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**SOME PROVEN ROSE VARIETIES FOR THE NORTH-CENTRAL FLORIDA AREA**

**Modern Rose Varieties**—Separated into classes which were created in 1867 or later. Most perform best on Fortuniana rootstock. Characteristics of each class are described on pages 3. There is considerable evidence that varieties marked with an asterisk (\*) also perform well on their own roots.

**Hybrid Teas/GF**

Alec's Red mr  
\*Blue Skies m  
Color Magic pb  
Dainty Bess lp  
Double Delight rb  
Elina ly  
Granada rb  
\*Lafter yb  
Louise Estes pb  
\*Mrs Oakley Fisher y  
Mister Lincoln dr  
Pristine w  
Rina Hugo dp  
Queen Elizabeth mp  
Tiffany pb  
Tropicana or  
Uncle Joe dr  
Veteran's Honor dr  
St. Patrick yb  
Moonstone w

**Floribundas**

Angel Face m  
\*Bailey Red mr  
Butterfly Kisses my  
Dream Weaver op  
Dusky Maiden dr  
Europeana dr  
Fabulous! w  
\*Gruss an Auchen w  
Hannah Gordon pb  
Lady of the Dawn lp  
\*Nearly Wild mp  
Our Lady of Guad. lp  
\*Pink Chiffon lp  
Pink Revelation lp  
Playgirl mp  
Sexy Remy op  
\*Sun Flare my  
Summer Snow w  
Pasadina Star ly  
\*Valentine mr

**Miniatures**

Autumn Splendor yb  
Bees Knees yb  
\*Carnival Glass ob  
Fairhope w  
Giggles mp  
\*Green Ice wg  
Hot Tamale yb  
Irresistible w  
\*Mary Maud mp  
Miss Flippins mr  
Olympic Gold my  
Pierrine op  
Rainbow's End yb  
Ralph Moore mr  
\*Red Cascade dr  
Rise 'n' Shine my  
Starina or  
\*Sweet Chariot m  
Tiffany Lynn pb  
\*Work of Art ob

**Hybrid Musks**

\*Ballerina lp  
\*Belinda mp  
\*Buff Beauty ab  
\*Felicia pb  
\*Francesca yb  
\*Kathleen lp  
\*Lyda wb  
\*Mozart pb  
\*Nur Mahal mr  
\*Penelope wb  
\*Prosperity w

**Lg. Flowered CL**

Altissimo mr  
America op  
Casino ly  
\*Cadenza dr  
\*Clair Matin pb  
Don Juan dr  
Dublin Bay mr  
Fourth of July rb  
Pearly Gates mp  
\*Pink Perpetue mp  
Rhonda mp

**Polyanthas**

\*Baby Faurax m  
\*Cecile Brunner lp  
\*Clotilde Soupert w  
\*CL Pinkie p  
\*La Marne pb  
\*Lovely Fairy dp  
\*Margo Koster ob  
\*Marie Pavie w  
\*Perle d'Or pb  
\*The Fairy lp  
China Doll mp

### **Shrub Roses**

- \*Belinda's Dream mp
- \*Carefree Beauty mp
- \*Country Music dp
- \*Distant Drums m
- \*Gartendirektor Otto Linne p
- \*Hi, Neighbor dp
- \*Honey Sweet op
- \*Outta the Blue m
- \*Prairie Breeze m
- \*Prairie Sunrise yp
- \*Prairie Sunset pb
- \*Quietness w
- \*Sally Holmes w
- Starry Night w
- \*Winter Sunset yp

### **English Roses**

- \*Abraham Darby op
- \*Belle Story lp
- \*Bow Bells mp
- \*Falstaff dr
- \*Heritage lp
- L.D. Braithwaite mr
- \*Lilian Austin op
- Mary Rose mp
- Tamora ab
- The Prince dr
- The Squire dr
- \*Wise Portia m

### **Earth Kind Roses**

- \*Belinda's Dream mp
- \*Caldwell Pink (Pink Pet)
- \*Carefree Beauty mp
- \*Cl. Pinkie mp
- \*Ducher w
- \*Duchesse de Brabant mp
- Knock Out dp
- \*Marie Daly w
- \*Else Poulsen mp
- \*Georgetown Tea mp
- \*Mutabilis yb
- \*Perle d'Or pb
- \*Spice w
- \*Sea Foam w
- \*The Fairy lp

**Old Garden Rose Varieties**—Separated into classes which existed prior to 1867. Most perform well on their own roots, but will grow larger if grafted on Fortuniana rootstock, however their longevity may be less. Characteristics of each class are described on pages 4.

