Old Garden Roses in the Rockies

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Old Garden Roses

- Classes in existence before 1867 (1\textsuperscript{st} hybrid tea ‘La France’)
- Clusters or individual blooms on each stem
- Medium to very tall growth habit
- Best bloom in spring, some repeat
- Most have strong fragrance & beautiful hips
- They belong in your garden

‘Zephirine Drouhin’
Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument
Empress Josephine ~ collector ~ saved many species from extinction
Old Garden Rose Classes

- Alba
- Bourbon
- Centifolia
- Damask
- Moss
- Hybrid Perpetual
- Hybrid Gallica
- Portland
Alba

- Grow in dense bushes 5-8 feet tall
- Slender, upright, shrubby
- Bloom clusters on green, thorny canes with graceful-grey-green foliage
- Tolerate some shade
- Grown for medicinal purposes in the Middle Ages
- Disease resistant and extremely hardy
- Delicate shades of pink or white in singles and doubles
- Once bloomers
'Felicite Parmentier'
4 ft, bushy, pale green foliage, many thorns, 1834
‘Konegin von Danemark’
4-5 ft, typical foliage, 1826
‘Alba Semi Plena’
5-6 ft, arching, large flowers, good hips
Bourbon

- 2-10 feet, tall open, many repeat, fragrant
- Foliage large and shiny
- Cupped blossoms
- Some nearly thornless
- Represent first step towards HT
- Colors range from deep reds through pinks to blush and white
- Some prone to blackspot
‘Reine Victoria’
3-4 ft, slender, excellent repeat, some blackspot, 1872
‘Zephirine Drouhin’
8-10 ft climber, pinkish bronzy foliage, nearly thornless
1868
'Mme Isaac Pereire'
5-7 ft, thick green foliage, large flowers, 1880
‘Louise Odier’
4-5 ft, bushy, repeats well, opens cupped, flattens out
1851
Centifolias

- Largely Dutch bred
- Lax, open, lanky growth
- Leaves large rounded, broadly toothed
- Flowers heavy, globular (Cabbage Rose)
- Rich fragrance
- Tendency to sport
- Red, pink or white flowers, large thorns, once bloomers
• Dutch /Flemish Masters painted this type most frequently

Jan van Huysum
Rijksmuseum,
Amsterdam
Still Life with Flowers
1723
‘Fantin Latour’
4-5 ft, broad and bushy, unknown date
‘Bullata’
3-4 ft, crinkled leaves, doesn’t always open well

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Rose de Meaux

3 – 3.5 ft, miniature, bushy twiggy, small foliage
flowers 1 inch across
Damask

- Dates to ancient times
- Average 5 ft, arching lax growth
- Large thorns
- Leaves elongated and pointed, grey green fuzzy underneath and on top, close to blossom
- Some repeat bloom
- Most very fragrant, Kazanlik used for rose oil
Hebe’s Lip
3-4 ft, small foliage, thorny, 1912
‘Madame Hardy’
4-5 ft, likes to be fertilized, pale green foliage
green button eye  1832
‘Celsiana’
4-5 ft, graceful grey-green foliage, petals have appearance of crumpled silk, before 1750
Moss

- Name from tiny, hair like glands covering the sepals and peduncles resembling moss
- This growth is sticky and gives off resinous odor like balsam fir
- Most have large, globular flowers with petals that curve toward the center
- Colors range from shades of pink, dark crimsons, to purples
- Heights range from 4 feet to 10 feet with support, canes have strong thorns
- Quite hardy, some bloom once, a few repeat
‘Rene d’Anjou’
3-4ft, bushy, foliage tinted with bronze  1853
'General Kleber'
3-4 ft, bushy, light green foliage, 1856
Hybrid Perpetual

• Taller plants, range from 4 to 10 feet
• Diverse background
• Heavy feeders
• Tall, lanky (prune to ½) narrow upright
• Last major group before the hybrid tea class was developed
• Most bloom heavily in June with some flowering in fall; others repeat reliably
• Colors range from white to deep maroon, no yellow
‘Sidonie’
3 - 4 ft, bushy, long narrow leaves, good repeat 1846
‘Marchesa Boccella’

3-4ft upright 1842
‘Paul Neyron’
5-6 ft, upright, large leaves and very large flower, 1869
Hybrid Gallica

• Oldest class in Old Garden Roses “Mad”
• Grow in bushes from 2-5 feet, upright, sucker
• Numerous small bristly thorns
• Leaves, oval, pointed at the tip
• All shades of red, from pale pink to purplish maroon and some reddish with white stripes or spots once blooming
• Fragrance varies from strong and rich in some to none in others
‘Charles de Mills’

4 ft, large very flat bloom, bush can be floppy, 1840
Alain Blanchard
4 ft, thorny, pale green foliage, 1839
Rosa Mundi
4 ft, bushy, dark green foliage, prior to 1600
Portland

- Strong Damask influence
- Average 4 feet, upright
- Many repeat
- Flowers tend to have very little stem
- Fragrant
‘Compte de Chambord’
4 ft, upright, ample foliage up to flower, 1860
‘Rose de Rescht’

3-4 ft, bushy, rough textured deep green foliage, blooms on short stems
Thank you!