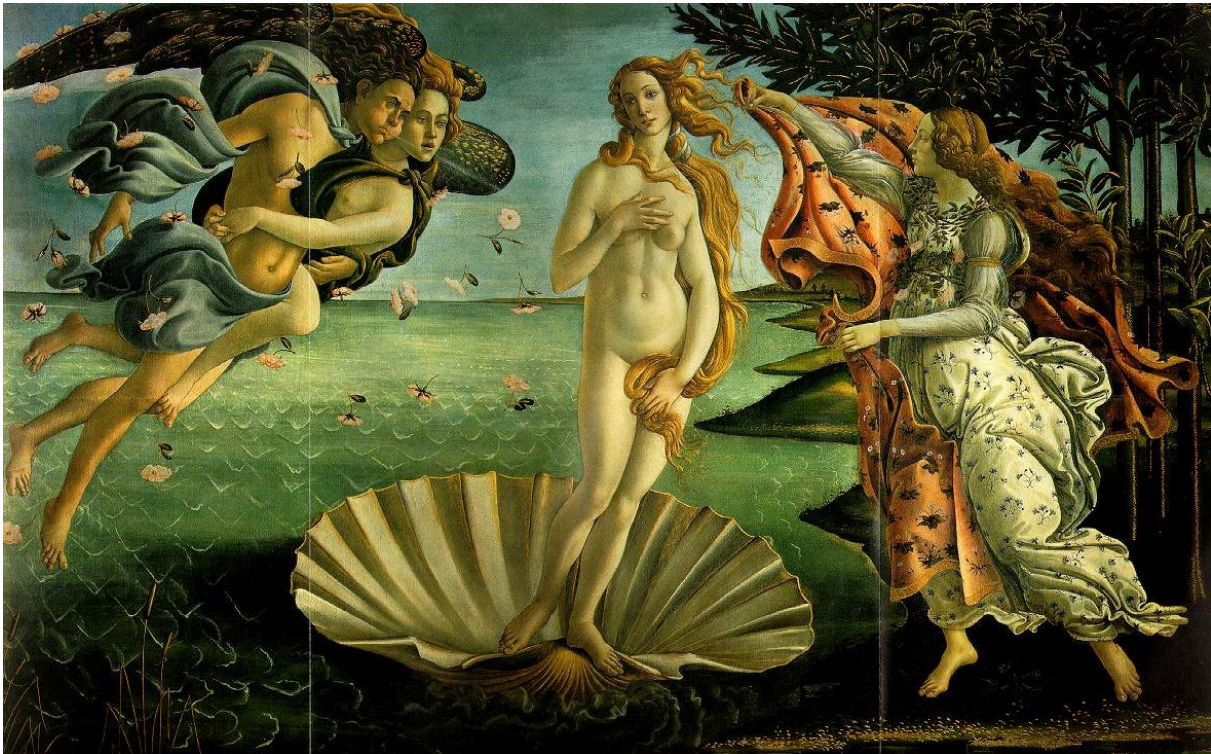


A Rose by any other Name Roses then and Now.

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1. Examples of Roses in Period Art:



Birth of Venus

Sandro Botticelli

Tempera on canvas, 172.5 x
278.5 cm (67 7/8 x 109 5/8 in)
c. 1485-86 painted for the villa of
Lorenzo di Pierfrancesco de'
Medici at Castello; now in the
Galleria degli Uffizi in Florence
[http://www.ibiblio.org/wm/
paint/auth/botticelli/venus/](http://www.ibiblio.org/wm/paint/auth/botticelli/venus/)

The “winds” in the left portion are
surrounded by a shower of roses,
possibly *R. alba*.



Madonna of the Rose Bush

Martin Schongauer (c.1430-1491)

Tempera on wood, 201 x 112 cm

Altarpiece in St. Martin's Cathedral,
Colmar, Alsace (1471)

<http://www.kfki.hu/~arthp/preview/s/schongau/rosebush.jpg>

The roses in the background have been identified as *R. gallica officinalis*.

