

Clara Crowngall's Compendium

(really helpful rose information)

SOURCES FOR ROSES

Antique Rose Emporium: This is an excellent source for own root old garden or antique roses, shrubs, floribundas and "found" roses. Their nursery and display garden is amazing.

www.antiqueroseemporium.com and 800-441-0002

Chamblee's Roses: The prices are very reasonable and the plants are healthy! They have literally hundreds of old garden and shrub roses including most of the Earthkind varieties.

Their roses are own root. www.chambleeroses.com and 800-256-ROSE

Cool Roses: This family operated business is a source for roses budded on Fortuniana root stock. They have hybrid teas, miniatures and mini-floras, floribundas and some old garden roses. Good exhibition varieties are available from Cool Roses.

www.coolroses.com and 561-684-2421

David Austin Roses: While you can buy David Austin roses in just about any nursery, this nursery/site is THE source for all of the David Austin shrub roses. They offer a 15% discount to all ARS members.

www.davidaustinroses.com and 800-328-8893

Edmunds Roses: Source for all types of roses. The company has offered roses for many years and usually has a nice variety. I haven't ordered from Edmunds since it was sold.

www.edmundsroses.com and 888-481-7633

K and M Roses: James and Daisy Mills own K&M Roses and also sell blueberries. Their roses are grafted onto Fortuniana rootstock. Hybrid teas, floribundas, shrubs and some old garden roses are available directly from this grower. A vendor of excellent exhibition rose varieties, the Mills' rose hobby lead them into the nursery business several years ago.

www.kandmroses.com and 601-648-2908

Rosemania: The Tucker's turned a hobby into a business when they established Rosemania. In early spring they offer Weeks' bare root hybrid tea roses. They also offer a wide variety of rose growing products and equipment. Their website is an excellent source of information.

www.rosemania.com and 888-600-9665

Roses Unlimited: One of the first nurseries to offer only own root roses, Roses Unlimited has a wide selection of all types of roses. If you're having trouble finding an older variety, check with the nice people at Roses Unlimited. They have a lovely display garden and they have various events at their nursery.

www.rosesunlimitedownroot.com and 864-682-7673

For Love of Roses: Owned and operated by Richard Anthony and located in Brighton, Tennessee, FLOR is an excellent source for own root miniature and miniflora roses. Whit Wells and other hybridizers' roses are available in other nurseries and you may buy them to be shipped directly from this online nursery. www.forloveofroses.com

Silver Run Roses: This nursery is owned and operated in Westminster, Maryland, by John Smith. John has hybridized some of the "hottest" new hybrid tea roses available today. You may be familiar with his large white hybrid tea, 'Randy Scott', or the new gold and orange "killer rose", 'Sunny Sundays'. Email silverrunroses@aol.com or call 410-346-7544.

Wisconsin Roses: This mail order nursery specializes in exhibition hybrid tea roses and sells them as maiden plants. They will do custom grafting for you. Owner, Steve Singer provides a small stock of new roses imported from England and other hard to find exhibition roses. www.wiroses.com and 262-358-1298 or (preferably) email wiroses@gmail.com

NOTE! Remember to shop for your roses at your local nurseries. If they do not have the varieties you're searching for these other wonderful vendors will have just what you need.

SOURCES FOR ROSE CARE PRODUCTS AND FERTILIZERS

Mills Magic Fertilizers: The Beaty Fertilizer Company and Ted Mills, Master Rosarian, teamed to develop some outstanding organic based fertilizers that are good for any garden but great for roses. My favorite is their Bloomkote, an extended release fertilizer with "minors". www.millsmix.com

Monty's Joy Juice: Another Master Rosarian, Monty Justice took a formula for a liquid fertilizer and further developed it into a super product that's good for everything you grow. This product does not tamper with the soil's pH—and that's a good thing! You can order it on-line and through some local stores. It is good to use mixed by the gallon or with your spray products. www.montysjoyjuice.com

Nitron: Having used Nitron products for many years, all I can say is, "Try it, you'll like it!" And it is an Arkansas based company. www.nitron.com

Rosemania: Rosemania has almost every rose-growing item you'll need and the shipping is reduced for most products. The site also has some great information. www.rosemania.com

The Rose Gardener: Another rose enthusiast turned pro, Wendy Tilley decided that she would provide three good lines of rose care products: Barnel clippers (secateurs!), Bionic Gloves and Harlane Labels/Plant Markers. I especially like the Barnel by-pass clippers and loppers and the excellent gloves for pruning. www.therosegardener.com

SOURCES OF INFORMATION ABOUT ROSES

American Rose Society: The mission of the American Rose Society is to increase the general interest in the cultivation of the rose for all people and to improve its standard of excellence. The ARS website provides a wealth of information regarding roses and their culture. The articles and Members Only sections are great, but what I like best are the links to the local district societies' websites—they are too numerous to list here so you'll need to make your own visit. www.rose.org

OTHER ROSE-RELATED WEBSITES:

www.Helpmefind.com: A site devoted to roses, clematis and peonies and all that is gardening related, including selecting, buying, breeding, caring for and exhibiting.

www.sactorose.org: Baldo Villegas' excellent website on roses provides information on rose care, rose people AND on the bugs that are our friends and foes. It is well worth a visit.

www.roseshow.com: Bob Martin's terrific website supports rose show exhibitors and encourages the public display of roses in their most perfect phase of possible beauty. Everyone can learn something from Bob. He writes very well and has a great sense of humor.

www.centralarkansasrosesociety.com : Visit our website today! As a member, you have access to the all of the Rose Mite newsletters we've archived. There is a ton of information available to you for growing ARKANSAS roses. The member access code is : fairhope

DISCLOSURE: Now that you're reading the small print...much of this information is based on my personal experience with the vendors and my visits to the various nurseries and website. You'll probably disagree with some of my assessments but that's okay—it may get you started on your own rose journey. I've certainly enjoyed my travels! For those nurseries and websites that I forgot to include—I'll catch you next time!

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