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Propagation Classes

Thursday, September 19

Sunday, September 22

Saturday October 5

Each class will discuss propagation methods and provide opportunities to propagate roses from the Cemetery for next Spring's plant sale.

Pruning Classes

Saturday, November 9

Saturday, December 14

Saturday, December 21

All classes begin at 10:00 a.m.

Suddenly Fall

With the Valley's hot summer days winding down, it's time to get ready for fall in the Cemetery Rose Garden and in your garden. It's easy to let it go—some days are cool enough to feel that the work's all done. Not quite:

- Continue to deadhead spent blossoms to encourage the fall flush.
- Do water roses to keep plants healthy until the rains set in.
- Remove fallen leaves and any diseased plant material to stop the spread of disease.

Now the fun part of this season begins.

Database Websites of Old Garden Roses

The number of websites is proliferating on the Internet faster than any one can keep up—even the number of specialty websites is growing quickly. Here are four rose websites which offer databases to search for favorites or “new” old garden roses.

Rogers Roses is a website produced by author Roger Phillips and bota-

Planning

Step back from your roses and take a long look at each plant. Ask yourself:

- How did this plant do in this spot this year? Would it benefit from moving to a sunnier or shadier spot?
- Does the plant need reshaping to take advantage of its growth habit? How much?
- Will the rose benefit from another plant added nearby?
- Did it receive adequate water? Fertilizer? Mulch?
- How does each rose look close up

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nist Martyn Rix. Their stated goal is “simply to build the best resource for rose-lovers the World over. Period.” Since it began in March of 2001, the website has grown to include more than 1,880 roses, well shy of their goal of building a database of 6,000, but on the way. Viewers can search for roses using a vari-

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Gardens And Cats or...Cats In Gardens

Some people like cats and some people like gardens. A few people like both, in fact some even *love* both, but not necessarily at the same time—or in the same place. Me, I like gardening *and* I like cats. Okay, so we all have our opinion.

Cats love to visit my garden because I don't have a dog and I do have shredded bark. My sprinklers run before dawn and the yard has sunny spots for winter snoozing and shady spots for summer dozing. I also have two indoor cats who are fascinated with the natural parade outside their screen. I call it the 'bird channel' because like TV, it entertains my feline friends for hours. They especially like to watch the large Persian from down the block stalking jays across the lawn.

Websites, cont.

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ety of keywords, share comments with others and register to be notified of special events and items.

If you're looking for a large rose database, you might try **EveryRose**. This website, located at has a database of 7,100+ roses that can be searched by keyword, color, scent, etc. You can also share experiences with other gardeners on this website.

Both websites offer links to rose and gardening sites and to commercial nurseries and gardens

Want to buy a particular rose? **Find My Roses** is a website offering a searchable database of commercial sources for more than 6,100 roses.

Yesterday's Rose is the site with a comprehensive list of rose links. The site has a searchable data-

Though she never catches them, the activity is a great success: entertaining for my cats, exercise for the Persian and a great excuse for loud squawking on the part of the jays.

This same Persian approaches my yard early each morning with an eye on the shredded bark I use as garden paths. "Chase vermin!" I cry as she digs in the bark. "Take a nap," I suggest as she digs scatters bark three feet in every direction. So okay, sometimes my patience is tried by cats. I better get the bark cleaned up before I forget... now who's providing cat entertainment?

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base of roses and links to virtually every other rose page on the web. (Except those that appeared since the list was last updated, of course.)

Many of the links lead to commercial or personal websites, while others are more formal, university and botanical garden sites and those prepared by authors of rose and other gardening books.

There are hundreds of rose and rose-related websites (perhaps thousands, who knows?). These will help you find specific rose/s you're looking for and tell you where to get them.

Roger's Roses: <http://www.rogersroses.com/>

EveryRose: <http://www.everyrose.com/>

Find My Roses: <http://www.findmyroses.com/>

Yesterday's Rose: <http://www.country-lane.com/>

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and from different distances?

It's tempting to wait until winter and the arrival of new catalogs to plan for spring. However, planning now when you can still see the plant in full leaf (if not in full flower) will give you a better idea of what's needed to make each rose successful and your whole garden beautiful.

Make a list now of the changes you need to make when pruning and planting time come and you'll be ready for those enticing catalogs when they arrive.

Besides Clematis, What?

It's almost traditional to pair Clematis vines with roses in gardens, especially climbers, but there are other plants which pair well with roses, too. Plants can be used in many different ways, and the successful garden can depend as much on companion planting as on the roses themselves.

What to consider when selecting rose companions:

- **Overall plan of your garden.** Different plants are appropriate in formal rose gardens, casual border plantings, and old-fashioned gardens or on garden trellises or arbors.
- **Conditions for growing the plants.** The best companions are those that require the same general care as roses. Cactus, for example, may not be your best choice.
- **Color.** Plan for companion plant colors that harmonize or provide contrast.
- **Season.** Plants that bloom when roses do not will keep the garden looking spiffy.
- **Growth habit.** Low growing plants with dense foliage planted in front of a rose, can cover the lower, least attractive parts of the

rose. As a side benefit in our hot climate, the foliage of the companion helps keep rose roots cool.

- **Chemistry.** If you spray your roses, you may also accidentally spray the companion plants. Can they take it?
- **Pest Control.** Some plants draw predator insects that help control pests while some plants draw undesirable insects. For example, petunias can draw tobacco budworm and marigolds can attract spider mites.

Companion plants for your rose garden can constitute a garden unto themselves. Select plants that will enhance the roses and add texture, form and color. Many available companion plants were cultivated during the mid-19th Century and fit right in with old garden roses. Nineteenth century plants that work well with roses include:

Annuals/biennials: Delphinium, Pinks (Dianthus), Foxglove, Nicotiana, Petunia, Salvia,

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Companion Plants, continued.

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Snapdragon, Spider Flower, Sweet William, Verbena.

Perennials/herbs: Ajuga, Garlic Chives, Artemisia, Aster, Bellflower, Coneflower, Siberian Iris, Japanese Aster, Lavender, Blazing Star, Catmint, Obedient Plant, Phlox, Lamb's Ears, Thyme, Veronica, Bergenia, Goldenrod, Fernleaf Tansy, Bronze Fennel.


Most intriguing? Perhaps the Obedient Plant, which produces pink or white flower spikes with flowers evenly spaced in four rows on each spike. When moved, a flower obediently stays where it was put; hence the name. Like some other perennials,

this plant needs some control or it will spread farther than you wish.

Use the criteria above to select your favorites and plan for the best plants to show off your roses. Obedient Plant? Well, it would be nice if something in the garden would obey...

*You know you've been
gardening too long when...*

when you start packing "Weed-
Be-Gone" in your purse.



**It matters not
what goal you
seek
Its secret here re-
poses:
You've got to dig
from week to
week
To get Results or
Roses.**

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