

The first rose was planted in the Rose Garden at the Crop Diversification Centre South in 1963, by George Smith, under the direction of T. Kilduff, Assistant Director at the time.

Records indicate the spruce hedge was planted in 1966.

The soil is a heavy clay with a high pH. Summers can be warm, +40°C and the winters -40°C but the winter temperatures can rise 20 degrees in a few hours when the west chinook winds begin to blow.

This rose garden is proudly maintained by Communities in Bloom, Brooks. This non-profit organization does pruning, weeding and has worked to install new trellises and the new rose garden sign as well as new name plates for the roses.

Communities in Bloom Brooks thanks all those who have donated materials and labor for this one of a kind collection of roses.

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Rose Garden

Home to many one of a kind roses.
A living tribute to the early horticultural pioneers like
Skinner, Bugnet, Erskine and Wright.

It is also a living tribute to the rose breeding programs of
Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

The Rose Garden provides a romantic setting for wedding pictures, a maze for children to play in and an important piece of Canadiana. It has provided a secluded spot for young lovers and rose lovers alike for close to 45 years.

The Rose Garden is located on the grounds of the Crop Diversification Centre South (CDCS), just three kilometers east of Brooks, Alberta surrounded by short grass prairie. Growing plants here can be a challenge—with only 35 cm of precipitation annually and extremes in temperatures. Summer heat waves of 40°C, and the bone chilling winters with temperatures as low as minus 40°C can test the hardiness of plants and people alike. Fortunately a warm westerly Chinook winds provide much needed winter breaks. These winds can force the winter temperatures to climb as much as 20 degrees in a few hours.

CDCS began in the early 1900's as a demonstration farm for the Canadian Pacific Railway. It was the grand scheme of the CPR to bring water to the prairie. Demonstration farms, part of the irrigation scheme, built along the railways to reveal the power of irrigation for diversifying agriculture. During the depression the CPR lost money with the irrigation business. This led to the decision to divest the irrigation holdings. In 1935, a deal with the Provincial Government made CDCS part of the Department of Agriculture.

The CDCS Rose Garden is a collection of prairie-hardy roses. A 2 metre tall spruce hedge with a graceful arch on the east side surrounds the garden. Many of the roses are one-of-a-kind specimens. Early Canadian rose breeders like Bugnet, Skinner, Marshall, Simonet and Erskine are honored with a living legacy which continues to thrill rose lovers. There are others like Explorer, Parkland and Grootendorst roses, but it is the roses of the rose breeding pioneers that are most unique.

Georges Bugnet was born in France in 1879 and came to Canada in 1904 to homestead 80 km north of Edmonton. Although he was technically trained as a newspaper man, he was self taught when it came to plant breeding. He worked with plums, pine and caragana, but it is his rose breeding that he is best known for. Bugnet used native roses as his parent stock to ensure tough plants for a tough climate. Bugnet named his roses after important the women in his life. Thérèse Bugnet, probably the best known rose today was his favorite, named it after his beloved sister. The roses Louise Bugnet, Betty Bugnet and Madeline Bugnet were named after his daughters and Marie Bugnet after his mother. These as well as Lac La Nonne and Lac Majeau can be found in the collection.

Robert Erskine was born in Calgary and later moved to a farm outside of Leslieville, Alberta. Here he raised cattle and horses, horticulture was his passion. He strove to improve the hardiness qualities of roses, apples and lilies. Erskine would find unique native roses (*Rosa woodsii* and *R. acicularis*) ones with extra flower petals or intense petal color as he walked the farm's pastures. These finds became the parent stock for his rose breeding and some were outstanding enough to be named. Aurora, is one of these unique roses with a vivid rosy color and large flowers. The Rose Garden is fortunate enough to have three Erskine roses in the collection—Prairie Peace, Betty Will and Beauty of Leafland. Prairie Peace was Erskine's pride and joy.

