

Month of June Hailed By Rose Fanciers

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June is the rose month. Rose fanciers revel in the great burst of blooms on their plants. They hold meetings to discuss rose growing and they stage shows so they can compare their best blooms and can show the public what prize roses look like.

The Detroit Rose Society is holding its 42nd annual rose show on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17 at Tel-Twelve Mall. In this show, which is reputed to be the largest being held in the state, 170 classes of roses will be exhibited.

These range from the old-fashioned roses that great grandmothers loved and grew to the very newest hybrid teas. It will include floribundas and grandifloras which are popular roses in gardens today and also tiny miniatures which are enjoying quite a vogue these days.

Roses have been grown and loved for centuries. In ancient times wild roses were brought into gardens and cultivated. Since there were many kinds of wild

roses, the selection was not limited.

All tended to have "single" flowers with five petals. Some were white. Others were pale pink or deep red. The flowers were relatively small and born in loose clusters of a few blossoms.

Eventually gardeners began collecting wild roses from other parts of the world and became quite selective, growing only those they found most handsome.

Soon it was discovered that even though "crossing" was exceedingly rare in the wilds, it was not too complicated a process and cross-breeding could be done quite easily. This resulted in the first of the hybrid roses.

More and more cross breeding was done. It reached a real peak in France in the 19th century, but even now new hybrids are constantly being produced. These have larger blooms, better form, clearer colors or unusual hues, and plants that are disease resistant.

One of the major results of hybridization was the production of roses that bloom rather

continuously all summer. The wild roses bloom principally in June in this part of the world. The early garden roses were also June bloomers.

The breakthrough came with the development of the roses known as hybrid teas. These have a main period of bloom in June. Then after a short rest and growth period they bloom again. This is repeated several times during the summer. The hybrid teas have large, beautifully shaped flowers on long individual stems.

One of the most popular of all is known as "Peace." It has large yellow blooms edged with pink. The leaves are lustrous, deep green and are relatively disease resistant.

This was introduced about 25 years ago and is still one of the best. It has become

the parent in a whole series of new roses. Many of the newest hybrid teas have "Peace" in their ancestry. "Chicago Peace" is a pink blend. "Flaming Peace" is red. Other beloved hybrid teas include the deep-red "Chrysler Imperial," "Tiffany," which is a deep pink blend, and "First Prize," a pink blend.

The floribundas have resulted from crosses of hybrid teas with a small flowered cluster rose of a type known as polyanthus. The floribundas have flowers that are somewhat smaller than the hybrid teas and not as beautifully shaped, but they are born in large clusters and they tend to bloom continuously all summer.

The plants are low and bushy and good for use in landscaping. "Fashion" has been espe-

cially popular in gardens for many years. It is a bright coral pink floribunda rose. There is also an "Ivory Fashion." "Little Darling" is a good yellow blend and "Iceberg" is an excellent white.

"Spartan" is a vibrant red-orange floribunda. Grandifloras are a relatively recent development. They are the product of a cross between hybrid teas and floribundas. The flowers are relatively large. Some are in clusters and others have individual stems.

"Queen Elizabeth" was the first grandiflora introduced. It has lovely medium-pink flowers. "Montezuma" is a grandiflora with red-orange flowers. "Aida" is medium red and "Carrousel" is dark red.

In order to grow good roses a regular program of care is needed.

Roses should be planted in a moderately sunny location in well-drained soil. Lots of organic material should be worked into the soil before planting.

The experts who grow the prize roses work more compost, humus, sawdust, peat moss, or other organic material into the soil around their roses every year. They also keep the beds mulched with organic material.

Pruning is necessary to remove weak or diseased stems. This should be done in early spring before growth begins. On hybrid teas leave only three or four canes and shorten these to less than six inches. Blooms appear on growth produced each year.

Red roses several times during the growing period. Use a special rose food or the mixture recommended by the Detroit Rose Society.

This is a combination of Dricomure, Milorganite, commercial rose food and Nu-Green. Liquid manure is also helpful.

Unfortunately roses are chewed by rose chafers and other insects, sucked by aphids and defaced by black spot and other fungus diseases. A regular spray or dust program is necessary. Beanyl will control black spot, which is a fungus disease.

Malathion will control rose chafers and aphids, or Lindane or Diazinon can be used for aphids. Controls should be applied every 10 to 14 days, or more often if there is rain.

Further information about growing roses will be available at the information booth that will be manned by the members of the Detroit Rose Society during their show at Tel-Twelve Mall.

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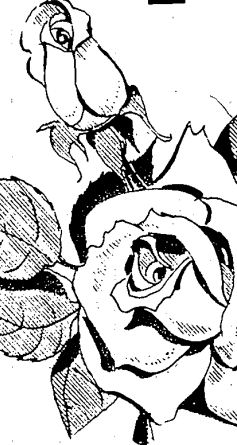
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