RECOMMENDED ROSES
FOR MISSISSIPPI GARDENS

Introduction to Growing and Enjoying Roses

The American Rose Society Gulf District and Mississippi State University Extension Service
What to look for:

- Vigor
- Form, true to type
- Disease resistance
- Heat resistance
- Persistence
How do you want to use a rose?

- Exhibitions/competitions
- Cut flowers
- Formal garden
- Trained to pillar or arbor
- Cottage garden
- Scrambling on fence or tree
- Landscape shrub

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What is your tolerance to maintenance routines?

- Spray every 10 days
- Spray some or most of the time
- Do something if it gets really bad
- Live with blackspot if it can
- Laissez-faire; beauty without work
Hybrid Teas

- Chinensis Section
- Based on species, cultivars from China
- Typically upright, narrow growth habit
- Long bloom stems, high center, double
- Repeat blooming
- Variable disease resistance, fragrance
Barbara Bush

- Coral pink to salmon
- Long oval buds
- Double, 35 petals
- Light fragrance
- Upright growth, 5 ft.
- Long cutting stems
- Dark green leaves
Chrysler Imperial

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The McCartney Rose

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Memorial Day

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Mr. Lincoln

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Rio Samba
St. Patrick

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Tahitian Sunset
Veterans Honor

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English Roses

- Chinensis section
- Based on old roses
- Shrubby, variable in size and form
- Repeat blooming
- Most are fragrant
- Variable in disease resistance, hardiness
Golden Celebration

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The Pilgrim
The Prince

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Floribundas/Grandifloras
• Synstylae section
• Upright to shrubby growth habit
• Variable in size
• Flowers in clusters, repeat blooming
• Good for massive show
• Variable disease resistance, fragrance
Iceberg

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Lavaglut

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Queen Elizabeth

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Sunsprite

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Modern Shrub Roses

- Synstylae section
- Variable in growth habit, size, flowers
- Use as shrubs, pillar roses, hedges
- Selected for disease resistance, use
- Fragrance not a high priority
- Low maintenance a high priority
Ice Meidiland

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Knockout

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Lady Elsie May

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Magic Meidiland

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Old Garden Roses

- From classes known prior to 1867
- Variable in origin, section, class
- Variable in bloom, form, use
- Chosen for tolerance to heat, humidity, disease resistance, ability to thrive
Ballerina

- Synstylae section
- Hybrid Musk, 1937
- Compact, arching, bushy
- Slightly fragrant
- Continuous flowering

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Mrs. B.R. Cant

- Chinensis section
- Tea, 1901
- Large, upright, bushy
- Moderately fragrant
- Continuous blooming
- Long flower stems

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The Fairy

- Synstylae section
- Polyantha, 1932
- Groundcover
- Spreading habit
- Leaves like boxwood
- Continuous blooming

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Veilchenblau

- Synstylae
- Multiflora rambler, 1909
- Blooms in early summer en masse
- Moderately fragrant
- Long canes, thornless
Zéphirine Drouhin

• Chinensis section
• Bourbon, 1868
• Very fragrant
• Spring/fall blooms
• Copper new growth
• Long canes, thornless

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Species Roses

- Foundation for the genus
- Great variability
- Well adapted to environment of origin
- Match choice to your environment
Lady Banks Rose

- Banksianae section
- *Rosa banksiae lutea*
- China c. 1825
- Yellow, double form
- Long canes, thornless
- Semi-evergreen
- Blooms spring, mass

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