Description of Rose Programs.

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Roses 101

Growing good roses is not rocket science. This program covers the basics of how to choose roses, where and how to plant them, how to care for them, and how to solve problems if and when they happen.

ABCs of OGRs

Do you know your Tea from a Centifolia, and what exactly IS a Hybrid China? This program provides descriptions and examples of the various classes of old-garden roses, in approximately the order in which they were developed.

Antique Roses for Modern Gardens

Introduces about three dozen old-garden and heritage roses that perform very well with minimal care in my Virginia garden. Roses are presented in groups according to size and use in the garden.

Documenting and Preserving the Roses of Hollywood Cemetery

Hollywood Cemetery in Richmond, Virginia, is a garden cemetery that was created in 1848. It is famous for its landscape, and it is home to a collection of historic roses. This program provides a taste of the history of Hollywood, along with the story of what has been done to identify, document, and preserve the roses that grow there.

Rose Rosette Disease

This program is designed to teach the latest information about to recognize, understand, and deal with Rose Rosette Disease in gardens.

Climbing Roses

Climbing roses can add a beautiful vertical element to the garden. This program demonstrates how to choose and grow climbing roses, and introduces some climbers that perform well with minimal care.

Rose Rustling

Many heritage roses have been saved from destruction by dedicated individuals who actively seek and preserve them. This program describes the process and etiquette of collecting cuttings in the 'wild', and tells the story of some of the roses that have been saved this way.

A Year in the Rose Garden

Growing good roses isn't difficult. It requires a series of simple seasonal tasks, and these efforts are rewarded with healthy, vigorous roses. This program follows the steps that are necessary to have a beautiful rose garden, laid out as month-by-month calendar.

Bourbon and Tea, with China

When there's a chill in the air, we may find ourselves reaching for ingredients to make a warm toddy. As you sit and sip and make your rose wish list, consider including some Bourbon, Tea, or China roses. This program introduces some members of these classes that perform well in the MidAtlantic region.