Percy Wright had many careers over his 90 year life, from teacher to farmer; musician to freelance writer. Wright developed more than 50 prairie hardy cultivars using *Rosa glauca*, *R. rugosa*, *R. spinosissima altaica*, *R. laxa* and *R. acicularis* as parent stock. Wright's roses Hazeldean, Musician, Aylsham, Ruth and Yellow Altai, can be found in the Rose Garden.

Frank Skinner came to Canada in 1895. The Skinners settled on a farm which would eventually become Skinner Nurseries of Dropmore Manitoba. Like many of the other prairie rose breeders he was self-taught. In addition to his rose breeding, Skinner can be credited with a canker immune poplar, leaf mite resistant lindens and fast growing willow, larch and spruce hybrids. Skinner roses in the collection include Betty Bland, Isabella Skinner and Mossman.

In 2002, Brooks Communities in Bloom volunteered to do general maintenance like pruning and weeding. In 2003, a local rose enthusiast championed the Rose Garden for Brooks Communities in Bloom and is looking after the collection like it was his own. The rose garden is looking as good as it ever has. The beds have been mulched, new trellises and new signage for the roses has been installed and new roses have been planted.

The garden is open to visitors during the summer. The best time to visit is in late June when the roses are in full bloom. But stop at the garden any time during the summer to "smell the roses". Just remember the mosquito spray.

Adelaide Hoodless (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Parkland,
Flower: deep red, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m, repeats
named in honor of the 75th anniversary of the founder of the Women’s Institute

Agnes (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Sanders, Ottawa, 1922
Flower: pale yellow, double, fragrant
Growth: 2.5 m, non recurrent

Alexander Mackenzie

Origin: Svejda, Explorer, 1985
Flower: dark red, double, fragrant
Growth: 1.5 m, repeat, disease resistant

Alika

Origin: Dr. Hansen (USA) brought from Russia in 1906
Flower: red, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: 2m, recurrent

Altai Scotch Rose
(*R. pimpinellifolia* ‘Altaica’)

Origin: Britian, 1820
Flower: white, large, single
Growth: 2.5 m prickly

Altaica Pink (Seedling)

Flower: pink, slightly fragrant
Growth:

Alysham (Hansa x *R. nitida*)

Origin: P. Wright, Saskatchewan, 1948
Flower: dark rose, semi-double
Growth: 1 m, large hips

Amelia Gravereaux (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Gravereaux, France, 1902
Flower: purplish carmine, semi-double, fragrant
Growth:

Ames Climber

Origin: Maney, Iowa, USA, 1932
Flower: clusters, dark pink
Growth: thorn less, spring bloom

Amy’s Rose

Flower:
Growth: 1.5 m rust/susceptible

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Origin:
Flower:
Growth:

Anais Segalis

Origin: France
Flower: pink
Growth: low

Apart

Origin: Germany, 1981
Flower: mauve, mauve blend, double, fragrant
Growth: .75 m, repeat

Athabasca

Origin: Vilna, AB
Flower: Pink, slightly fragrant
Growth: 1.5 m, black hips

Assiniboine (hybrid suffulta)

Origin: Marshall, Manitoba, 1962
Flower: deep purple-red, semi-double, large
Growth: compact, disease resistant

Austrian Copper (*R. foetida* var *bicolor*)

Origin: Asia Minor, 1590
Flower: orange fading yellow single, fragrant
Growth: 1 m intermittent

Beauty of Leafland

Origin: Erskine, AB
Flower: pink-yellow blend, double, fragrant
Growth: 2 m spring

Belle Poltevine (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: France, 1895
Flower: purple- pink, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: recurrent

Bertha

Origin: P. Wright, Saskatchewan, 1946
Flower: light pink
Growth: 1 m

Betty Bland

Origin: Skinner, Manitoba, 1925
Flower: pale pink, dark pink center, semi-double
Growth: 1.5 m, arching, upright

