roses

for our fading beauty

Shrub roses are the answer being offered by the industry in recognition of the declining market. Conard-Pyle is leading the industry in developing and distributing a large variety of shrub roses.

the leaves fall,"

Anyone can grow shrub roses. You needn't be a "rose fancier," as these roses are hardy and disease resistant. That quality, in itself, makes them especially desirable. What the gardener gives up when planting shrub or land-scape roses is mainly the size of the flowers. The flowers are not florist floflowers. The Howers are not norms in-wers. They are simpler, but many of the plants, like the award winning Bonica, are said to be "free flowering from spring to frost."

BONICA, A PASTEL pink shrub BONICA, A PASTEL pink shrub rose, was originated by the world famous French hybridizer, "The House Meidliand," that gave us many of the top hybrid roses. It is now grown and distributed in this country by Conard-Pyle. In 1986 Bonica won the AARS, All American Rose Selections Award, and is the first shrub rose to win this and is the first shrub rose to win this coveted award. This prize winner was bred and selected for high marks in hardiness, disease resistance, vigor, and low maintenance, as well as color and flower production.

I am very familiar with Carefree Beauty, a shrub rose that I have grown with great satisfaction for many years and have frequently recommended. After overwhelming success with "Carefree Beauty," Dr. Guru Darshan Khalsa, a conscientious gardener, is ready to give up on tea roses because "they demand too much work and gave too little satisfaction." His Carefree Beauty did not stop producing un-til the killing frost in late November. As Khalsa proudly said of this very vigorous shrub rose, "My only concern is that it may take over the whole very different to the whole very the whole very

But fortunately there are many other equally desirable shrub roses that just haven't received the same promotion and public attention as Carefree Beauty, and the following are among the most desirable:

Miller is a six-foot tall plant that blooms on and off all summer. De-borah described it as "tough as nails" with pink, fragrant, cup-shaped, large informal flowers.

JOHN CABOT HAS fragrant red flowers, with "good resistance to black spot and mildew." It can be grown as a shrub with strong, arching branches, or as a climber. The plant flowers free-ly in June and July and can reach 5-6

White Meidiland is a 3 by 3 foot shrub with vigorous mounding habit, and is beautifully used as an unusual flowering ground cover or low hedge. The white double flower is produced profusely in June and actually blooms almost up to frost.

David Thomson and Jens Munk are other shrub roses that are given highest recommendations.

The printed description of many of these roses begin with the word "fra-grant," and that appeals to me. Unfortunately, the unforgettable perfume of the rose has been bred out of most of the modern forms. Anyone who has made a dry potpourri in recent years knows what a loss that is. Resorting to the faking of fragrance by oils and additives has been a reminder to me of the phoniness of the modern overbred rose that has lost its charm as well as its fragrance. It will be a pleasure to welcome back a rose that looks, acts and smells like it grew in my garden and not in the sterile, controlled environment of a commercial florist green-

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