



The Rose Petal

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Promoting Rose Growing in South Florida for Over 40 Years

November 2023

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Calendar:

- ▶ Nov 27 2023 7:30pm
Nate Fisher Presents
Rose Hips and
Hybridizing Roses
- ▶ December 13, 2023 7 pm
Holiday Party
- ▶ January 6, 2024 10:30am
Field Trip to White Trail
Flower Farm
- ▶ February 26, 2024, 7:30pm
The Rose Geek,
Kimberley Dean Presents
- ▶ April 13, 2024 10 am
Rose Garden Tour,
Wellington Fl
- ▶ April 27, 2024 All day
Mounts Botanical
Gardens Spring Plant Sale

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President's Message

by Debbie & Geoff Coolidge

Happy November!
My favorite rose in November is Hot Cocoa! At one time I had four of these roses. I would make beautiful arrangements to give out for Thanksgiving. Hot Cocoa and Strike It Rich make a beautiful combination and grow similar. The holidays are upon us. Try to share your roses with friends and family.



Miss Everyone! Geoff & Debbie

BE THERE OR ELSE!

Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 13 @7 pm

Mounts Auditorium

We are supplying the ham but please bring a side dish or dessert.

Contact *Maria Wolfe* for further information on what to bring.



Editor's Corner

Welcome to *The Rose Petal*. I hope you really enjoy this issue and it brings you good information!

I took a road trip to Central Florida as part of my trip to St. Petersburg. How exciting! I did a photo journal to memorialize my travels of two gardens, Ruth's Garden at Florida Southern and my friend Holly Golightly's garden. So I hope it brings you some pleasure.

Any suggestions, please contact me at foxviewroses@gmail.com I hope to see you all our next meeting.

Denise Abruzzese
Editor

"Roses do not bloom hurriedly; for beauty, like any masterpiece, takes time to blossom"

Mathomna Dhtiqayo

REMINDER! ROSE HYBRIDIZATION PRESENTATION BY NATE FISHER

Monday, November 27, 2023 @ 7:30 pm
Mounts Botanical Gardens

We are excited that Nate will be sharing his rose hybridization process with us. This will be "hands on" experience. If you have a rose hip you want to work on, please feel free to bring it along with a sharp knife! Nate has also graciously offered to send rose hips to us for the experience. Thank you Nate! Please join us for this Free presentation!

GPBRS ROSE CHATTER:

☞ *Here ye! Here ye! Those interested in Consulting Rosarian School!!!! ONLINE CONSULTING ROSARIAN SCHOOL! Coming February 3, 2024 and February 10, 2024. So if you want to become a Consulting Rosarian, now would be the time! There will also be in-person classes Sunday, January 21, 2024 in Gainesville.*

☞ *The Deep South District will be holding it's mid-winter meeting January 19 through 21, 2024 in Gainesville, hosted by The Tampa Rose Society.*

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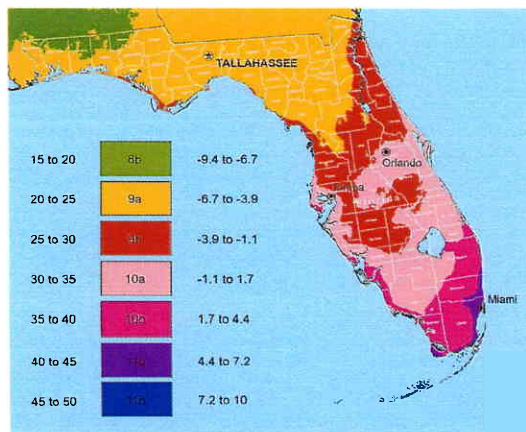
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EVERY ROSE HAS ITS THORN

USDA has updated the zone chart!

Most of Palm Beach County is now 10b!!!



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The 12 Best Modern Roses for South Florida

(Part II of a two-part series on roses)

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In last month's installment, we looked at one way to successfully include roses in your South Florida garden: Focusing on the wonderfully heat-tolerant and magically romantic old rose classes, specifically Chinas, Bourbons, Noisettes, and teas.

"But Victor," my readers protest, "those don't look like the roses I'm used to! I want a rose that looks like a *rose!*"

If only I had a dollar for every time I've heard this! For better or worse, many gardeners still only think of a "rose" in the iconic hybrid tea sense: A single, large, high-centered flower held high atop a long, sturdy stem. Since we've now had a dialogue about the old roses, let's look at the modern roses – and how they can successfully integrate in the South Florida garden.



