

## ROSES TODAY AND OF YESTERDAY

It was very refreshing to read, something different in the **Bull Sheet**, last month: "Rose Care in Spring," by Paul Voykin, and I might add, very nicely done. This being the case, I thought another five cents worth of information on the subject, may be of interest to someone.

I started growing, "The Queen of Flowers," some 20 years ago in self-defense, that's right, because it was the only weed my wife would leave alone, because it had a built-in defense mechanism--**thorns**.

At first, there was the usual tea rose, that just about everyone is familiar with, and I had the usual problems and the work that goes along with this variety, in this zone. Most tea roses are of a southern strain, or the China Tea variety.

As a boy, I remembered roses that required very little attention, and filled the air with perfume. (Seven Sisters), sometimes known as the original American Wild Rose, so my search began. I found that many varieties of old-fashioned roses were developed in Germany, England, Ireland, France, Persia, India and China.

Well, this covered one big territory of acquisition. Then, came the varieties. Are you ready? Chinensis, Multibracteta, Wichuraiana, Rosa Roxburghi, Bracteata, Damask, Musk, Alba, Moss, Shrub, Centifolia, Francofurtana, Rambler, Nastarana, Spinosissima, Polyantha, Hybrids Bush, Shrub, Tree and Climbers. Yes, these are varieties and there may be more that I am not aware of at this time.

The beauty of some of these roses, words cannot describe. Their perfume is intoxicating, compared to the common tea rose.

I have 37 different roses, and they receive very little attention. They are hardy, disease resistant, and virtually trouble-free, in my opinion.

Someday, I hope to plant some of these hardy roses at Brookwood Country Club, possibly around some of the ladies tees, and patio areas.

Being "old fashioned" varieties, you probably think that they would cost a small fortune, well--nothing could be farther from the truth. They will run from \$3.00 to \$7.50 average, and in quantity, considerably less.

Where can you acquire these beauties? Well, as far as I know, there are only two sources of supply in the USA:

Tillotson's Roses, Brown's Valley Road,  
Watsonville, California 95076 (Catalog \$1.00)

Joseph J. Kern, Rose Grower & Nurseryman  
Box 33, Mentor, Ohio 44060

For any rose problem of any nature, I would contact the Consulting Rosarian of the American Rose Society, Mr. Ralph W. Drews, 1227 South Summit Drive, Roselle, Illinois 60172.

In conclusion, if you are looking for something different, with a minimum of expenditure and work, that will reward you in so many different ways, try the **Old Fashioned Roses**.

**Leonard Schnepf, Superintendent,  
Brookwood Country Club**

"Now, if you have that in your head," said a professor, who had just explained a theory to his students, "it's all in a nutshell."

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