

The subject is roses in this Year of the Rose

This is the Year of the Rose, a time when the whole country can celebrate this national flower. The American Rose Society was founded in 1892 and is now 110 years old!

Roses therefore have a long history, and as we enjoy them this year we may recall some interesting facts. Fossil records have tentatively identified roses as 30 to 40 million years old, and carvings, writings, paintings and other traces of civilization show evidence of the presence of roses.

First there were wild roses (species roses) that naturally continue to flourish and bloom. As they mingled with each other, new roses developed.

The actual progression is murky, but we learn that species and naturally occurring hybrids were found in the Mediterranean region some 2,000 to 3,000 years later. Either the Crusaders brought the plants back to France and England, or they were traded among monastery gardens.

At the end of the 16th century all the roses known in Europe bloomed heavily during the late spring and summer seasons only. These recurrent-blooming roses appeared in the late 18th century.

After this, roses from China were introduced into Europe and people began to breed the flowers. From then on, new roses have been the result of intensive study and breeding programs.

GARDEN SPOT



MARTY FIGLEY

Roses in the 16th century between the houses of Lancaster and York, with the Lancaster house using the red rose as its symbol and the York house the white.

Peace story

One of the most endearing stories about a rose is about the lovely Peace.

This beauty was hybridized in France by Francis Meiland in 1936 during World War II. Meiland sent budwood of Peace to Robert Pyle in the United States (the Pyle of Concord-Pyle), who introduced Peace.

The budwood was carried by diplomatic courier just hours before Germany invaded France. It was awarded the All-America Rose Society's highest honor for 1946, and the American Rose Society sponsored its christening at the Pennsylvania Society's

Rose Show on April 29, 1945.

Three days later, on May 2, Berlin fell. Peace was presented to 49 delegates of the United States on May 7, 1945, the same day as the Allies declared victory in Europe.

On Aug. 15, 1945, when the All-America award was to be presented, Japan surrendered. Five years later, Peace won the national gold medal from ARS and on Sept. 8, 1951, the peace treaty was signed with Japan.

This year try to learn more about the rose, through seminars, reading and talking to rosarians.

Special program

One program you'll not want to miss, sponsored by Roses West of Novi, will take place 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8, at the Novi Community Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile (phone (248) 347-0400).

Celebrating 2002: The Year of the Rose, a slide program, will be presented by Jim Hering of Marion, Ohio, immediate past-president of the American Rose Society of Shreveport, La.

A social hour with pastries and coffee will precede Hering's program, which is free and open to the public. Questions? Call Pat at (248) 449-4626.

GOOD GARDEN TIP

Great Lakes Roses is offering a 2002 calendar devoted to roses. Each page is packed with how-to tips, garden events, shows and rose-related programs

in our area; Web sites are also featured. An added bonus: still limited space on my trip cruising the waterways of Holland and Belgium and visiting the Florida (plus many other exciting spots). The dates are April 8-18, 2002.

This is an excellent trip at the unbelievable price of just \$2,599. Call Jean at The World of Travel, (248) 203-0022.

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Coming up roses: The rose was made the official emblem of the United States in 1896.

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