

Gardening Today

By Lillie L. Madsen

As we swing into the rose planting season -- which is any non-rainy day from now until mid-March -- many rose enthusiasts are making new plans for planting.



This year the all-American rose selection committee is advocating planting certain colors together. One suggestion is to devote a section of your rose garden to winners of the all-American rose selection.

You might consider the all-American roses with various shades of red. Two red roses which won the award the first year it was offered -- 1940 -- are Dickson's red and World's Fair. Dickson's red, a hybrid tea, is a large growing, scarlet rose which holds its color even in the hot sun. World's Fair is the best known of the larger-flowered floribundas. It produces a fragrant, velvety, crimson flower. Heart's Desire, selected in 1942 and widely grown in the Willamette valley today, is also a handsome scarlet red rose with large streamlined buds.

Grand Duchess Charlotte was one of the roses selected in 1943. It provided a new color in red roses. The long buds are burnt-carmine shades which open to good blooms, gradually changing color until they are a begonia-rose.

Mirandy, a winner in 1945, has big double deep crimson blooms. This rose is especially adapted to warm sunny situations. The flowers do take on a wine color as they age -- something some growers praise them for and others complain about. There are some Willamette valley growers who have complained that Mirandy doesn't do so well here as in the south, while others have produced fine blooms. For growing the Mirandy be extra sure that drainage is perfect (although that is a requisite with all roses.) Then choose a location which will give the plant the maximum warmth your garden can produce.

Rubaiyat, the only rose chosen

in 1947, is a brilliant rose-red with the reverse of the petals a lighter shade. It has clean, waxy foliage and high-centered buds which open slowly. This, too, has not been a favorite with some Salem growers, but it has done very well in my own garden and I am truly very fond of it.

Nocturne and San Fernando were the red roses chosen as the 1948 winners. San Fernando, a currant-red, is beautiful both in bud and bloom and is fragrant as well. Nocturne, as the name suggests, is a deeper red, has long stems and fine foliage. The color is cardinal with darker shadings. I have not tried this rose in my own garden nor have I seen it growing, but those displayed at the flower shows have been beautiful, and I have marked it as one I would like to add to my own collection before this planting season is over.

The all-American roses chosen for 1949, are not strictly red, since they are bi-colored. But they are a fine addition to any rose garden. Forty-niner is considered the most brilliantly bi-colored rose ever introduced.

Another good group coloring in roses is the yellow, using such as California, Lowell Thomas, Mrs. Marie Curie, Eclipse, Mrs. E. P. Thom, Souvenir.

Or a pink collection, using Charlotte Armstrong, Mary Margaret McBride, Pinkie, Picture, Countess Vandal.

Garden Calendar
Dec. 2--Scotts Mills Garden club, Mrs. C. McMorris.
Dec. 6--Salem Garden club greenery show, Woman's club house.

Dec. 8--Mt. Angel Garden club.
Dec. 9--Men's Garden club of Salem, YMCA, 7.30 p. m.

Dec. 10--Jordan Garden club.
Dec. 14--Woodburn Garden club.

Dec. 17--Stayton Garden club.

Questions and Answers
B. E. asks if camellias may be planted now.

Ans.: Yes, if they are not muddied down. If the ground is too wet and soggy it should not be trampled on. Wait for a day or two of clear weather that isn't frosty. Early blooming camellias do best. It seems, if planted in fall. How-

ever, this is one shrub (there are others) which may be planted while in bloom with very little setback.

W. P. asks if she should lift her dahlias now. Says tops are frozen down.

Ans.: Yes, they should be lifted now, being careful in doing so not to break the necks of the tubers. Dry for a few days in a cool airy place and then pack in peat moss, sand or light dry soil and store in a cool dry place.

C. J. J. asks if covering the fuchsias out doors with straw will keep them from freezing.
Ans.: Peat moss or sawdust might be better to use as a covering, for straw has a tendency to mildew at times if packed too heavily. Trim the longer growths off and cover the entire plant with the mulch. Small kegs packed with peat or building paper have been used rather successfully as winter protection for the tree fuchsias. However, tree fuchsias had best be removed to greenhouse or frostproof coldframes or basements for the colder weather.

Falls City Folk Visit, Entertain

FALLS CITY—Mr. and Mrs. Bud Lusk and son, of Highmore, S. D., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rehl and Mrs. Earl Rehl and daughter, of Independence, visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Marr in Falls City Tuesday.

Norman Davis and Mildred Wray visited Mr. and Mrs. Arch Montgomery at Ocean Lake Friday. Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Reed have moved to Alsea. Visiting her son and family in Eugene this week was Mrs. Lula White of Falls City.

Mrs. Lorimer Elected Falls City Club Head

FALLS CITY—Mrs. Doyle Lorimer was elected president of the Falls City Women's club in an organization meeting at the home of Mrs. Don Sundstrom Wednesday.

Other new officers are Mrs. Fred Dornhecker, vice-president; Mrs. Harvey Marr, secretary, and Mrs. Dick Murphy treasurer. An official name for the group will be chosen at the next meeting December 15 at the home of Mrs. Philip Murray.

Others present were Mrs. Don Cummings, Mrs. Willis Hart, Mrs. Ray Pack, Mrs. William Diehm, Mrs. Clifford Reeves, Mrs. Richard Marr and Mrs. Cecil Scott.

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