(Krussman Plate 6)



Venus, Cupide and the Time (Allegory of Lust)

Agnolo Bronzino (1503-1572)

Oil on panel, 147 x 117 cm

National Gallery, London

<http://www.kfki.hu/~arthp/html/b/bronzino/>

Hurst asserts that the roses that Cupid is holding are identical to 'Pink China' and concludes that this rose must have been growing in Italy in the 16th century. (Krussman p. 80) However, it seems unlikely that there are no other references to this recurrent variety in Europe. One would think that if it were there, the rose breeders of that day would have use it. In addition, the image does not appear to have sufficient detail to be able to identify the particular rose, But it is a rose.

2. Roses cultivated in period:



'Alba Semi-plena'

Rosa alba - white

Reputed to be the rose of York

The different varieties range from white to light pink

Photo from *Botanica's Roses: The Encyclopedia of Roses*



R. gallica - pink to red

Rose of Provins

Apothecary's rose (*R. gallica officinalis*)

Reputed to be the Red Rose of Lancaster

Scent grows stronger as the petals dry

Photo by S. Dean



'Rosa Mundi'

R. mundi - pink variegated with white

also called *R. gallica versicolor*

Sport of *R. gallica officinalis*

First mentioned in 1581

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R. damascena semperflorens
Autumn Damask
Only period rose to bloom twice in a season.
Brought back from the Middle East during the Crusades.
Strong fragrance

Photo from *Classic Roses* by Peter Beales



R. damascena versicolor
York and Lancaster
White variegated with pink
Strong fragrance

Photo from *Botanica's Roses: The Encyclopedia of Roses*



R. majalis (R. cinnamomea)
Cinnamon rose
little or no scent

Photo from *Botanica's Roses: The Encyclopedia of Roses*

Rosa cinnamomea



R. centifolia
Cabbage rose
Probably a complex hybrid
Developed in late period

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'Cabbage Rose'



R. hemisphaerica

R. hemisphaerica

Sulfur rose

One of the few period yellow roses

Enumerated by Claude Mollet in *Theatre des Plans et du Jardinage* (1563)

Examples can be seen in paintings of the Dutch Masters (pretty much post-period)

Photo from *Botanica's Roses: The Encyclopedia of Roses*



Rosa foetida

R. foetida

Austrian briar

One of the few period yellow roses.

Supposedly has an unpleasant scent.

Photo from *Botanica's Roses: The Encyclopedia of Roses*



Rosa foetida bicolor

3. Wild roses

These roses are native to Europe. Not all species are found in all areas. That is not to say that these are not cultivated in their own right and have often been used in developing new hybrids.



Rosa canina

R. canina

Dog Rose

Often used as rootstock in modern roses.

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Rosa eglanteria

R. eglanteria aka *R. rubiginosa*
Sweetbriar
Mentioned by Shakespeare

Photo from *Botanica's Roses: The Encyclopedia of Roses*



R. moschata, and below, *R. moschata nana* and 'Narrow Water', right

R. moschata
Musk rose
Rediscovered in 1963

Photo from *Classic Roses* by Peter Beales



Rosa sempervirens

R. sempervirens
Mediterranean species

Photo from *Botanica's Roses: The Encyclopedia of Roses*



Rosa spinosissima

R. spinosissima aka *R. pimpinelleifolia*
Burnet rose, Scots rose

Photo from *Botanica's Roses: The Encyclopedia of Roses*



Rosa arvensis

R. arvensis

field rose, known in England as english musk rose. Native in England and Northern Europe, it is possible that this rose is the origin of the White Rose of York (Shepherd, p. 20).

Photo from *Botanica's Roses: The Encyclopedia of Roses*

4. Websites of Interest:

Rose Resources on the Web

<http://roses.scottandlara.com>

My Blog about Roses

<http://roses.scottandlara.com>

Photo album of my
garden in its early days

<http://roses.scottandlara.com/lemming/photo.htm>

American Rose Society
Heritage Rose Group
HelpMeFind: Roses
Edmunds Roses, Inc
Heirloom Roses, Inc

<http://www.ars.org>

<http://www.rkdn.org/roses/HRG.asp>

<http://www.helpmefind.com/rose/index.php>

<http://www.edmundsroses.com/>

<http://www.heirloomroses.com/>

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