

Anne Farnsworth's Library of Rose Books available on loan to CCRS members:

Ortho's All About Roses by *Dr. Tommy Cairns*: Growing techniques and info on 300 varieties of roses from antiques to climbers; tips on selecting fragrant varieties, companion plants and some design tips on landscaping with roses.

The Art of Gardening with Roses by *Graham Stuart Thomas*: Written by possibly the world's greatest rose gardener, this book focuses on planting a variety of plants with roses to create magnificent gardens just like Mr. Thomas created at Mottisfont Abbey.

Botanica's Roses, The Encyclopedia of Roses: General information about roses with many famous contributors from Peter Beales and Dr. Tommy Cairns to Peter Harkness and David Austin. Most of book is alphabetical description of rose varieties, many with photos. (*Zone recommendations should be taken with a grain of salt.*)

Buck Roses, Hardy Roses Developed by Dr. Griffith Buck: Short publication put out by *Iowa State University Research Foundation, Inc.* Not the best Buck photos around, but Mary Buck, the daughter of the late Dr. Buck provides rose descriptions. Later released varieties (i.e. Quietness) not mentioned as this booklet was released in 1998.

Classic Roses by *Peter Beales*: Contains over 600 photographs with an overall guide to the Rose, i.e. history, cultivation and varieties. Includes some special contributions by American rose experts although basically written from the British point of view; still it contains some useful information if one can sort out that which does not apply to our climate.

The Complete Book of Roses by *Gerd Krussmann*: The author is a former Director of Germany's National Rosarium and covers every aspect of the rose – its history, distribution, breeding, pests and diseases, legend and mythology, botany and genetics, color and scent, medicinal use as well as use in cooking, the rose in art, identification of types, plus a dictionary section with 1300 varieties of roses listed.

Chompers, Suckers, Raspers, and Borers by *Rich Baer and Ann Hooper*: “Everything you may (or may not) want to know about the insects that attack roses” in short pamphlet form, put out by Primary Products. Very useful information, but keep in mind that the recommended pest remedies are definitely not intended for the organic gardener!

Designing with Roses by *Richard Rosenfeld*: Beautifully photographed, contains a light coverage of basic rose varieties and suggestions for their use in small to large gardens.

Field Report of Rose Characteristics, An Innovative Approach to the Documentation of Old Roses by *Judy Dean, Lynne Storm and Bev Vierra*: Designed as a user-friendly guide to preserving and documenting the heritage of treasured old roses. Includes classification info, directions for taking and potting up cuttings, a pronunciation guide of Latin terms and more.

Foolproof Guide to Growing Roses by *Field Roebuck*: A comprehensive guide that takes the mystery out of growing roses, written by one of the most respected Rosarians in the U.S. Features a section on companion plants and a discussion of soil science.

Gardening with Roses, Designing with Easy-Care Climbers, Ramblers & Shrubs by *Judith C. McKeon*: Beautiful photographs to inspire and full of short, useful tips, this book features the rose as a versatile ornamental shrub and focuses on easy-care roses.

Gardening with Roses, A Practical and Inspirational Guide by *Patrick Taylor*: A lovely little paperback sized book by a U.K. gardener, focusing on the Old Garden Roses that form the backbone of our ideas of “an English garden” – with many photos of individual roses.

The Graham Stuart Thomas Rose Book (Revised edition) by *Graham Stuart Thomas*: Comprised of his trilogy of books on the Rose: The Old Shrub Roses, Shrub Roses of Today, and Climbing Roses Old and New. Call it advice from The Master – a must read if you love Old Garden Roses.

Growing Roses in Cold Climates by *Jerry Olson and John Whitman*: Specially written for rose growers in climates like ours, with organic and inorganic remedies for common problems, step-by-step winter protection instructions and listing of 700 “cold climate proven” rose varieties.

Hardy Roses, An Organic Guide to Growing Frost- and Disease-Resistant Varieties by *Robert Osborne*: A useful read for northern rosarians whether or not you use the organic approach, Robert Osborne gives details on 49 varieties perfect for our zone with photos.

