

Antique & Heritage Roses at Mary's Plant Farm

The first flush of blooming roses always show off the olde heritage varieties that are not readily available in the nursery trade. Rose questions by customers have prompted me to take an inventory of these in Mary's gardens. Many antique roses are species that only bloom in the spring, but there are some that repeat bloom throughout the season. The fragrance, bloom form and abundance of flowers covering these shrubs or climbers will overshadow the any disappointment of spring bloom only. Their maintenance is minimal and are truly disease resistant, one reason they have survived for centuries. Depending on the variety some will climb 15' to 20' and can be allowed to use small trees or other shrubs as support if you don't trellis them. Others will grow from 3' to 6' tall shrubs. In Mary's gardens where the roses were planted in a sunny location fifty years ago, many areas have changed to a shade garden and yet these beauties still thrive and bloom. Unfortunately some in her collection have been lost, but we are pleased with the good selection we are able to still offer. It is important to keep these heritage plants available and protect them from being lost, so that rose lovers can enjoy what the true olde roses were to our ancestors.

Here is a listing of availability and allow you to do further research on the history of these roses.

*roses we use for rose petal conserve or jelly

The Apothocary Rose (Gallica) – 1240 AD, rose pink, semi double fragrant, 3'-5' tall, spring bloom *



Common Moss (Moss) – 1696, light pink, double, fragrant, mosses sepals, spring bloom



Belle Pointevine (Rugosa) – 1894, light magenta semi double, fragrant, 4' tall, all summer bloom, red rose hips



Blance Double de Coubert (Rugosa) - 1892, white semi double bloom, fragrant, 3'- 5' tall, repeat bloom, red rose hips



F.J. Grootendorst (Rugosa)- 1918, clusters of rose red roses w/ fringed edges, 4'-7'tall, fragrant, repeat bloom



Frau Dagmar Hastrup (Rugosa) – 1914, single pink 3" bloom, fragrant, 2'-3' tall, repeat bloom



Harison's Yellow (foetida x) – 1830, clusters of 2' double yellow bloom, very fragrant, 4'-8', spring bloom



Konigin von Danemark (alba) – 1824, double pink quartered bloom, 4'-5' tall, spring bloom
(sorry no photo of Konigin von Danemark)

La Reine Victoria (Bourbon) - 1872, double pink very quartered bloom, fragrant, repeat bloom



Rugosa Rosea (Rugosa) -1799, single rose red bloom, 4'-6' tall, repeat



Magnifica (Rugosa) – 1905, very double magenta blooms, very fragrant, 4'-5'tall, repeat bloom, red rose hip*



Zephirine Drouhin (Bourbon) – 1868, semi double pink bloom, 8'-10' tall, fragrant, thorn-less stems, repeat bloom



Great Maiden's Blush (Alba) – 1400's, double pale pink bloom, fades to white, fragrant, 6'-8' tall, spring bloom



Hippolyte (Gallica) – 1842, double mauve bloom, very fragrant, 8'-10' tall, spring bloom *



Charles de Mills (Gallica) – 1840, double magenta quartered bloom, very fragrant, 3'-5' tall, spring bloom *



Alba Semi-Plena (Alba) – 1629 (known as the White Rose of York), single white bloom, fragrant, 7'-8' tall, spring bloom