### **Chinas**

- \*Archduke Charles rb
- \*Bermuda's Kathleen pb (BMR)
- \*Comtesse du Cayla ob
- \*Cramoisi Superieur mr
- \*Ducher w
- \*Green Rose g
- \*Hermosa lp
- \*Jean Bach Sisley pb
- \*Isabella Sprunt ly
- \*Mme Laurette Messimey lp
- \*Mutabilis yb
- \*Old Blush mp
- \*Old Gay Hill mr
- \*Pink Pet mp
- \*St. David mr
- \*Spice w
- \*Vincent Godsiff mr (BMR)

### **Tea Roses**

- \*Alexander Hill Grey yb
- \*B. Henriette de Snoy pb
- \*Blumenschmidt yb
- \*Bon Silene dp
- \*Duchesse de Brabant mp
- \*Lady Hillingdon yb
- \*Mlle Franziska Kruger op
- \*Mlle de Sombreuil w
- \*Mme Lombard op
- \*Mons. Tillier op
- \*Mrs Joseph Schwartz wb
- \*Mrs B.R. Cant mp
- \*Mrs Dudley Cross yb
- \*Papa Gontier pb
- \*Rosette Delizy yb
- \*Sombreuil w
- \*Souv. de Francois Gaulain m

### **Noisettes**

- \*Blush Noisette w
- \*Celine Forestier ly
- \*Champney's Pink Cluster
- \*Crepuscule ab
- \*Fellenberg dp
- \*Lamarque w
- \*Marechal Niel my
- \*Mme Alfred Carriere w
- \*Natchitoches Noisette lp
- \*Reve d'Or my

### **Bourbons**

- \*Kronprinzessin Viktoria w
- \*Maggie (Eugene E. Marlitt) mp
- \*Louise Odier dp
- \*Souv. de St Anne w
- \*Sour. de la Malmaison lp
- \*Zephirine Drouhin dp

### **Hybrid Perpetuals**

- \*American Beauty dp
- \*Anna des Diesbach dp
- \*Baronne Prevost mp
- \*General Jacqueminot rb
- \*Paul Neyron mp

### **Miscellaneous**

- \*Cherokee Rose w (Sp)
- \*Chesnut Rose m (Sp)
- \*Lady Banks (Sp)
- \*Lady Banks y (Sp)
- \*R. moschata w (Sp)
- \*Veilchenblau m

Note: (BMR)—Bermuda Mystery Rose (rose found/grown on the island of Bermuda and whose true identity is in doubt). (Sp)—Species; once-bloomers, except for R. moschata.

ARS (American Rose Society) color classes:

w=White or near white  
ly=Light yellow  
my=Medium yellow  
yb=Yellow blend  
dy=Dark yellow  
ab=Apricot blend  
ob=Orange blend  
op=Orange pink

lp=Light pink  
mp=Medium pink  
dp=Deep pink  
pb=pink blend  
dr=Dark red  
mr=Medium red  
rb=Red blend  
m=Mauve and mauve blend

## Modern Rose Classes

**Hybrid Teas & Grandifloras**—These are the florist-style roses that we typically give and receive on special occasions. Large blooms with pin point centers average 25-50 petals each and rest atop long stems making them excellent cut flowers. Bushes tend to grow upright with rigid stems. They are easily kept at a height of 4-6 feet and should be spaced at least 6-8 feet apart in the garden.

**Floribundas**—Floribundas tend to flower in large clusters with smaller individual blooms than hybrid teas. They are easily maintained at a height of 3-4 feet and make great mass plantings and hedges. These roses are second only to Hybrid Teas in popularity. Like Hybrid Teas, they come in a very wide range of colors.

**Polyanthas**—These emerged in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and were the forerunners of the Floribundas. In fact, Floribundas originated as a class from crosses between Polyanthas and Hybrid Teas. Polyanthas are small bushes, often less than 3 feet tall, with narrow finely textured leaves and clusters of small flowers. They work well in borders, hedges, mass plantings and large pots.

**Miniatures**—Miniatures average about 15 inches in height and, in general, are miniature versions of Hybrid Teas and Floribundas. Since they are seldom available grafted on Fortuniana rootstock, they probably perform better and live longer in our area if grown in pots. Many recently introduced varieties grow much taller than 15 inches and have flowers and leaves larger than their forerunners. These new Mini-Florals, as they are called, can be spectacular when grown in pots.

**Shrub (Classic & Modern)**--Shrubs are easily characterized by their sprawling habit. There are five popular subdivisions within the class: hybrid kordesii, hybrid moyesii, hybrid musk, hybrid rugosa and shrub. They can grow 5 to 15 feet or more in every direction given the correct climate and growing conditions. Noted for their hardiness, they are usually vigorous and produce large quantities of clusters of flowers. The unique group of roses hybridized by David Austin (often called English Roses) belong to this class. They resemble old garden roses in shape and form but are repeat bloomers and often have fragrance.

**Large-Flowered Climbers**—Climbing roses have long, arching canes that can be trained up and onto various types of structures. The more modern climbers, mostly introduced since the 1940's, are repeat-flowering varieties called Large-Flowered Climbers. They make great displays as background plants or individual specimens. Most require a horizontal space of 10-15 feet to properly display their beauty.

**Earth Kind Roses**—Earth Kind Rose is an important designation given to a select group of roses by the Texas A & M University Agriculture program. Earth Kind Roses have been through rigorous statewide testing and evaluation by a team of horticultural experts and found to possess the high level of landscape performance and outstanding disease and insect tolerance/resistance for this special designation.

