

Selecting roses for specified spots in the home garden

Exceptionally appropriate for Mother's Day, Valentine's Day (and any day), the rose is arguably the most popular bloom the world over. Red and yellow, blue and white, they are symbols of life and love and most women in the world, no matter what age and stage, receive a bunch of roses with utmost delight.

Home gardeners unreservedly love to plant roses and eagerly await their bountiful bevy of buds and blooms. Mostly though, we plant our roses, no matter the variety, at any available sunny spot in the garden. Yet each type fits an ideal location where it may best thrive springing forth the best possible growth and copious blooms, much to the hearts delight.

AGRO GRACE offers tips courtesy of Texas based **Certified Roses Inc.** on selecting roses for specific spots in the garden.

The best roses overall for gardeners having limited garden space are **FLORIBUNDAS**, a variety that produces large cluster of blooms on each stem. Floribundas are excellent for mass plantings, for borders or potted plants.



HYBRID TEAS are the most popular roses grown today and are the main variety used in floral bouquets.

Very hardy, almost ever blooming and most excellent as cut flowers, Hybrid Teas are usually grown in beds in the most sunny locations away from the border.

GRANDIFLORA are a cross between Hybrid Teas and Floribundas and the resulting plants show the most desirable traits of both strains. Excellent as cut flowers, the Grandifloras have the vigor and bush growth habit of the Floribunda and the flower form of the Hybrid Teas.



SHRUB ROSES are hardy, require less management and are characterized by a profusion of brightly coloured blooms. A kaleidoscope of colour can be achieved by planting Shrub Roses of various shades in a large bed or along the garden borders.



The **CLIMBING ROSE** is another variety that is easy to grow and may reward gardeners with a generous display of colour coaxed on fences, trellises, and arbors.

Climbers primarily bloom on second-year of growth, so gardeners should not be surprised if no flowers are borne in the first season. With patience reward will come in bounteous blooms.



Another rose variety is the **GROUND COVER** (Drift Rose) that was bred for small gardens. Habitually low spreading, Ground Covers such as the Apricot and Icy Drift are perfect for planting in containers or hanging baskets.

Beautiful and gratifying though they be, oftentimes tended roses are a thorn in the finger. Do find comfort in the mythological tale that roses grew thorns when Cupid accidentally shot an arrow in to a rose garden.