Betty Bugnet

Origin: Bugnet, Legal, Alberta
Flower: deep pink, double
Growth: 1 m, black spot resistant

Betty Will

Origin: Erskine, 1963
Flower: Lighter reverse, pink blend, double
Growth: .5 m

Blanc Double de Coubert

Origin: Crochet-Cochet, France, 1892
Flower: white, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: 1.5 m, free blooming, disease resistant

Burnette Rosa

Flower: white, fragrant
Growth: 1 m recurrent

Carl Royal

Flower: mauve pink, fragrant
Growth: .75 m

Carmenetta

Origin: Preston, Ottawa, 1923
Flower: light pink, single, fragrant
Growth: 2 m, spring flower, rust susceptible

Champlain

Origin: Svedja, Explorer, 1987
Flower: dark red, double

Growth: 1.5-2 m, repeat, powdery mildew susceptible

Charles Albanel

Origin: Svejda, Explorer, 1982
Flower: medium red, double, fragrant
Growth: .5 m recurrent, powdery mildew and black spot resistant

Cinnamin Rose

Flower: purple-pink, double, fragrant, small
Growth: rambling, black spot resistant

Connestoga

Flower: white, semi-double, small
Growth: 1.5 m rust susceptible

Cuthbert Grant

Origin: Marshall, Parkland, 1972
Flower: dark red, double, fragrant
Growth: 2 m, intermittent bloom, disease resistant

David Thompson

Origin: Svedja, Explorer, 1979
Flower: magenta, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m repeat, disease resistant

De Montarville

Origin: Explorer, 1997
Flower: mottled pink, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m, repeat

Doctor Merkeley

Origin: Skinner, Manitoba, 1924
Flower: deep pink, double, fragrant
Growth: .75 m

Dr. F.L. Skinner

Origin: Simonet
Flower: golden-yellow, double
Growth: intermittent, black spot susceptible

Prairie Wren

Origin: Morden Manitoba, 1946
Flower: pink, semi-double
Growth: 1.3 m

Purple Pavement

Origin: Germany
Flower: mauve double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m, repeat

R.R. 3

Origin: (Walter Schowalter selection)
Flower: red magenta
Growth: 1.2 m

Red Dawn x Suzanne

Origin: Simonete, AB
Flower: medium pink, fragrant
Growth: 1.5 m

Red Grootendorst (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Grootendorst, Holland
Flower: medium red, double, small clusters
Growth: 1 m, recurrent, prickly

Reta Bugnet (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Bugnet, Legal, Alberta
Flower: white with red edge, double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m repeat

Rheinaupark

Flower: dark red
Growth: .5 m, black spot susceptible

Riches

Origin: Wright, Saskatchewan
Flower: light pink, mauve blend, single to semi-double
Growth: 1 m, shrub

Rosa L 72

Origin:
Flower: rosy pink, semi-double
Growth: .75 m

Rosa foliolosa

Origin:
Flower: medium pink, single, fragrant
Growth: .5 m, fine narrow foliage

Rosa glauca

Flower: white and white blend, single, fragrant
Growth: spring bloom, 1-2 m disease resistant

Rosa laxa

Origin: Sempalatinsk, Siberia
Flower: white/white blend, single, fragrant
Growth: 1.2 m orange hips

Rosa laxa alba

Origin: Turkestan
Flower: white, single
Growth: 1.5 m

Rosa rugosa

Origin: Asia, 1845
Flower: light pink, single, fragrant
Growth: 2 m, long pendulous red hips

Rosa pomifera

Origin: Central Europe
Flower: pink, single
Growth: spring bloom

Rosalee Rose

Origin: Ed Robinson, Saskatchewan
Flower: pink/mauve, slightly fragrant
Growth: 2 m

Roseraie de L’Hay (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Crochet-Cochet, 1901
Flower: crimson, purple, double, fragrant
Growth: continuous

Ruth (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: P. Wright, Saskatchewan 1957
Flower: pink, double
Growth: 1 m