## Old Garden Rose Classes

**China Roses**—These roses have evolved from an ancient origin in China and are dependable performers in warm climates like ours. Here they tend to grow as compact bushes of moderate height, 4-6 feet, with small leaves on twiggy stems. Their small to medium sized blooms usually appear in clusters and usually exude a peppery-citrus fragrance. They repeat bloom throughout the growing season, often being the first to bloom in the spring and the last to bloom in the fall.

**Tea Roses**—Tea roses are believed to share a common ancestry with the Chinas but differ significantly from them mainly by being bigger bushes with larger leaves and flowers, and having a much wider range of flower colors. Some also display a more organized flower form with a high center typical of their Hybrid Tea descendants. Their larger, fuller flowers often tend to droop or nod due to their weak “necks”. To many, Tea Roses emit a distinct fragrance comparable to fresh, crushed tea leaves; hence, their original name, “Tea-scented Chinas”.

**Noisettes**—This class originated in South Carolina in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and is characterized by long, limber canes bearing clusters of fragrant, silky-soft flowers in shades of yellow, pink, and white. They are commonly trained as climbers, often requiring 15-20 feet or more of horizontal space. Most are good repeat bloomers.

**Hybrid Perpetuals**—These roses emerged in the mid to late 19<sup>th</sup> century in a frantic effort by rose hybridizers to produce bold flowers of exhibition quality for that period. Bushes tend to grow tall and are often clumsy, but their richly scented, many-petaled blooms ranging in form from typical OGR to pointed long buds have kept many varieties popular right up to the present time. Strong stems make them nice cut flowers, but most varieties do not repeat nearly as well as the modern Hybrid Teas and they tend to be more susceptible to black spot. Hybrid Teas as a class arose from crosses between Hybrid Perpetuals and Tea Roses.

**Bourbons**—These are named for the Isle of Bourbon (now known as Reunion) in the Indian Ocean where a natural cross occurred between a China Rose (Old Blush) and a European rose (Autumn Damask). Subsequent crosses in the early and mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century led to a complex mixture of the two rose worlds. Several varieties perform well in the deep South. They are repeat bloomers, and tend to have very fragrant, fully-petaled, heavy flowers whose weight causes their canes to “arch”. Some are large enough to serve as climbers, pillars, or fence huggers.

**Miscellaneous**—This small group of roses represents “odds-and-ends” from several different rose classes. Each variety listed is worthy of consideration for a special location in the landscape.

**Found Roses**—A Found Rose is exactly what it implies: a rose someone found. In general, these are roses that have been out of commerce for a long time, so their correct cultivar names are not easy to trace.

# Sources for Rose Plants

## Old Garden Roses (Own Root)

1. **Angel Gardens**  
Alachua, FL 32616  
[www.angelgardens.com](http://www.angelgardens.com)  
Appointment Only  
352-359-1133
2. **Antique Rose Emporium**  
[www.antiqueroseemporium.com](http://www.antiqueroseemporium.com)  
Brenham, TX 77833  
Will Ship
3. **Chamblee's Rose Nursery**  
Tyler, TX 75706  
[www.chambleeroses.com](http://www.chambleeroses.com)  
Will Ship
4. **Rose Petals Nursery**  
16918 SW 15<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
Newberry, FL 32669  
352-472-9925  
[www.rosepetalsnursery.com](http://www.rosepetalsnursery.com)  
Sat. pick up only
5. **The Weed Patch**  
9525 NW 160<sup>th</sup> Street  
Fairfield, FL 32634  
352-591-2145  
Pick up only

## Miniature Roses (Own root)

1. **Almost Heaven Roses**  
229 Rickard Lane  
Iron Station, NC 28080  
704-732-4787  
[www.almostheavenroses.com](http://www.almostheavenroses.com)
3. **Rosemania**  
4020 Trail Ridge Drive  
Franklin, TN 37067  
[www.rosemania.com](http://www.rosemania.com)  
888-600-9665  
Great source for  
Many rose products.

## Modern Roses grafted on Fortuniana

1. **Cool Roses for Southern Gardens**  
561-684-2421  
[www.coolroses.com](http://www.coolroses.com)  
Will Ship
2. **Jon-lin Gardens**  
8170 SE 131<sup>st</sup> Place  
Summerfield, FL 34491  
352-347-8126 Pick up only (call ahead)
3. **K & M Nursery**  
1260 Chicora Road  
Buckatunna, MS 39322  
601-648-2908 Will Ship
4. **Nelson's Roses**  
2300 Sheeler Road  
Apopka, FL 32703  
407-886-3111  
[www.nelsonsfloridaroses.com](http://www.nelsonsfloridaroses.com)  
1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Pick up only

## Miniature Roses (cont.)

2. **Bridges Roses**  
2734 Toney Road  
Lanwdale, NC 28090  
704-538-9412  
[www.bridgesroses.com](http://www.bridgesroses.com)
4. **Taylor's Roses**  
PO Box 677  
Fairhope, AL 36533  
251-928-5008  
Will ship