

Vintage Gardens-Antique and Extraordinary Roses

New Roses for Autumn 2009!

29 Roses new to the Vintage Gardens collection! The Final Flowering of Vintage Gardens?

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Dear Friends and Customers of Vintage Gardens,

As we promised you, we have added a group of new roses to our website that are now available to order. These range from Bourbons to Hybrid Musks to Polyanthas and Hybrid Teas, reflecting some of the rarest roses grown in the magnificent public rose garden, the San Jose Heritage. Along with these we have added a very special collection of roses raised by our friend Pamela Temple, at her 3 acre garden, Red Rose Ridge, near Willits, California. Our numbers on each of these varieties are very small, so we urge you to read about them and order quickly.

In keeping with our mission at Vintage Gardens, to preserve our great library of heritage roses, we continue to reach out towards preservation, even in the face of the most difficult times we have faced as a business. Response to our fall season of roses has been enthusiastic but falls short of permitting us to justify continuing to do business as we have in the past.

These are indeed difficult economic times for many Americans, and small businesses like ours can ill afford a prolonged period of severe downturn in sales. The expressions of you, our friends and customers, of delight in what we do, of gratitude for what we offer, of hopes for a long life for Vintage Gardens, we take to heart. When much of the sound advice that we receive argues for closing our nursery, we remember how much our mission means to you.

After long deliberation, and faced with every good reason to make this our last year of business, we have decided to continue Vintage Gardens for the foreseeable future. However, in order to do so we are seeking avenues that will allow us to continue. We will no longer operate Vintage Gardens as a full-time occupation, and our hours available to take your calls, answer your questions, respond to your emails about roses, and open our garden during the May rose bloom, will be cut back. Each of us at Vintage Gardens must, of necessity, take on second and third jobs to secure the livelihood of our families.

This year's inventory of over 1400 varieties of roses will be the last season of such abundant numbers. We will scale back our production beginning this winter, focusing our energies first on custom propagation, second on roses that continue to be most in demand, and lastly on rare varieties for which we have little demand and less response, despite our strongly held philosophy that keeping rose varieties in commerce is the best way to preserve them.

Finally, my own energies will turn toward the maintenance and preservation of the collection of roses in my own garden in Sebastopol. Through the support of the Friends of Vintage Gardens I have been able to walk the fine line between a healthy garden and Sleeping Beauty's castle. My efforts with the Friends will focus now on creating a 501.3C non-profit organization whose mission will be to assist in the maintenance of Vintage Gardens' collection and garden of heritage roses. Those of us who participate in 'Dirt Days' are getting older, crankier, creakier, and more dependent on the hired help that somehow pulls it all together for our open gardens! We have had many generous offers of donations to the garden, and we feel that a non-profit status will best prolong the lives of the roses!

The very good news for today is that Vintage Gardens is extremely well-stocked with roses, most of which will not see a return to our inventory for many years to come. We hope this will help you to make the easy choice between a latté on monday morning and a lifetime with a rose in your garden, and in your heart.

We will continue to do our best to continue our tradition of offering the best and friendliest service in the months and years to come, and we hope you will bear patiently with a somewhat slower response to your questions and with changes to your orders.

It has always been our greatest privilege to serve the most extraordinary and generous of customers, the rose fanatics of the world!

And we offer our best hopes for each of you as you strive against the challenges of your own lives!

-Gregg Lowery

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Red Rose Ridge, Pamela Temple & Rosalia



Pamela Temple: Raiser of Roses and Rose Gardener Extraordinaire!

New to our website and our collection is a very personal collection of roses raised by one who never intended the world to grow her seedlings. Pamela Temple has shared with us a dozen roses she has created (occasionally with the help of birds!) at her garden in Northern California. Eight of these are available for the

first time on our website. We have very few plants of each rose to sell, so we encourage you to order these quickly. For those who know and love Pamela, these are treasures, many of which honor the rose-loving friends in Pamela's life; Joan Taylor, Susan Byers, Rosalia, Sequoia Greenfield, Mme. Zazu, Michael Temple, and myself, Gregg Lowery. Adding some of these to your garden may have a very special meaning!

To find Pamela Temple's roses on our website, you may click each of the names in the list below to go directly to their entries on our website:

[Rosalia](#)
[Tissue](#)
[Susan Byers](#)
[Michael's Big Wadoo](#)
[Red Rose Ridge](#)
[Mme. Zazu](#)
[Sequoia Greenfield](#)
[Joan Taylor](#)

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Mrs. Albert Nash - Oneta Home Saffron - Mary Guthrie

Rare Roses from the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden

From the great public rose collection at San Jose come a number of roses that we have never offered before. Many are very rare, and exist in no other gardens in America. Some are old chestnuts, like Climbing Olé; some are exquisite seedlings, like the delightful Hybrid Musk 'Oakland Rose Garden Renae Seedling'; some are gems from the hands of Australian Alister Clark, introduced nearly 100 years ago, and difficult to find in commerce. We know you'll find it fascinating to browse through these new offerings from Vintage Gardens, and we know you'll add some to your own collection to help in their preservation!

Our list includes these:

[Alliance, FI, 1966](#)
[Pied Piper, FI, 1969](#)
[Chamisso, HM, 1922](#)
[ORG Renae Seedling, HM, c.1990](#)
[Schwerin, HM, 1937](#)
[Sibelius, HM, 1984](#)
[Vivaldi, HM, 1984](#)
[Clémentine Séringe, HP, 1840](#)
[Ilse Haberland, HT\(S\), 1956](#)
[Mrs. Albert Nash, HT, 1929 \(A. Clark\)](#)
[Olé, Climbing, HTCl, 1982](#)
["Salmon Pink HT Climber", \(Pernetiana Climber\), founding](#)
[Malaga, LCI, 1971](#)
[Shin-Setsu \(Fresh Snow\), LCI, 1969](#)
[Marjorie Palmer, Pol, 1936 \(A. Clark\)](#)
[Mary Guthrie, Pol, 1929 \(A. Clark\)](#)
[Eurydice, R, 1886](#)
[Jessica, R, 1909](#)
[Marco, R, 1905](#)
[Goheen, S, c. 1950 \(Kordesii\)](#)
["Oneta Home Saffron", T, founding](#)

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Join us in celebrating a few rare and wonderful roses. Place your orders now, and help us to insure that Vintage Gardens continues as a source and a haven for rose treasures that may otherwise disappear forever!

Sincerely,

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