

# Growing Period Roses

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We will discuss how to plant and grow varieties of roses that were grown in period. I will cover where to find period varieties, how to plant and care for them, what to do about pests (both insect and diseases), and, if there is time, propagating rose plants.

1. Things to keep in mind about period roses
  - a. With one exception, they only bloom once a year
  - b. Some varieties will “run” and possibly take over a rose bed
  - c. They can get quite large
  - d. Their growth habit is not like modern roses. They may have long arching canes or they may be a bunch of pencil-thick canes coming up in a patch.
  - e. most but not all are propagated as own-root
2. What period roses can be found?
  - a. Gallica
    - i. Apothecary Rose (*R. gallica officinalis*)
    - ii. Rosa Mundi (*R. gallica versicolor*)
    - iii. Tuscany
  - b. Alba
    - i. *R. alba semiplena*
    - ii. *R. alba maxima*
    - iii. Great Maiden’s Blush

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- c. Damask
    - i. Autumn Damask/Quatre Saison
    - ii. York and Lancaster
    - iii. Kazanlik/Rosa X damascena 'Trigintipetala'
    - iv. Summer Damask/R. damascena
  - d. Centifolia
    - i. Gros Choux d'Hollande
    - ii. Cabbage Rose (?)
  - e. Foetida
    - i. Austrian Briar
    - ii. Austrian Copper
  - f. Other
    - i. R. rubiginosa/R. eglanteria/Sweet Briar
    - ii. R. moschata/Musk Rose
    - iii. R. moschata 'plena'/double musk rose
3. Period Roses that are either not available or hard to come by
- a. R. hemisphaerica/Sulphur Rose
  - b. R. francofortana
  - c. R. centifolia 'Major'/Rose des Peintres
  - d. Conditorum/Hungarian Rose/R. gallica 'conditorum'
  - e. R. cinnamomea plena/R. majalis plena/Double cinnamon
  - f. R. canina/Dog Rose
4. Rose nurseries
5. What to look for when reading rose nursery websites
- a. Grafted vs "own root"
    - i. Advantages/Disadvantages
    - ii. Fortuniana/Canina/Multiflora/Rubiginosa
  - b. Specific class names (Alba, Gallica, Centifolia, etc)
  - c. "Old Garden Roses", "Ancient", "OGR"
  - d. Species
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- e. "Miscellaneous"
  - 6. Join your local rose society
    - a. Carolinas District of ARS
    - b. Colonial District of ARS
  - 7. Planting Roses
    - a. What do rose plants like?
    - b. Location, location, location
    - c. Actually planting the rose bush
    - d. What if I want to put it in a pot?
  - 8. Caring for roses
    - a. Water
    - b. Food
    - c. Pruning
    - d. Pests
  - 9. Propagating Roses
    - a. Cuttings
    - b. Layering
    - c. Pegging/Staking/"Runners"
    - d. Grafting
    - e. Hybridizing

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## Local Rose Societies of Colonial District

<http://www.colonialdistrictroses.org>

- **Arlington Rose Foundation** - Pam Powers - Serving Northern Virginia -Southern Maryland and Washington D.C. [pam1powers@aol.com](mailto:pam1powers@aol.com)
- **Bay Country Rose Society** - Martha Hill - Serving the Westover, MD, area - [gibson1445@gmail.com](mailto:gibson1445@gmail.com)
- **Charleston Rose Society** - John Fleek - Serving the Charleston, WV, area - [fleek@suddenlink.net](mailto:fleek@suddenlink.net)
- **Garden Club of Virginia** - Sharri Leffel
- **Huntington Rose Society** - Monica Valentovic - serving the Huntington, WV, area - [valentov@marshall.edu](mailto:valentov@marshall.edu)
- **Maryland Rose Society** - David Walsh - Serving the Baltimore, MD, area - [shiloh@qis.net](mailto:shiloh@qis.net)
- **Northern Neck Rose Society** - Robert Lukacevic - [rlukacevic@aol.com](mailto:rlukacevic@aol.com)
- **Patrick Henry Rose Society** - Katherine Craig - Serving the Martinsville/Bassett, VA, areas - [roselady2@comcast.net](mailto:roselady2@comcast.net)
- **Potomac Rose Society** - Joe Covey - Serving the metropolitan Washington, DC, area, including southern Maryland, the District of Columbia, and Northern Virginia - [coveyj@earthlink.net](mailto:coveyj@earthlink.net)
- **Richmond Rose Society** - Carol Fox - Serving the Richmond, VA, area - [Carol.fox@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:Carol.fox@scc.virginia.gov)
- **Roanoke Rose Society** - Roy Forbes - serving the Roanoke, VA - [rforbes@cox.net](mailto:rforbes@cox.net)
- **Shenandoah Rose Society** - Charles Shaner- Serving the Staunton/Waynesboro/Harrisonburg/Lexington/Charlottesville, Monterey VA, areas - [clshaner@yahoo.com](mailto:clshaner@yahoo.com)
- **Southern Virginia Rose Society** - William Drinkwater - Serving the counties of Nottoway/Dinwiddie/Mecklenburg/Lunenburg and Brunswick, VA
- **Tidewater Rose Society** - Ms. Sunni Burns - Serving Norfolk/Virginia Beach/Portsmouth/Chesapeake/Suffolk and Southeast VA areas - [sunnishine09@gmail.com](mailto:sunnishine09@gmail.com)
- **Virginia Peninsula Rose Society** - Cindy Dunlap - Serving the Williamsburg/Yorktown/Hampton, VA, areas - 757-867-7062 - [cdunlap2@cox.net](mailto:cdunlap2@cox.net)

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- Asheville-Blue Ridge Rose Society
- Catawba County Rose Society
- Charlotte Rose Society
- Cleveland-Lincoln Counties Rose Society
- Eastern North Carolina Rose Society
- Fayetteville Rose Society
- Greensboro Rose Society
- Rowan Rose Society
- Wilmington Cape Fear Rose Society
- Winston-Salem Rose Society
- Charleston Lowcountry Rose Society
- Greater Columbia Rose Society
- Greenville Rose Society
- South Carolina Rose Society