

# Script for CLASSIC SHRUBS

## **Title Slide** - Classification - where does the Classic Shrub fit in?

There are several systems used around the world for dividing the various different types of roses into recognizable groupings - where all the cultivars seem to resemble each other in growth traits and flowering capabilities. The one recognized by the World Federation of Roses, and adopted by the American Rose Society shows three major groupings within the Genus *Rosa*:

Species Roses (sp)

Old Garden Roses (21 classes included in this group)

Modern Roses (13 classes included in this group)

When developing a classification system that recognizes groupings and is useful to botanists, hybridizers, commercial nurserymen, hobbyists and the general gardener, many different viewpoints must be reconciled. Such a system must be scientifically based, but it must also allow the rose gardener to visit a local retailer and buy a type of rose with the assumption that it will perform within the broad guidelines for all roses of that type.

The American Rose Society classification system attempts to satisfy these requirements. ARS acknowledges that the classification system cannot be static but must remain flexible enough to incorporate the latest developments and available knowledge about the type of plant being studied. Ongoing study and modifications to the system are the work of the Classification Committee.

Photo: 'Bubble Bath' – by Jolene Adams

**Slide 3** - The Modern Roses are classes of roses that were not in existence prior to the early development of the Hybrid Teas - about 1867. All of these roses are the results of intensive breeding efforts on the part of hybridizers searching for the elusive 'perfect rose.'

In the category of Modern Roses, four historic classes of roses are considered to be "Classic Shrubs."

Hybrid Kordesii

Hybrid Moyesii

Hybrid Musk

Hybrid Rugosa

## **Slide 4 - Kordesii**

Some of the toughest, most disease-resistant roses comprise this class. The Kordes family of Germany have been prominent rose hybridizers for generations. A special rose - *Rosa x*

*kordesii* was introduced in 1941 by Wilhelm Kordes. It was a seedling of 'Max Graf' - itself a seedling of *Rosa rugosa* x *Rosa wichurana*.

The Hybrid Kordesii are cluster-flowering, usually in tones of pink or red. They are recurrent and produce large hips. The plants are large and vigorous, and some will form a short climber.

**Slide 5** - Photo: Top – Max Graf by Steve Jones  
Bottom – *R. kordesii* by Steve Jones

**Slide 6** - Winners of the Classic Shrub trophy – as reported by Robert B. Martin Jr., 1999 through 2003

**Slide 7** - Dortmund – photo by Alex McClaren

HKor, mr, 1955

Bud long, pointed; flowers red with white eye, single, large blooms in large clusters; recurrent, moderate fragrance. Foliage dark, glossy. Vigorous, climbing growth. Hybridizer: Wilhelm Kordes

ADR, 1954  
GM Portland, 1971  
[seedling x *R. kordesii*]

**Slide 8** - John Cabot – photo by Steve Jones

HKor, mr, 1978

Bud ovoid; flowers fuschia tinted red, opens flat, 40 petals, 2.5 in., blooms in clusters; moderate fragrance. Foliage yellow-green. Vigorous, upright growth to 6 ft. Hybridizer: Felicitas Svedja, Canada Dept. of Agriculture

[*R. kordesii* x unnamed seedling]

**Slide 9** - William Baffin – photo by Nancy Lindley

HKor, dp, 1983

Bud ovoid; flowers deep pink, open flat, 20 petals, 2.5 in., blooms in clusters of up to 30 individual blooms; slight fragrance. Foliage small, medium green, glossy. Vigorous, climbing growth habit. Hybridizer: Felicitas Svedja, Agriculture Canada

[*R. kordesii* seedling]

**Slide 10** - Champlain – photo by Steve Jones

HKor, dr, 1982

Flowers large, bright medium red with darker petal tips, 30 petals, 2.5 in., small clusters, slight fragrance, recurrent. Prickles straight, yellow-green. Foliage small, dark yellow-green. Hardy, bushy growth to 3 ft. Hybridizer: Felicitas Svedja, Agriculture Canada

**Slide 11** - Heidelberg – photo by Steve Jones

HKor, mr, 1959 (KORbe)

Flowers bright crimson, reverse lighter, 32 petals, 4 in., exhibition form, blooms in clusters. Foliage glossy, leathery. Vigorous, bushy growth. Hybridizer: Reimer Kordes

**Slide 12** - Parkdirektor Riggers – photo by Peninsular Rose Club

HKor, dr, 1957

Bud long, pointed, flowers velvety crimson, 18-20 petals, slightly fragrant, recurrent, blooms in cluster of up to 50 individual flowers. Foliage dark, glossy, leathery. Vigorous, climbing growth. Hybridizer: Reimer Kordes

ADR, 1960

[*R. kordesii* x *Our Princess*]

**Slide 13 - Moyesii**

*Rosa moyesii* is a species rose introduced into Europe in 1903. It was found in northwestern China by Rev. E.J. Moyes - thus the name of the class of roses. It has single blooms of bright red with bright golden stamens. *R. moyesii* and its crosses can stand more shade than most roses.

