



ROSES FOR BEGINNERS

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Oklahoma 1964

Buff Beauty 1939



Easy Does It 2008



Valentine 1951









Mermaid 1918







Overview of Rose Basics

- History of the Rose
- Where and When to Buy Roses
- Successfully Planting Roses
- Taking Care of Your Roses
- Enjoying Your Roses
- Questions??



Brief Rose History

- Species Roses
- China Roses
- France and Malmaison
- 1867
- 21st Century



The China Rose "Old Blush" 1751



Chateau de Malmaison 1798 -1814



Modern Roses

1867 – Hybrid Tea - “La France”



The 21st Century







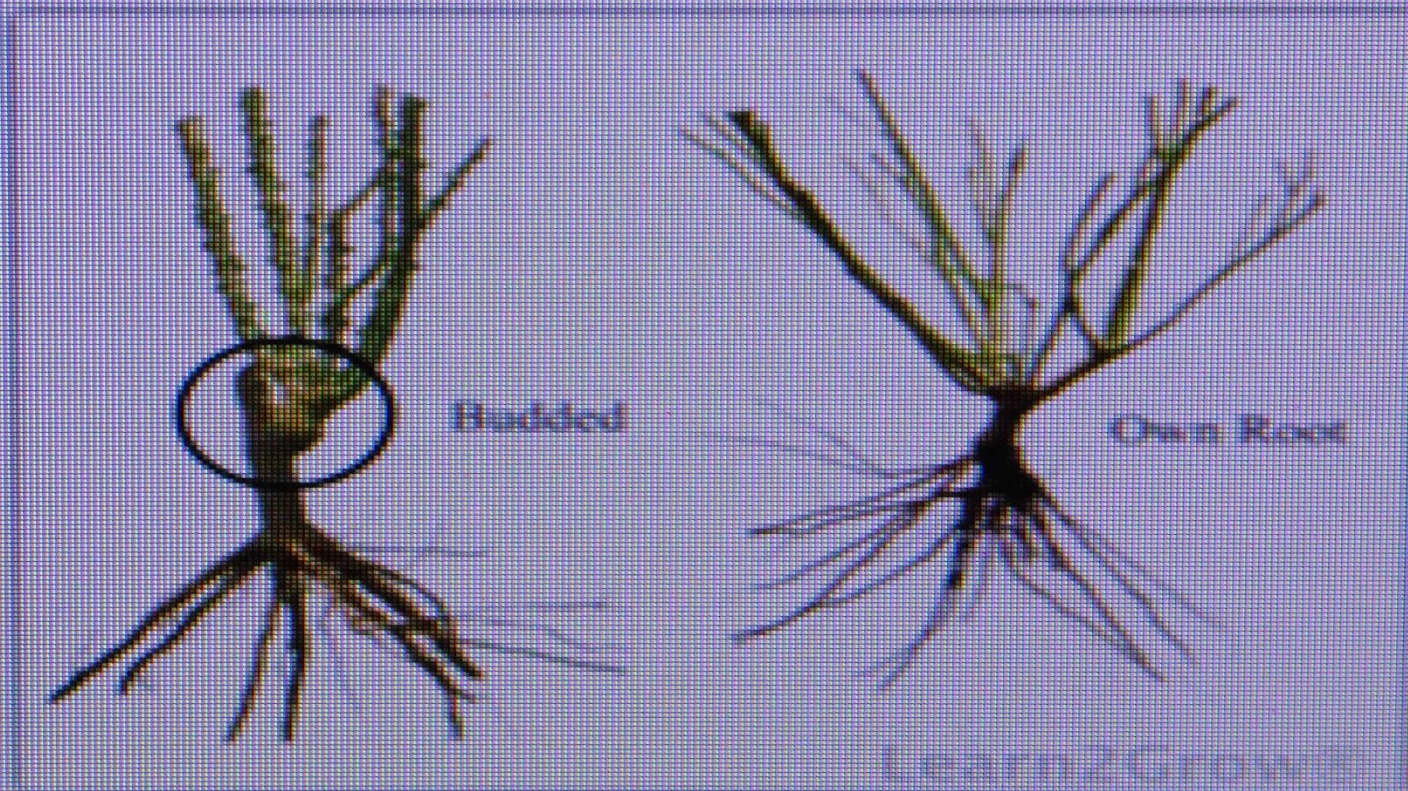
HOW AND WHEN TO BUY YOUR ROSES

Bare Root or Container

Own Root or Grafted

Budded - Grafted or Own Root

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Hybrid Teas and Grandifloras

