

TIPS & GLEANINGS 28

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TOPIC : “HERITAGE ROSES & OTHER COTTAGE PLANTS”

GUEST SPEAKER : LEONIE KEARNEY

MALENY GARDEN CLUB MEETING : 28 MARCH, 2017 IN JILL & HARRY ROWLAND’S GARDEN

- Old fashioned roses are Leonie’s passion. No need to spray, just water and trim
- ‘Cecile Brunner’ is a great shrub in the garden – even the leaves are aromatic
- ‘Bloomfield Abundance’ is a lovely China rose. Early roses in Europe were Spring flowering until China roses were introduced and crossed with European roses for repeat blooming
- Main types of old fashioned roses are China, Teas, Noisettes and Musk
- Tea rose ‘Madame Cachet’ has lots of foliage and repeat flowering
- Tall ‘Mrs BR Cant’ is a shrub Tea rose bred in the late 1800’s and brought to Australia by early settlers to plant in their new gardens
- ‘Straw Rose’ to 1 m – prickly. Small pale pink flowers hold petals for weeks – a found rose
- ‘Hazel Ann’, ‘Sweet Chariot’, ‘Pink Velour’, ‘Duchesse de Brabant’ are always in flower
- ‘Madame Joseph Schwartz’ is the white version with pink tinge of ‘Duchesse de Brabant’
- ‘Lion’s Road Rose’ – yellow hybrid tea - is a found rose named by Leonie after the road in NSW where she found it and struck from cuttings – always travels with her secateurs
- A rose 75 years and over is now classified as a Heritage Rose
- 1950 shrub rose with lime green foliage and red flowers with gold centre is a beauty
- Polyantha ‘Rose Marsh’ from WA grown from cutting – low growing and always cheerful
- ‘Mutabilis’ grows to 2 metres with single flowers like butterflies
- ‘Kathleen Keliher’ -bred in Nanango- has large red blooms, lovely perfume – grows to 1 m
- ‘Stan’s Rose’ grows well in Townsville and Mackay to 1m, always flowering, very hardy
- ‘Cameo’ is a low Polyantha good to grow in front of taller roses
- ‘Un-named’ is a small, tough, single pink rose – a good filler
- Pentas loves heat and is easy to strike
- Perennial Aster – double white bounces back after rain knocks it around
- Begonias like some shade whereas roses like 5 -6 hours of sun each day
- ‘Rose Hodge Cottage Pink’ is a lovely specimen of a climber from WA
- ‘Lavender Dreams’ bred in Holland in 1975 is a large arching shrub – not many thorns
- Perennial Sunflower has small yellow flowers and forms a round mound to about 1 m
- ‘Salvia Midnight’ and ‘Santa Barbara’ salvias are a beautiful mauve/purple
- ‘Gloxinia Sinningia’ will grow well in Maleny
- Davis Austin roses are good disease resistant plants which readily drop petals
- With old roses its important to dead head them, remove dead wood and prune by 1/3
- Tea Roses - thought to be so named on arrival in England with tea shipments from India
- For Powdery Mildew mix one part full cream milk with ten parts water then spray
- For cuttings take pencil thick pieces that have flowered being an indication of maturity. Leave on a couple of small leaves. Place in potting mix or clean river sand and perlite. Keep moist, free draining, water every day. Around 70% don’t make it.

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‘OLD FASHIONED ROSES IN SUB-TROPICAL CLIMATES’ by Leonie Kearney \$10. END.