How to Kill a Mini Rose...or Not! by *Sue O'Brien*: Sue is the former owner of Tiny Petals Nursery and daughter of the late Dee Bennett who hybridized more than 100 varieties of miniature roses. It is a short, light-hearted and easy-read guide just for mini growers.

In Search of Lost Roses by *Thomas Christopher*: This is an adventure story that just happens to be all about roses as the author searches out roses in forgotten gardens and neglected cemeteries. A fascinating and entertaining read! (Paperback)

Landscape with Roses by *Jeff Cox*: While I never saw Mr. Cox' HGTV show, I am impressed by this book that combines very practical landscaping advice with photos that will inspire you. It may create some “zone envy” but this book had very useful information for northern growers as well.

The New Rose Expert by *Dr. D.G.Hessayon*: Roses are listed in this book based on popularity as polled by the Royal National Rose Society (of Great Britain.) Please read this book with one eye on whether or not the information would be as applicable to northern Michigan as it is to England since it does contain useful info, which crosses all geographic barriers – and much which would fail in our colder climate.

Old Roses by *Ethelyn Emery Keays* (with forward by Leonie Bell): This is a reproduction of a 1935 classic and is a treasure of research on Old Garden Roses in America.

The Old Rose Adventurer by *Brent C. Dickerson*: Detailed and fascinating information on more than 2,500 old roses is arranged by class, with the major part of the book devoted to the once-blooming European shrub roses, this is an essential book for reference and research of OGR's. (Some illustrations, primarily text.)

100 Old Roses for the American Garden by *Clair G. Martin*: This is a field guide to 100 varieties chosen by the author as representative in their classes and suitable for growing in the U.S. (but not necessarily in colder climates.) Great photos, good info on selecting and care of old roses.

The Old Rose Advisor, Volume II by *Brent C. Dickerson*: Information and descriptions of repeat blooming Old Roses from Chinas to Polyanthas and including older Hybrid Teas. (Text only.)

Otherwise Normal People: Inside the Thorny World of Competitive Rose Gardening by *Aurelia Scott*: A fun read and an interesting look at what makes rose exhibitors tick written by a complete rose novice who learns for herself how nice "rose people" are, and how addictive this hobby can be. Whether you *show* roses, *wish* to show roses or think rose exhibitors are loopy, if you *love* roses you'll enjoy this book!

Production of Pot Roses by *H. Brent Pemberton, John W. Kelly and Jacques Ferare*: A grower's handbook intended for use in for selecting and propagating roses for market, but containing useful information for anyone wanting to try rose propagation on any scale.

Redoute's Roses A small soft cover German publication, featuring some of Pierre-Josef Redoute's inimitable rose art. Lovely!

Rosa Gallica by *Suzanne Verrier*: Wonderfully researched and beautifully photographed work all about the care and use of Gallica roses in any garden. If you've had any doubts about adding these long-lived and cold hardy roses to your own yard because they are once-bloomers, you'll change your mind after you read this book!

Rosa Rugosa by *Suzanne Verrier*: Subtitled "The Rugged Roses," Suzy Verrier shows just why rugosas can be important to difficult places where other roses falter, as well as being so beautiful that you would want to grow them anywhere!

Roses of America, The Brooklyn Botanic Garden's Guide to our National Flower by *Stephen Scanniello and Tania Bayard*: A large coffee-table sized book, *Roses of America* brings a wealth of information on rose growing for this side of the Atlantic. It has an interesting section on species roses found in this country. Great photos!

Rose Companions by *Stephen Scanniello*: Sponsored by Jackson & Perkins and written by one of the U.S.' foremost authority on roses, this book is all about growing annuals, perennials, bulbs, herbs, shrubs and vines along side our favorite roses.

Roses, A Growing Guide for Easy, Colorful Gardens by *Mary C. Weaver*: This is a “Burpee Basic” book – that is, a short little book that has good instructional sections, and good but limited coverage of (some) rose varieties.

The Random House Book of Roses by *Roger Phillips and Martyn Rix*: A British publication which once again brings us cultivation information that does not necessarily translate to this side of the Atlantic, but is interesting none the less. This book tries to cover all the types of roses, old and modern, with over 1400 photographs and descriptions. It is unique for its comparison photographs where many varieties of one type of rose are shown by clipped blooming canes all laid out next to one another and labeled, which can be helpful for identification purposes.