Flo Nelson

The most widely available roses in North America are modern roses ("modern" simply denotes any rose developed after 1867). These include the hybrid teas; their close cousins, the floribundas and grandifloras; and the catchall "shrub roses," which includes the wildly popular David Austin roses from England. Modern roses generally have large, shapely flowers spanning a humongous color range that includes everything but true blue – including novelties like black, brown, gray, green, and lavender! Many varieties, especially the David Austin roses, are also sensuously perfumed.

Modern roses dominated the retail rose world for most of the 20th century. Towards the end of the 1990s, however, their reputation as disease-prone and high-maintenance led to consumer demand for healthier, lower maintenance versions of these beauties. Breeders responded in kind by emphasizing health and vigor when creating new hybrid teas, floribundas, grandifloras, and shrub roses.

Today, thanks to this back-and-forth between consumers and breeders, many of the newer modern roses are just as healthy and vigorous as the best of the old roses discussed previously, with good adaptability to South Florida's challenging tropical climate. So, we can just jump right in and start planting these varieties, right?

Not exactly. Having healthy, heat-tolerant roses is half the battle. The other half, when it comes to modern roses, is having *properly grafted* roses.

Roses commonly sold at big box retailers – Home Depot, Walmart, and the like – are almost always grafted on one of two rootstocks, ‘Dr. Huey’ or ‘Multiflora’. Unfortunately, both of these rootstocks grow poorly in South Florida and are susceptible to root-knot nematodes, tiny worms that kill rosebushes by strangling their root systems.

But don’t despair just yet! A third rootstock called ‘Fortuniana’ is fully nematode-resistant, and has the added benefit of thriving in humid tropical growing conditions. (Most of the old roses – the Chinas, teas, and so forth – are naturally nematode resistant; these varieties need not be grafted on ‘Fortuniana’ to survive in South Florida.) Varieties grafted on ‘Fortuniana’ rootstock have the added benefit of generally growing bigger and stronger than the same variety grown on a ‘Dr. Huey’ or ‘Multiflora’ rootstock.



Belinda’s Dream

The only drawback to ‘Fortuniana’ is its limited availability. Because ‘Fortuniana’ is not hardy in cold-winter climates, big box retailers rarely carry ‘Fortuniana’-grafted roses – they simply don’t fall into a cookie-cutter approach to big box inventory.

Fortunately, there are two Florida growers that carry a huge selection of ‘Fortuniana’ grafted rosebushes: Nelson’s Florida Roses in Winter Garden (www.nelsonsfloridaroses.com), and Cool Roses in West Palm Beach (www.coolroses.com). For mail-order options, K&M Roses in Mississippi (www.kandmroses.com) is the site to visit.

Hopefully, all the mystery is now debunked: If you want fabulous roses in your South Florida garden, focus on the heat-tolerant old roses – Chinas, Bourbons, Noisettes, and teas – and the newer, healthier modern roses grafted on ‘Fortuniana’ rootstock. And, now that we know which *kind* of roses to grow, let’s look at *how* to best grow them!

1. Site selection. Roses are sun lovers by nature; a few varieties can tolerate light or partial shade, but none are happy in deep full shade. Choose a sunny garden spot with good air circulation: Roses generally don’t like being crowded. Try to leave at least a few feet of space between your rose and any nearby walls or large, dense shrubs.

2. Planting. For each rosebush, dig a hole approximately 2’ wide and deep. Discard three-quarters of the excavated soil; mix the remaining with a blend of equal parts composted manure and topsoil. Partially backfill the hole with your compost blend, remove the rose from its pot, and position it in the hole so that the soil line of the rose matches the finished grade of the planting bed. Finish by filling the hole with your compost blend, making sure to pack the soil down firmly.

3. Watering. After planting, water the rose gently but thoroughly with a hose for a good 60 seconds. Continue watering daily, especially during very hot or dry weather, for four weeks. Afterward, as the plant becomes established, watering can be tapered down to once every few days or so (heavy rainfall notwithstanding).

For additional information on how to have amazing roses in your yard, check out the recently released book *100 Roses for the South Florida Garden*, now available on Amazon.

The following are 12 excellent modern roses for the South Florida garden. As long as you obtain 'Fortuniana'-grafted plants, all are more or less reliable, disease-resistant, vigorous garden roses in South Florida.

'Belinda's Dream'. **Shrub.** High-centered blooms of clear carnation pink emit a delightful raspberry scent. Impeccable disease resistance. Grows 4-6' tall.

'Beverly'. **Hybrid tea.** Large, strongly fragrant blooms of deep cool pink; blooms mature to a ruffled old-rose shape. Extremely healthy foliage. Grows 5-7' tall.