The moyesii have uniquely shaped hips - they are bottle shaped and usually brightly colored when ripe. Most moyesii have single or semidouble blooms in tones of red or pink, and the repeat is sporadic over the summer and into fall. They have a very tall, open, arching growth habit, are vigorous and cold tolerant. Most of the specimens have dark green foliage and many have slender leaflets like a fern. The non-flowering canes can get very spiny.

**Slide 15** - Photo by Steve Jones

**Slide 16** - Winners of the Classic Shrub trophy – as reported by Robert B. Martin Jr., 1999 through 2003

**Slide 17** - Nevada – photo by Mack Stephenson

HMoy, w, 1927

Bud ovoid, pink or apricot, flowers white, reverse sometimes marked with carmine, large blooms, single, heavy first bloom, sporadic repeat. Vigorous, shrubby growth to 7 ft. 28 chromosomes

Hybridizer: Pedro Dot

**Slide 18** - Geranium – photo by Steve Jones

Hmoy, mr, 1938

Flowers almost scarlet, single, 2 in., blooms in clusters up to 5 individual blooms. Tall, upright but compact growth.

**Slide 19 - Hybrid Musk**

A species rose named *Rosa moschata* is the titular head of this class - but many of the members of the class have no resemblance to their 'parent.' *R. moschata* itself is a native of southern Europe and Western Asia. It is a large, vigorous plant producing many single, white, very fragrant blooms throughout the season. It is in the crossing of this rose with the China roses, then the recrossing of the subsequent offspring that we begin to see the prototypes of the class - like 'Aglaia' and 'Trier.' Further crosses with polyanthas, noisettes, teas and other modern roses have resulted in a remarkable variety of roses, but most retaining the marvelous, musky 'old rose' fragrance. Further study and DNA work might well see some of these roses assigned to other classes in the future.

Many of the musks are spreading plants that can be used as short climbers, but they will need winter protection where temperatures go below  $-15^{\circ}\text{C}$  F.

One of the most noted hybridizers of this class of roses was the Rev. Joseph Pemberton.

**Slide 20** - Photo by Steve Jones

**Slide 21** - Winners of the Classic Shrub trophy – as reported by Robert B. Martin Jr.,

1999 through 2003

**Slide 22** - Prosperity – photo by Steve Jones

HMSk, w, 1919

Bud creamy white flushed with pale pink, flowers ivory white, small, 18-20 petals, recurrent, moderate fragrance, blooms in small clusters. Foliage glossy. Vigorous, pillar growth to 8 ft. Hybridizer: Pemberton 21 chromosomes

[Marie-Jeanne x Perle des Jardines]

**Slide 23** - Ballerina – photo by ?

HMSk, mp, 1937

Flowers bright, soft pink, white eye, small, single, blooms in large clusters. Vigorous growth to 3 ft.

Hybridizer: Bentall

**Slide 24** - Penelope – photo by Steve Jones

HMSk, lp, 1924

Flowers shell pink fading to white, center lemony, 18-20 petals, recurrent, moderate fragrance, blooms in clusters. Foliage dark. Growth shrubby. Hybridizer: Pemberton 21 chromosomes.

GM National Rose Society, 1925

[Ophelia x unnamed seedling or possibly William Allen Richardson or Trier]

**Slide 25** - Belinda – photo by Steve Jones

HMSk, mp, 1936

Flowers 18-20 petals, bloom in large, erect trusses, moderate fragrance. Vigorous growth to 5 ft. Hybridizer: Bentall

**Slide 26** - Lavender Lassie – photo by Jolene Adams

HMsk, m, 1960

Flowers lilac-pink, double, 3 in., intense fragrance, blooms in large clusters. Vigorous, tall growth. Hybridizer: Kordes

**Slide 27** - Cornelia – photo by B&B Nursery

HMsk, pb, 1925

Flowers strawberry flushed yellow, rosette form, small, double, recurrent, moderate fragrance, borne in flattened sprays. Foliage dark bronze, leathery, glossy. Very vigorous. Hybridizer: Pemberton 14 chromosomes.