Salet (moss)

Origin: France
Flower: pink, large, double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m, few prickles

Scabrosa rose (*R. rugosa scabrosa*)

Origin: Harnkess, 1950
Flower: mauve pink, single
Growth: recurrent, orange-red hips

Scarlet Ranger

Origin: Wright
Flower: red, fragrant
Growth: 2 m, recurrent, climber

Scotch Yellow

Origin: Mercer, England 1991
Flower: medium yellow, fragrant
Growth: recurrent

Seeger Wheeler

Origin: Dr. S. Wheeler
Flower: pink, double, fragrant
Growth: 2m, large red/black hips

Skinner’s Red

Flower: medium red
Growth: .5 m, large hips

Snow Pavement

Flower: soft pink
Growth: .8 m, large hips

Stanwell’s Perpetual (hybrid spinossima)

Origin: Lee, England, 1838
Flower: pink, double, fragrant
Growth: 1.5 m, recurrent, prickly

Suzanne

Origin: Skinner, Manitoba, 1950
Flower: orange-pink blend, double
Growth: 1.2 m, free bloomer, recurrent

Sweet Adeline

Flower: pink, fragrant
Growth: 1.2 m

Therese Bugnet (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Bugnet, Legal, Alberta 1947
Flower: dark pink, fading, double, fragrant
Growth: recurrent, black spot free

Wasagaming

Origin: Skinner, Manitoba, 1939
Flower: medium pink, double, fragrant
Growth: 2 m, intermediate bloom

Will Alderman

Origin: Skinner, Manitoba, 1954
Flower: rose pink, double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m, intermittent, chlorosis susceptible

William Baffin

Origin: Svedja, Explorer, 1983
Flower: deep pink, semi-double, arching branches, disease resistant
Growth:

Winnipeg Parks

Origin: Collicutt, Parkland, 1993
Flower: dark pink-red, double, fragrant
Growth: .5 continuous

White Mountain

Origin: Risley, USA, 1958
Flower: white becoming greenish, double, fragrant
Growth: climber, recurrent

Yatkan

Origin: Dr. N. Hansen, USA, 1927
Flower: magenta red, semi double
Growth: 1 m, black spot resistant

Yellow Altai

Origin: Wright, Saskatchewan, 1941
Flower: yellow fragrant
Growth: 2.5 m, prickly

Lilian Gibson

Flower: light pink, not fragrant
Growth:

Louis Reiel

Origin: Zubrowski, 1995
Flower: white, single, fragrant
Growth: 2 m, repeat, disease resistant, thorny, red leaves

Louise Bugnet

Origin: Bugnet, Legal, Alberta
Flower: white, double, fragrant
Growth: .75 m recurrent, nearly thornless

Madeline Bugnet (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Bugnet, Legal, Alberta
Flower: pink, double
Growth: compact, upright,

Maigold

Origin: Kordes, Germany, 1953
Flower: dark yellow, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: 1.5 m, non recurrent

Marie Bugnet

Origin: Bugnet, Legal Alberta 1963
Flower: white, double, fragrant
Growth: thorny, small compact, does not form hips

Martin Frobisher

Origin: Svedja, Explorer, 1968
Flower: soft pink, double, fragrant
Growth: 1.5 m, repeat, disease resistant, first explorer rose, does not set hips

Metis

Origin: Harp, Morden, Manitoba, 1967
Flower: medium red, double, fragrant
Growth: upright, black spot resistant, intermittent, thorny

Morden 6910

Origin: Manitoba
Flower: medium red, single
Growth: spring bloomer

Morden Amorette

Origin: Marshall, Parkland, 1977
Flower: deep pink, double, fragrant
Growth: .5 m disease resistant

Morden Belle (planted 2005)

Origin: Parkland, 2002
Flower: medium pink, double, fragrant
Growth: 1m x 1 m, disease resistant