'Brian Michael'. **Shrub.** Pure white, rounded blooms are blessed with a captivating fruit and myrrh perfume. Heavy bloomer. Grows 5-6' tall.

'Flo Nelson'. **Hybrid tea.** A never-ending parade of cheerful, ruffled flowers in soft shades of peach highlighted with yellow and pink. Delightful tea fragrance. Grows 4-5' tall.

'Francis Meilland'. **Hybrid tea.** Large, high-centered, perfectly shaped blooms of white blushed with apricot. Strong fruity scent; a wonderful bouquet flower. Grows 6-7' tall.

'Grande Dame'. **Grandiflora.** A powerful damask fragrance emanates from huge (5-6"), deep fuchsia to magenta-red flowers with reflexed outer petals. Grows 5-6' tall.

'Julia Child'. **Floribunda.** Low, rounded shrubs covered in brilliant glossy yellow flowers that give off a unique licorice fragrance. Excellent for bees and butterflies. Grows 3-4' tall.

'Love'. **Grandiflora.** Upright, thorny plants bloom heavily with bicolored red and white flowers. High-centered buds; petals often become pointed as they age. Grows 5-6' tall.

'Munstead Wood'. **Shrub.** Deep burgundy flowers are enchanting with their intense, sweet perfume and flawless antique shape. Extremely thorny stems. Grows 3-5' tall.

'Mother of Pearl'. **Grandiflora.** Perhaps the best grandiflora for South Florida: healthy, easy to grow, and constantly covered in large peachy apricot flowers. Grows 4-6' tall.

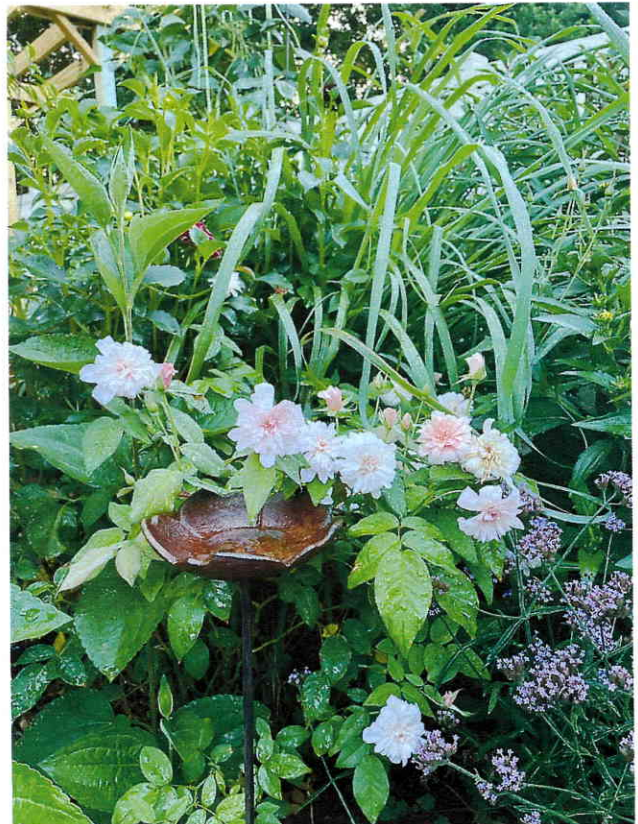
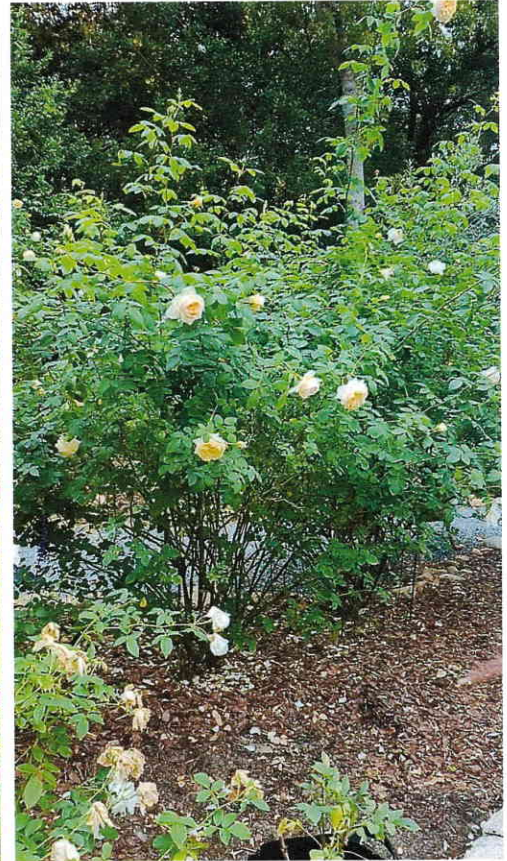
'Poseidon'. **Floribunda.** For those who love lavender, this is *the* variety to buy. Very full, rounded blooms with pointed petal tips. Healthy and prolific. Grows 5-7' tall.