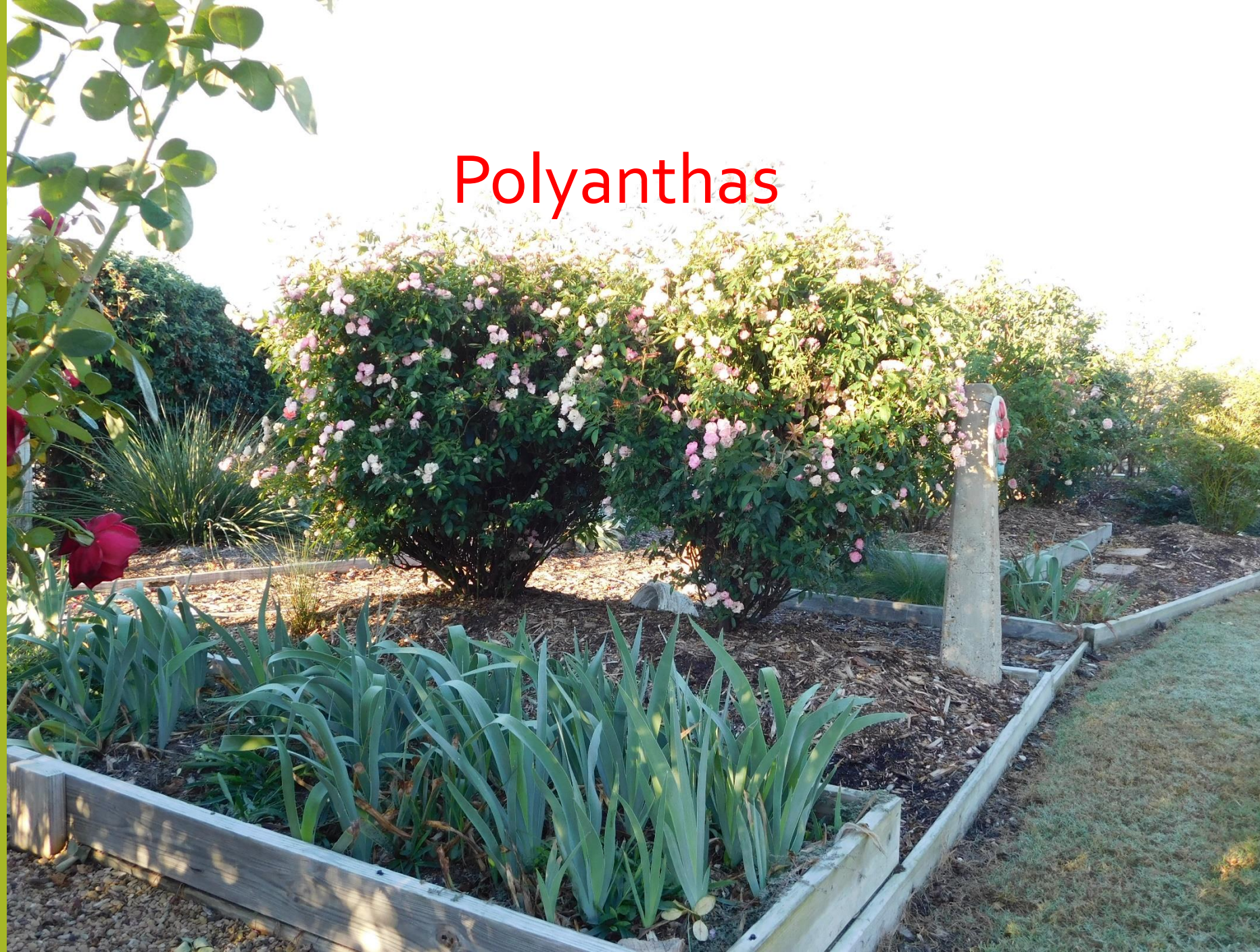




Floribundas



Polyanthas



Miniatures





Large Flowered Climbers





Shrub Roses





Old Garden Roses - aka Antique Roses and Heirloom Roses





Where to Buy Your Roses



Planting Your Roses

- Location – Location – Location!!!!
- Full Sun – 6 to 8 hours of direct sun!
- Near perfect drainage!
- Very good air movement!
- Proper spacing!

A \$20 Rose in a 50¢ Hole!?!?

- Consider a soil test – ph is very important – 6.5 is optimum for roses
- Dig hole twice as wide and the same level as pot or to level of bud union.
- **AMEND** your soil:
 - add quality compost
 - add well rotted manure
 - add leaf mold or peat moss
- Consider Raised Beds
- **MULCH** – use 2 to 4 inches of hardwood mulch
- Some roses do well in pots – hardy to zone 4 or 5





Nurturing your Roses

- Roses are very thirsty & hungry
- Cleanliness is essential
- Deadhead and prune regularly
- Observe your plants when you're in the garden
- Address pest and/or fungal issue when noted



- CHINESE PROVERB:
- "The best fertilizer is the footsteps of the gardener."

Essential Tools for Rose Care



Enjoy Roses

- Bring them inside
- Sepals must be down
- Cut $\frac{1}{4}$ inch above a 5 leaf set
- Recut another $\frac{1}{4}$ inch under water
- Use a little bleach and lukewarm sugar water for the vase
- Change the water every other day or so
- Some roses will last a couple of days and some a couple of weeks













Rose Rosette Virus







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