**Slide 28** - Erfurt – photo by B&B Nursery

HMsk, pb, 1939

Bud long, pointed; flowers medium pink, yellow-white toward base, single, large, 18-23 petals, intense musk fragrance, recurrent, blooms in large clusters. Foliage leathery, wrinkled, bronze. Vigorous, bushy, trailing growth. Hybridizer: Kordes

[Eva x Reveil Dijonnais]

**Slide 29 - Rugosa**

*Rosa rugosa* and its hybrids are some of the most easily identifiable roses - almost all of them have heavily lined foliage (rugose in texture) that gave the founder of this class its name. A native of northern Japan and Siberia, the rose passed on its hardiness to its descendants.

Though a few crosses had been made earlier (as early as the 1820's), in the 1890's several hybridizers became interested in working with the species due to its hardiness, health, vigor, and special beauty. One of the principle hybridizers of this class was F.J. Grootendorst.

Almost all are fragrant, vigorous, hardy, recurrent and bear large, red hips in fall. They are very cold hardy and will tolerate sandy soil and beach conditions. These plants will sucker. Bloom colors range from white through pink to red and purple, and yellow can be found as well. There are new dwarfed cultivars, but normally these bushes will reach five or six feet in height. Their fragrance is very spicy.

**Slide 31** - Photo by Steve Jones – rose found growing on a beach in Maine

**Slide 32** - Winners of the Classic Shrub trophy – as reported by Robert B. Martin Jr., 1999 through 2003

**Slide 33** - Linda Campbell – photo courtesy of Uncommon Roses

HRg, mr, 1990 (MORten)

Bud pointed, flowers medium red, lighter reverse, ages medium red, 25 petals, cupped, fast repeat, no fragrance. Foliage large, dark green, semi-glossy. Upright, vigorous, medium growth. Hybridizer: Ralph Moore

[Anytime x *Rugosa Magnifica*]

**Slide 34** - Frau Dagmar Hartopp – photo by Steve Jones

HRg, mp, 1914

Flowers silvery pink, single, small. Foliage rich green, crinkled. Low growth habit.

Hybridizer: Hastrup

**Slide 35** - Theresa Bugnet– photo by Steve Jones

HRg, mp, 1950

Bud conical but square-tipped, flowers rose pink aging to pale pink, white center line on tops of petals, 35 petals, 4 in., recurrent, moderately spicy fragrance, blooms in small clusters. Foliage 'quilted', grey-green. Vigorous, medium growth. Hybridizer: Bugnet

[((*R. acicularis* x *R. rugosa kamtchatica*) x (*R. amblyotis* x *R. rugosa plena*)) x Betty Bland]

**Slide 36** - F.J. Grootendorst – photo by Steve Jones

HRg, mr, 1918

Flowers bright red, edges serrated like a carnation, small, double, recurrent, slight fragrance, blooms in clusters of up to 20 individual flowers. Foliage small, leathery, wrinkled, dark green. Vigorous, bushy growth. Hybridizer: de Goey

[*R. rugosa rubra* x unknown polyantha]

**Slide 37** - Jens Munk – photo by Mary Peterson

HRg, mp, 1974

Buds ovoid, flowers medium pink with yellow stamens, 25 petals, 3 in., intense fragrance. Foliage dark, rugose. Upright, vigorous, bushy growth. Hybridizer: Felicitas Svedja, Canada Dept Agric.

[Schneezwerg x Frau Dagmar Hartopp]

**Slide 38** - Hansa – photo by Steve Jones

HRg, mr, 1905

Flowers mauvy red, large, double, recurrent, intense rose-clove fragrance. Foliage large, dark, wrinkled. Short, weak stems. Hardy, vigorous growth. Hybridizer: Schaum & Van Tol

**Slide 39** - Topaz Jewel – photo by Steve Jones

HRg, my, 1987

Flowers medium yellow fading to cream, large, double, cupped, recurrent, moderately fruity fragrance, blooms in sprays of 5 to 8 individual flowers. Foliage large, medium green, rugose, matt. Upright, bushy, spreading, vigorous growth. Does not set fruit. Hybridizer: Ralph Moore

[Golden Angel x Belle Poitevine]

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**Slide 40** - Pink Grootendorst, HRg – photo by Steve Jones