Roses for Canadian Gardens by *Roscoe A. Fillmore*: Although somewhat dated information due to being published in 1959, this book is very interesting for anyone looking for information on growing roses in cold climates.

Roses for Dummies by *Lance Walheim and The Editors of The National Gardening Association*: If you like other books in the “for Dummies” series, you’ll enjoy this one with its layout which makes it easy to grab small bits of information at a time.

Roses for Michigan by *Nancy Lindley and Laura Peters*: Co-authored by our own Nancy Lindley of Great Lakes Roses nursery, need I say more? A must read!

Roses for Ontario by *Liz Klose and Laura Peters*: This book is an interesting addition to the above Michigan book just for the alternative cold hardy roses that it covers.

Roses for the North Performance of Shrub and Old Garden Roses at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum by *Kathy Zuzek, Marcia Richards, Steve McNamara and Harold Pellett*: Full of charts, tables and research information gathered at the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station, University of Minnesota, this book is perfect for anyone in zone 5 or lower who wants to grow hardy roses and know up front their performance in very tough climates. (Kathy Zuzek by the way, is the person to whom the Buck family has entrusted the late Dr. Griffith Buck’s research information in order to continue with the development of new hardy rose varieties.)

Roses: Old Roses and Species Roses by *Paul Starosta and Eleonore Cruse*: It is telling that the photographer has top billing over the text author in this book. The photos of these old roses are stunning, photographed as they are against solid black backgrounds allowing every detail to stand out – a coffee table book to drool over!

Secrets of the Miniature Rose by *Elizabeth Abler*: If you are at all interested in miniature roses, this book covers it all from soil prep to pruning, photography to arranging. The author is a Life Judge in the ARS, a Rose Arrangements Judge, a gardening consultant and consulting Rosarian as well as a teacher of Japanese flower arranging.

Taylor's 50 Best Roses, *Easy Plants for More Beautiful Gardens*, edited by Frances Tenenbaum: Basically, this book covers 50 various roses with photo, variety specific information and tips for use in the garden, plus sidebars with topics from making rose hip jam to fighting spider mites.

Tender Roses for Tough Climates by Douglas Green: Through years of trial and error in his Ontario nursery, the author has developed a (somewhat controversial) new approach to northern growing of warm zone roses *in the ground without chemicals, hilling or winter protection*. Take from it what you will!

Ultimate Rose by the American Rose Society: History, classes, information on growing, arranging and even rose crafts – this book has a little of everything.

The Ultimate Rose Book by Peter McHoy: Billed as “the complete guide to growing, decorating and creating beautiful gifts with roses” this book while similar to the ARS version is a bit larger and covers a bit more.

Winter Hardy Roses, *The Explorer and Parkland Series* by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: Printed in October 1996, this pamphlet covers in detail 24 winter-hardy roses from the Explorer Series, 10 from the Parkland Series, and 2 other hardy roses that resulted from the (now ended) research program Ag-Canada sponsored in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba.

The Blue Rose, *An English Garden Mystery* by Anthony Eglin: A mystery for rose lovers and non-gardeners alike, this excellent work of fiction is full of believable rose facts. Yet you will find yourself willing to suspend that belief for a moment and accept the impossible discovery of a truly blue rose. A young British couple finds it growing in the neglected garden of their newly purchased dream house. How they handle the discovery through all the threats, a kidnapping and even murder makes for a tale that is hard to put down. A great read just for fun!

The Book of Old Roses by Trevor Griffiths: Based on his own extensive collection of old roses, this book was written by a practicing nurseryman from New Zealand. The color photographs taken by the author are stunning, many of them full page in size. These are roses from all around the world, the great majority of which are available to us here in the States and Mr. Griffiths shows us why they are well worth growing.

Pink Ladies & Crimson Gents, *Portraits and Legends of 50 Roses* by Molly and Don Glentzer: The gorgeous photographs of 50 roses alone make this a book worth picking up; the fascinating tales that go with each rose make it a book that is hard to put down. If you've ever wondered about the names behind the roses, like Don Juan and Leda, or Mme. Isaac Pereire and Lady Waterlow, you'll enjoy this witty and romantic collection of portraits.