'St. Patrick'. **Hybrid tea.** Large, shapely flowers of soft primrose yellow with whimsical green shading in the outermost petals. Excellent disease resistance. Grows 4-5' tall.

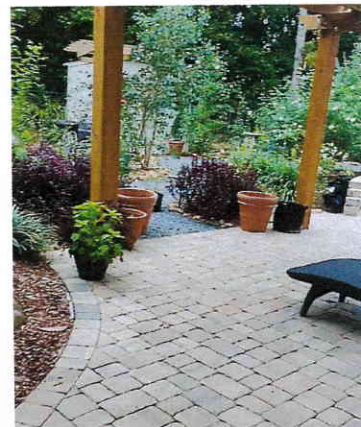
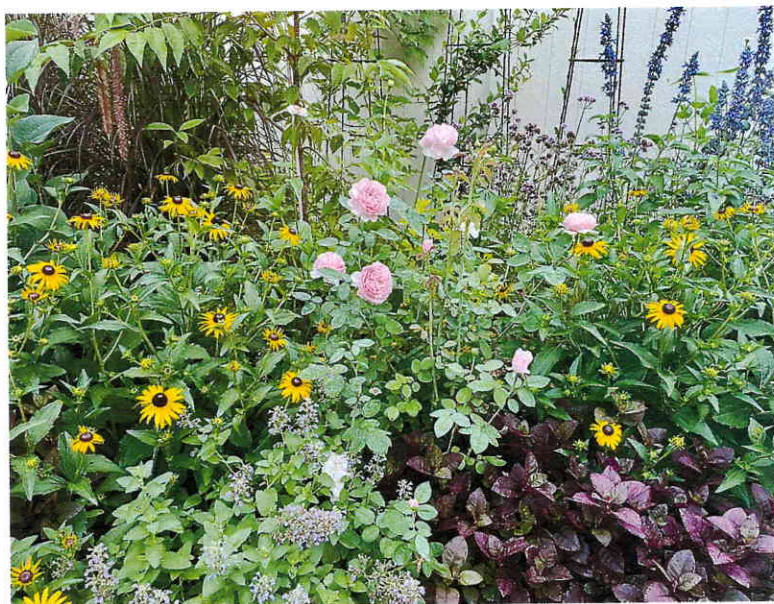
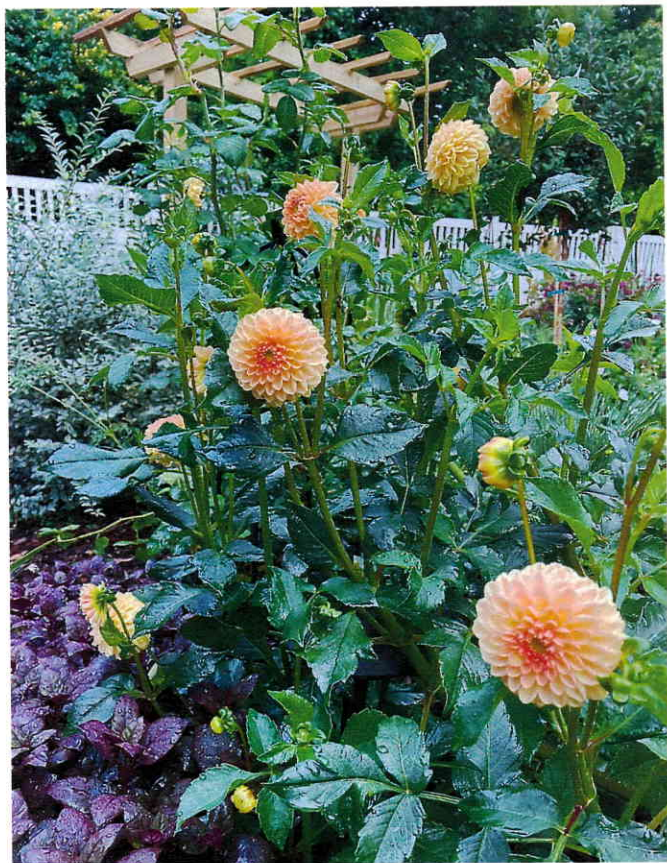
HOLLY GOLIGHTLY'S GARDEN Author: Denise Abruzzese Photos: Holly Golightly