Morden Blush

Origin: Collicutt, Parkland, 1988
Flower: light pink to ivory, double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m repeat, disease resistant

Morden Cardinette

Origin: Marshall, Parkland, 1980
Flower: cardinal red, double, cluster
Growth: few thorns

Morden Centennial

Origin: Marshall, Parkland, 1980
Flower: pink, double, cluster
Growth: few thorns, recurrent

Morden Fireglow

Origin: Cullicutt, Parkland, 1989
Flower: orange-red/blend, double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m, repeat

Morden Ruby

Origin: Marshall, Parkland, 1977
Flower: mottled ruby pink, large, double
Growth: .75 m, rambling, recurrent

Morden Sunrise (planted 2005)

Origin: Parkland, 1999
Flower: yellow/orange, fading to yellow, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m x 1 m, disease resistant

Mossman

Origin: Skinner, 1954
Flower: medium pink
Growth: 1.2 m

Mrs. Anthony Waterer (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Waterer, England, 1898
Flower: crimson/pink, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m, recurrent

Mrs. John McNabb

Origin: Skinner, Manitoba, 1941
Flower: white, double
Growth: 1 m, spring bloom

Musician

Origin: Wright, Saskatchewn, 1953
Flower: red-yellow, semi-double
Growth: spring bloom

Old Pink Moss

Origin: France
Flower: Soft pink, fragrant
Growth: vigorous

Old Red Moss

Origin: France
Flower: medium red, fragrant
Growth: 1.2 m

Pafume De L'Hay

Origin: Gravereaux, France, 1959
Flower: purple-red, fragrant
Growth: recurrent

Persian Yellow

Origin: Persia, 1838
Flower: golden yellow, small
Growth: 2 m, non-recurrent, suckers

Pink Grootendorst (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Grootendorst, Holland, 1918
Flower: pink, double, small
Growth: 1m, recurrent

Pink Masquerade (*R. laxa* hybrid)

Origin: Simonet
Flower: deep pink, not fragrant
Growth:

Poltsjarden

Flower: white, no fragrance
Growth: 1.5 m

Porters Altai

Origin: Porter, Saskatchewan
Flower: white
Growth: 1.5 m, large red/black hips

Porters Blanda

Origin: Porter, Saskatchewan
Flower: light pink, semi double, fragrant
Growth: .75 m

Prairie Charm

Origin: Morden, MB, 1959
Flower: orange- pink, semi double
Growth: 1.5 m arching, few spines

Prairie Dawn (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Morden, 1959
Flower: medium pink, double
Growth: 1.5 m ever blooming

Prairie Joy

Origin: Collicutt, Parkland, 1990
Flower: rose pink, double, fragrant
Growth: .5 m

Prairie Peace

Origin: Erskine
Flower: bicolor, yellow-pink, semi-double to double, fragrant
Growth: recurring

Prairie Rose

Origin: Morden, Manitoba
Flower: light pink, double, fragrant
Growth: 2.5 m, recurrent

Prairie Youth

Origin: Morden, Manitoba, 1949
Flower: pale pink/white, semi-double
Growth: arching, tall, few thorns

E05

Origin: Ottawa selection
Flower: deep red, double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m, recurrent

F 12

Origin: (Ottawa selection)
Flower: white, semi-double, fragrant, buds pinkish
Growth: 2 m ever blooming

FJ Grootendorst (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Grootendorst, Holland, 1918
Flower: red, double, small clusters
Growth: 1 m continuous, upright, prickly, shiny leaves

Frau Dagmar Hartopp (Hastrup)

Origin: Hastrup, Denmark, 1914
Flower: medium pink, single, fragrant
Growth: 1 m, large scarlet hips, disease resistant

Frontenac

Origin: Ogilvie, Explorer, 1992
Flower: deep pink, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m, repeat, disease resistant

Gay Centennial

Origin: Ed Robinson, Saskatchewan
Flower: pink, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: 1.5 m

