Hansa (Rugosa)*
ABOVE: *Cornelia (Shrub)*
RIGHT: *Graham Thomas (English)*
BELOW: *Crepuscule (Climber)*

English Roses (aka David Austin's) combine the best of the old with the best of the new. In the main, they are vigorous shrubby bushes with reliable repeat flowering, old-fashioned flower formation and a rich fragrance.

Many English roses grow into sizeable shrubs in New Zealand's milder climate and are suited to large borders, and background or specimen planting.

Modern Climbers are mostly the climbing form of modern Hybrid Teas or Floribundas. Most repeat flower but tend to be quite vigorous with stiff growth that is best trained horizontally on a fence or trellis, to promote better flower production.

Ramblers produce smaller flowers in large clusters and flower only once per season. Each branch flowers once only also and can be removed in winter to promote new growth to flower the following season. Ramblers are a mix of old and modern. All are vigorous and despite their once flowering habit, put on an excellent show when trained over a large structure.





New roses for 2011

Baby Jack

Winter is an exciting time for rose lovers, as fresh healthy stocks of the latest and greatest, and tried and tested rose varieties arrive in garden centres ready for planting.

Baby Jack (Shrublet) produces masses of wide open, semi-double flowers of an appealing burgundy purple, fading to smokey lilac, on a low growing plant, 50cm x 60cm. A very easy care rose.

Phar Lap (Hybrid Tea), named in honour of Timaru's famous horse, produces glowing, deep velvet-red blooms on a medium sized bush to 1m. Perfect for picking.



Phar Lap



Golden Gift

Golden Gift (Hybrid Tea) has miniature genes in its parentage, resulting in a compact bush with perfectly shaped, golden yellow blooms, which age to pleasing pale caramel tones. It has a wonderful musky fragrance.

Top Shelf (Hybrid Tea), winner of the 'New Zealand Rose Industry Gold Award' 2011, is an excellent picking rose with dark buds opening to two-toned blooms of deep tarnished copper on the undersides of the petals and varying shades of terracotta on the upper sides.

Memorial Day (Hybrid Tea) is an award winning rose with large, unusual coloured, orchid-pink blooms with frilled edges and filled with a strong, old-rose fragrance. It has an upright growth habit to 1.2m.

Hot Pants (Floribunda) is a very healthy rose producing semi-double flowers of deep pink, with silvery-white on the reverse, continuously throughout summer on a 1.2m bush.

First Red (Hybrid Tea) produces classic rich, blackish-red buds that unfurl to vibrant cardinal red blooms on long, relatively thornless, stems that are excellent for picking. Growth habit is tall and slender to 1.2m and the plant repeat blooms quickly.



Top Shelf



First Red



Memorial Day



Hot Pants



Planting for Success

*Brilliant Pink Iceberg
(Floribunda)*

- ✓ Dig in compost and sheep pellets or blood and bone a few weeks prior to planting.
- ✓ Soak plants well a few hours prior to planting.
- ✓ Dig planting hole twice the size of the root ball.
- ✓ Add extra compost to the planting hole, mix thoroughly with existing soil.
- ✓ Remove plants from containers, trim off any damaged roots.
- ✓ Re-form the planting hole to accommodate the full depth and spread of roots.
- ✓ Sit rose plant in the hole with the graft (crown) at ground level.
- ✓ Push soil and compost mix between the roots, compacting it lightly until the hole is half full.
- ✓ Scatter slow release fertiliser pellets, blood and bone or sheep pellets around the roots.
- ✓ Continue to backfill with soil/compost mix, firming it as you go.
- ✓ Water well to settle the plant into the hole and mulch with fine bark or compost.
- ✓ Prune new roses back to 12 – 15cm high, or 3 – 5 buds from the base of each stem.
- ✓ Don't prune old fashioned roses until their third season.

Luminus (Hybrid Tea), bred to commemorate the 125th anniversary of St John, produces well-shaped buds that open to pure white blooms perfect for picking. Proceeds from sales of 'Luminus' will go towards the St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital.

Caroline Bay (Floribunda) is a free flowering, bushy shrub to 1m high. It produces sweetly scented, small to medium sized, double flowers of blackish-red with yellow centres, fading to reddish-purple.





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NEW



BABY JACK

NEW



MEMORIAL DAY



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PHAR LAP



HOT LIPS



ANNA LEESE



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