

# SUMMER ROSES

## Planting of Roses

- Choosing a sunny site – at least 6 hours of sun a day – all day even better!
- Good spacing for air circulation – watch your plant sizes and space accordingly
- Drainage – proper drainage a must - even berm up a bit
- Amending the soil – compost, alfalfa meal, Epsom salts, fertilizer

## Caring of Roses

- Keep up on fertilizing – roses are heavy feeders over summer months. Food=Flowers!
- Pruning in summer – remember to always cut to 5 leaves for quick repeat bloom!
- Insect and disease maintenance – go systemic and use less often or go green with neem oil
- Roses suffering this year – wet spring means more diseases

## Selecting Roses

- The breeders keep breeding and the roses keep coming
- Preview for 2018 – from Weeks: Easy Spirit, Lady in Red, Top Gun, Rosie the Riveter, Parade Day, Easy on the Eyes, Frida Kahlo. From Star: Bloody Mary, Grape Jelly, Coral Knock Out, High Wire Flyer, Lemon Drift Rose, Moonlight Romantica, Sweet Mademoiselle.
- Choose your rose wisely – color/fragrance/maintenance?
- Hybrid Teas vs. Grandiflora vs. Floribunda vs. Climber
- Check out the shrub roses – indestructible and low maintenance
- Check out the Happy Trail and Drift groundcover Roses – easy color and no maintenance
- Don't forget the Flower Carpet family of roses! The original landscape rose.

“Give The Rose Another Chance.”