## ROSES 101

### **30 ROSES IN 30 MINUTES**

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- "I love roses but they are too hard to grow and I don't have enough time to grow them"
- You spend more time maintaining your lush lawns than 30 roses require
  - And roses are so much more rewarding
- Almost anyone who has 30 minutes a week to spare can have 25 to 30 beautiful rose bushes
  - No other flower is so prolific from May into November

- Selecting
- Planting
- Pruning
- Spraying
- Fertilizing
- Watering
- Winterizing
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- Rose Shows

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### SELECTING

- Decide how roses are to be used
  - As a boundary or hedge
  - Against a fence or wall
  - On a trellis
  - Pillar
  - Over an Arbor
  - Specimen
  - Cutting garden
  - Are you willing to spray?

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### Sources

- Potted Roses: Purchase first quality (#1 grade) from local nurseries
- Bare Root Roses: some mail order sources:
  - www.hortico.com Ontario, Canada
  - www.davidaustinroses.com Texas
  - www.waysidegardens.com South Carolina
  - www.rosemania.com Tennessee
  - www.rosesunlimitedownroot.com
     South Carolina
  - www.jacksonperkins.com Oregon
  - www.noreast-miniroses.com California
  - www.antiqueroseemporium.com Texas
  - www.vintagegardens.com California
  - www.weeksroses.com
     California (wholesale)
  - www.heirloomroses.com Oregon
  - www.roguevalleyroses.com Oregon
  - www.edmundsroses.com Wisconsin
  - www.rosesofyesterday.com California
  - www.conard-pyle.com/index.cfm
     Pennsylvania

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### Site Selection

- Roses need at least 6 hours of sun daily
  - Morning sun preferred
    - Early drying of morning dew from leaves (reduce blackspot)
- Open area with good air circulation
- Space roses to accommodate drip line
  - 30 36 inches typical for HT, Floribundas, etc
  - 15 18 inches for minis
  - 4 to 5 feet for larger shrubs

### Soil Preparation

- Perk Test fill 12 to 18 inch deep hole with water
  - − Drain 6 inches in  $\leq$  2 to 6 hours is good
- Prepare planting site in advance
  - Prepare the hole (or bed): 36 inch dia x 18 inch deep (ideal)
  - If heavy clay discard about ½; for remainder mix by volume:
    - 1/2 original clay
    - 1/3 any organic material
      - Peat moss, Compro, Leafgro, Promix or compost
    - 1/6 Perlite
  - To this add:
    - 2 cups gypsum (provide calcium & break up clay)
    - 3 lb coffee can of finely shredded pine bark (loosen clay)
    - 2 cups green sand (potash & micronutrients)
    - 1/2 cup lime (raise pH to 6.5)
    - 1 cup bone meal (phosphorus)
    - 1 cup Epsom salt (magnesium)
    - 3 cups Milorganite (iron & micronutrients)
    - 20 lbs (about 4 gal) composted cow manure (tilth & micronutrients)
  - Let this rest over winter

### Planting

- Dig a hole (in previously prepared soil) deep enough to accommodate the roots
  - Scratch 4 tablespoons super phosphate in bottom
  - Place rose bush in hole so graft union is at surface level
  - Water in as you backfill with potting soil
  - Tamp potting soil down to remove air pockets
  - Cover canes with box for 2 weeks to shelter from sun
  - <u>Don't fertilize un</u>til after first blooms



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#### Pruning (except climbers)

(Dormant bushes – in spring when Forsythia blooms)

- Always work from the ground up
  - Remove dead, damaged, diseased & very old canes that produced no strong growth
  - Remove suckers growing from below the union graft
  - Remove central crossing canes
- Remove about 1/3 of the outer ends of the remaining canes
  - Cut at least 1 inch below any diseased wood and ¼ inch above an outward facing bud eye
  - These cuts allow you to shape the ultimate bush
- Remove all spindly canes less than a pencil in diameter
- Seal major cuts with Elmer's glue
- Remove all remaining leaves



### Pruning (climbers)

(Dormant bushes – in spring about mid March)

- As before work from the ground up to:
  - Remove dead, damaged, diseased & very old canes that produced no strong growth
  - Remove suckers growing from below the union graft
- Do not remove the outer ends of the remaining canes except to remove dead wood
- Cut laterals ¼ inch above the second or third bud eye from the major canes
- Remove all spindly canes less than a pencil in diameter
- Remove all remaining leaves