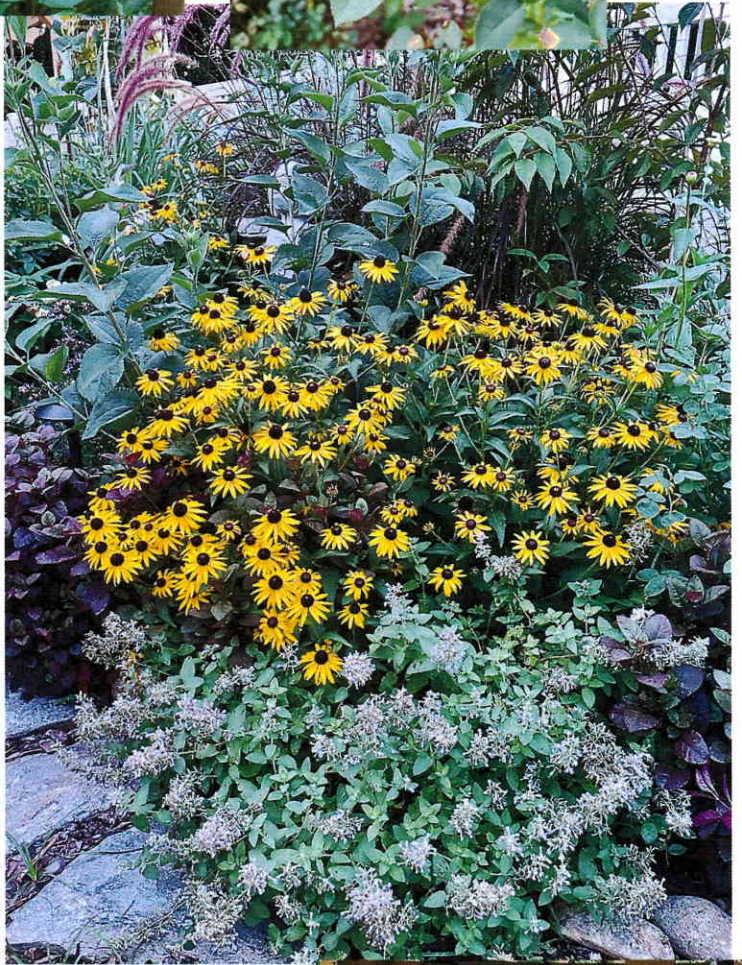
Some of you may know Holly Golightly from Facebook. I saw some of her videos of her gardens and thought that I really need to go see these gardens with my own eyes. So, after spending 6 days at my daughter's house greeting my new grandson, I decided to take the two hour drive north of St. Pete and visit. Holly was working so I video recorded for her what each of her roses needed (which literally was two roses).

I was not prepared for what I saw when I entered her backyard.



I walked into a country garden retreat with separate garden rooms and seating areas spread throughout the winding paths with gorgeous perennials and rose covered arbors. I died and went to heaven!!! It would be tough to choose a highlight but when pressed her three David Austin Bathsheba's (*pictured on previous page*) took my breath away. Absolutely magnificent! They are on own root, 3 years old and trained as bushes rather than climbers and are full and massive. I wish she lived closer so we could add her to our rose tour ! Enjoy.





Ruth's Garden at Florida Southern University Author: Denise Abruzzese

I kept seeing pictures and posts by Dr. Malcolm Manners and I had only been to Florida Southern University once and never saw the rose garden. So as part of my little travel adventure last week, I decided to detour on the way home from Holly Golightly's garden. Two beautiful gardens within an hour of each other. Despite the dreary rainy weather and the gardens winding down and going to bed for winter, what I saw just vibrated on a different level.....Magnificence.

Here are some of the photos I took and I also took a peak in the windows of the greenhouse to see what magnificence Dr. Manners was creating. I don't know any of the names of any of the roses, as the signs were taken down for the winter but the beauty couldn't be passed up! Please make sure you take a road trip there if you haven't. And in late January or early February, you can help on pruning day at which time, you will be able to keep your cuttings for propagation. If you don't know how to prune correctly, they will give you a lesson! I think we should organize a field trip! Enjoy!



Dr. Manner's Greenhouse





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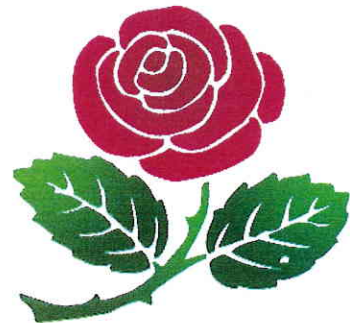
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