

TOPIC : **HERITAGE ROSES**

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- Prefers original species – non hybridised old fashioned and heritage roses which bees cross pollinate – they are tough
- ‘Hazel Ann’ is a low spreading rose but grows to 5ft in Maleny soil
- Brought from England by early settlers to remind them of home eg ‘Duchess de Brabant’ (popularly known here as ‘The Montville Rose’) also available in climbing form. If it looks scrappy or untidy, prune back and feed with Seasol / Fish Emulsion
- Hybrid Tea (HT) roses are crossed tea and heritage
- Has a repository at Rosevale Homestead to try and save heritage roses from extinction
- Five families of roses that grow well in Queensland are recorded in the book ‘**OLD FASHIONED ROSES IN A SUB-TROPICAL CLIMATE**’ by Leonie Kearney and Barbara Wickes. \$10 a copy
- These roses don’t sucker from understock. ‘Caprice’ very tough with generous flowering and delicate perfume
- ‘Gay Vista’ bred in Australia in 1950 for humid climate – looks like hydrangea bloom
- ‘Softie’ grows to 1m x 1m is not thorny with repeat flowering in white clusters
- ‘Ron’s Moonlight’ has a delicate musk fragrance
- Small pink ‘Ellie Martin’ grows to knee high
- ‘Cameo’ is low grower with cupped pink blooms
- ‘La Marque’ noisette lemon scented climbing rose
- Believes in companion planting with roses but not aggressive plants such as agapanthus
- Peruvian Lily from the Andes; Louisiana Iris loves water and fertiliser, even leached lime from roses; Magenta Magic Salvia withstands heat and if untidy cut back as it readily rejuvenates; Cream Achillia is drought resistant and a good filler; Hollyhocks; Necatina is tough with flowers closing in middle of day reopening in afternoon cool; Yellow Kniphofia (Torch Lily) a good cut filler; Lime coloured Nicotiana a good cut filler; White/cream Bishop’s Lace is upright and does not blow over; Michaelmas Daisy is tough – blue boy and white; Penstemon is a long flowering perennial but is

attacked by grubs in hot weather; Valerian likes well drained chalky soil and grows to 1m; Silene is easily grown in a light gritty soil

- Autumn is optimum time to take cuttings – mature pieces not new soft growth
- Use plain potting mix and vermiculite – no fertiliser – 6 cuttings per pot or use river sand and perlite. Place in warm, sunny spot – no shade
- All dry manures are suitable from chicken to elephant. Never use fresh or steamy
- Valentine's Day is a good time to fertilise as too hot before

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