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Rose Shows

### Rose Diseases Black Spot Powdery Mildew







### Spraying

- Most varieties of roses require periodic spraying to prevent fungal disease
  - However many new varieties are disease resistant
- For fungal disease (spray every 7 (spring) to 14 (summer) days)
  - Bayer Disease Control in Roses, Flowers & Shrubs (Tebuconazole)
  - Ortho RosePride (Triforine)
  - Compass (Trifloxystrobin)
  - Banner Max (Propiconazole)
  - Immunox (Myclobutanil)
  - Mancozeb Flowable (Mancozeb) non-systemic
- For chewing insects
  - *Merit* (Imidacloprid)
- For spider mites
  - Avid (Abametin)
  - Water spray
- For disease, insects and mites
  - Bayer Advanced 3 in 1 Insect, Disease and Mites (Tebuconazole, Imidacloprid, Taufluvalinate)

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**Double Delight** 

### Roses can be Heavy Feeders

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16 lbs N/1000 sq ft	7 lbs P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> /1000 sq ft	16 lbs K <sub>2</sub> O/1000 sq ft

- Compare with residential lawn grass  $\approx$  4 lbs N/1000 sq ft
- 16 lbs N/1000 sq ft is provided by: (cups per 30" drip-line rose)
  - Extended duration fertilizers: apply once per year April
    - ¾ cup: Osmocote Pro 20-4-8
    - 0.95 cup: Osmocote Plus 15-9-12
    - 0.8 cup: Osmocote Classic 18-6-12
  - Organic fertilizers: divide into 3 feedings –15 Apr, 15 Jun, 15 Aug
    - 3.5 cups: Fertrell Rose Food 4-2-4
    - 3.6 cups: Mills Magic Mix 6-5-1
    - 3.9 cups: Espoma Plant-tone 5-3-3
    - 5.0 cups: Espoma Rose-tone 4-3-2
  - Granular fertilizers: divide into 4 feedings 1 Apr, 15 May, 1 Jul, 15 Aug
    - 4.5 cups: 10-10-10
- Conversion to other drip-line diameters
  - Square of the ratio of the drip-line diameters, e.g. 36", 60", 24". 15":
    - $(36/30)^2 = 1.44, (60/30)^2 = 4.0, (24/30)^2 = 0.64, (15/30)^2 = 0.25$

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Rose Shows

### Roses Need Lots of Water

- Two inches of water each week in hot weather
  - At least one inch in spring and fall
  - Divided into twice weekly applications

C	Drip Line Diameter	Gallons to Make One Inch
	60"	12.2
	48"	7.8
	36"	4.4
	30"	3.0
	24"	2.0
	18"	1.1

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### Winter Protection

- Trim long branches to about waist height (3' - 5') to prevent abrasion and uprooting plant from wind
- Mound about 6" of mulch over the base of the plant
- Pinch off all flowers (leaving the hips) to prevent overwintering of disease spores

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### Summary: 30 Roses In 30 Minutes

- Food: Each application of fertilizer takes less than 30 seconds per bush
  - Just spread it within the drip line area & water it in (time included below)
  - That's 30 bushes x 1/2 min x 3 feedings/year = 45 min/year ; 45min / 32 weeks ≤ 1.5 minutes/week (or ≤ 1/2 minute/week if Osmocote is applied once)
- Water: Assuming no rain, 3 gallons from a garden hose spread over the drip line area takes ≤ one minute per bush
  - Hand watering after fertilizing to wash the fertilizer into the soil (say 3 times)
  - Other hand watering just so you can enjoy the roses (say 7 times)
  - That's 30 bushes x 1 min x 10 hand waterings =  $300 \text{ min/year} \le 10 \text{ minutes/week}$
  - Use sprinkler or soaker hose for remaining periods
- Protection: Disease protection requires spraying every 2 weeks
  - Blackspot is the only disease that will kill sensitive bushes
  - A one-gallon pump sprayer will do 30 HT roses
  - That will take ≤ 30 minutes every 2 weeks = 15 minutes/week
- Protection: Winter mulching & Summer mulching
  - Mound up some mulch about the base of each plant in Dec (one bag for 3 bushes)
  - Mulch drip-line area to protect against weed and water evaporation in summer
  - Estimate 45 minutes each winter & summer = 90min/year ≤ 3 minutes/week
- Total: Food: **1.5** + Water: **10** + Fungus: **15** + Mulch: **3** ≈ **29.5** minutes/week

### Take Time to Smell the Roses

- Cutting blooms is necessary to encourage new growth
  - I have not counted that in the 30 minutes as I assume you will be cutting roses for the house, friends & who knows, maybe a rose show or two











25 points

15 points

- 20 points

20 points

**10** points

