

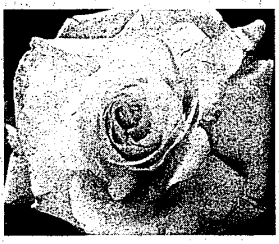
3 Flora-Tea Roses Make Debut This Spring

Years of painstaking research by the world's largest rose growers have produced a new rose plant. Trademarked Flora-teas by Jackson and Perkins, the new plants are the progeny of hybrid teas on one side and floribundas on the other, and exhibit the best traits of each.

Like floribundas, the new roses bear an abundance of flowers, but, unlike the floribunda, the flowers are large and have perfect hybrid tea form. The medium-sized, compact plants grow approximately equal in height and width, creating a flower-covered, always neat bush.

Numerous strong main canes grow from the base of each plant, branching into six to 12 individual stems, 10 to 15 inches long, each bearing a single bloom.

The Flora-teas, three of them will make their garden debut this spring.



EVENING STAR, a new Flora-tea, has one to 1½-inch buds which open to pure white, beautifully formed, high center blooms four inches or more across. The plant has dark green foliage and reaches 3½ to four feet.



VIVA'S 2½ to three-inch blooms are bright red, starting as deep red one-inch buds. The plant is four to 4½ feet high and has glossy, medium green leaves.



SUNFIRE is aptly named. The high-centered blooms are deep orange, a more striking color than either Tropicana or Zorina, its parents. The buds are ½ to ¾-inch, opening to three-inch blooms. Plant height is four feet. Foliage is light green.

Series Open To Public

A four-part course in indoor gardening will be presented by the Cranbrook Gardens Auxiliary for its members and the public at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Jan. 15, 22, 29 and Feb. 5 at Cranbrook House, 380 Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills.

Special lecturer will be Dr. William H. Carlson, associate professor of horticulture at Michigan State University.

A short course for people interested in beautifying their home environment, the

four lectures on indoor gardening include: "Growing structures," Jan. 15; "Soil and soil mixes," Jan. 22; "Effects of lights and temperatures on plants," Jan. 29; and "Plants that can thrive in your house," Feb. 5.

Fee for the entire series is \$10 for the public; \$8 for auxiliary members. For more information or to register call Cranbrook.

Dr. Carlson, who received the doctorate degree from Pennsylvania State University, is recipient of the 1968 Kenneth Post Award for "Floriculture Research, the 1970 Michigan State Florist Association's grower of the year award and the 1972 honorable mention in the John A. Hannah award for extension program excellence.

Dr. Carlson also is associate editor of the American Vegetable Grower Magazine, editor of MSU's Flower Notes and a member of the Garden Writers of America Assn.

Humidity Adds To Dewy Look

The wet head may be dead, but the soft, dewy complexion is as highly sought after as always.

Beauty experts have long extolled the fair, fresh complexions of English beauties, as the look to achieve.

But the British seem to have a natural advantage.

The climate of the British Isles, with its almost constant rain and comparatively high relative humidity, is credited with contributing to the dewy look.

Many American women, on the other hand, face the ravages wrought by weather and central heating.

Home comfort experts report that the relative humidity in many American homes drops to about 13 per cent in the winter.

This makes them considerably drier than the Sahara Desert where the average relative humidity is about 22 per cent.

With the addition of a portable home humidifier, relative humidity during normal winter temperatures can be maintained in the "comfort zone" between 35 and 40 per cent.

This will not only prevent aggravation of dry skin problems, it will reduce other household dehydration worries such as dried out walls and furniture.

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