George Vancouver (*R. kordesii* hybrid)

Origin: Explorer, 1994
Flower: medium red, double, fragrant
Growth: .75 m, repeat, black spot susceptible

George Will

Origin: Skinner, Manitoba, 1939
Flower: medium pink, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: 1.2 m recurrent, powdery mildew susceptible

Grannies Rose

Origin: Europe
Flower: pink, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: non recurrent

Grootendorst Supreme (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Grootendorst, Holland, 1936
Flower: dark red, double, small clusters
Growth: 1 m recurrent

Grootendorst White (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Grootendorst, 1923
Flower: white, double, small
Growth: prickly

Haj

Flower: Purple
Growth:

Hansa

Origin: Schaum & Van Tol, Holland, 1905
Flower: purple/red, double, fragrant
Growth: 1.5 m compact, shrubby, can suffer from iron chlorosis

Harrison's Yellow

Origin: Reverend Harrison, USA 1830
Flower: dark yellow, small semi-double, fragrant

Growth: 2 m non recurrent

Hazeldean

(hybrid spinossima x Persian Yellow)
Origin: Wright, Saskatchewan, 1948
Flower: medium yellow, semi-double, June bloom
Growth: 1.5 + m, prickly, upright, arching

Helen Bland (shrub)

Origin: P. Wright, Saskatchewan, 1950
Flower: pale pink, yellow center, semi-double
Growth: 1.5 m upright

Henry Hudson (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Svejda, Explorer, 1876
Flower: white, pink tinge, double, fragrant
Growth: .6 m, disease resistant, recurrent

Henry Kelsey

Origin: Svejda, Explorer, 1984
Flower: medium red, double, fragrant
Growth: 2-2.5 m, climber

Indian Head Rose

Origin: Indian Head Saskatchewan
Flower: pink double
Growth: .5 m large thorns

Isabella Skinner

Origin: Skinner, 1965
Flower: pink, double
Growth: sprawling, recurrent, black spot susceptible

J.P. Connell

Origin: Svedja, Explorer, 1987
Flower: buttery yellow, double, fragrant
Growth: 1.5 m, repeat, black spot susceptible

Jens Munk (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Svejda, Explorer, 1984
Flower: rosy pink, semi-double
Growth: 1.2 m, compact, upright, recurrent, disease resistant

John Cabot (Kordesii hybrid)

Origin: Svejda, Explorer, 1978
Flower: medium red, double, fragrant
Growth: 3 m climber, disease resistant, repeat

John Davis

Origin: Svejda, Explorer, 1986
Flower: medium pink, double, fragrant
Growth: 1.5 m continuous, disease resistant

John Franklin

Origin: Svejda, Explorer, 1980
Flower: medium red, double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m, compact, ever blooming

Kaitlyn Ansley

Flower: mauve pink, fragrant
Growth: .3 m, large orange/red hips

Keewatin (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Olsen, 2001
Flower: white, semi-double, fragrant
Growth: 1 m disease resistant

Kilwinning

Flower: deep pink, fragrant
Growth: 2.5 m, purple hips

Kinistino

Origin: Erskine, AB, 1950
Flower: dark red, single
Growth: .5 m

L 15

Origin: Ottawa Selection
Flower: Pink, double
Growth: 1 m, recurrent

L 85

Origin: Ottawa
Flower: light pink
Growth: 2 m repeat, black spot susceptible

Lac La Nonne

Origin: Bugnet, Legal, Alberta, 1930
introduced by Skinner in 1950
Flower: medium pink semi-double, fragrant, non recurrent
Growth: 2.5 m

Lac Majeau (hybrid rugosa)

Origin: Bugnet, Legal, Alberta
Flower: white, double
Growth: 2 m, recurrent

Lambert Closse

Origin: Ogilvie, Explorer, 1994
Flower: 1 m, medium pink, fragrant
Growth: repeat, disease resistant

