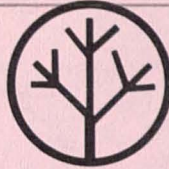


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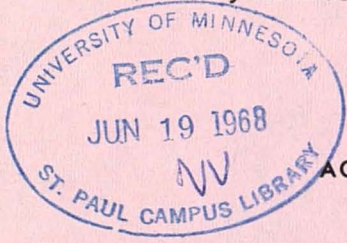
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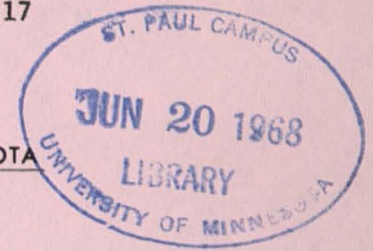
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GARDEN ROSES

There are many ways to enjoy roses in Minnesota gardens. Careful planting and care is needed to grow fine specimen blossoms on healthy plants. Roses need 6 hours of direct sunlight each day in a well-drained, fertile loamy soil. Good air movement is also important to keep foliage dry. This reduces trouble with disease organisms on the leaves.

Roses are also used as landscape plants in selected locations. A pretty addition to a home patio is a hedge of sturdy floribunda roses, all the same variety. This will make a color impact all summer. Select a variety such as Betty Prior or Vogue which is free flowering and resistant to leaf problems. Potted plants, often in bloom, can be set in at any time during the spring and summer to give instant effect.

Another way to use roses is to plant climbing or pillar roses against the sunny side of a fence. Viking Queen is an excellent Minnesota rose of this type. Sea Foam is a new white pillar rose which can be fastened to a dark fence, or allowed to tumble in a sunny spot at the top of a wall or raised bed.

Many kinds of shrub roses suitable for landscape use are being tested at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum on highway 5 near Chaska. The garden is worth a visit at any time of the summer.

All roses need a routine spray or dusting program. Dust or spray every 7 to 10 days and after rains. Summer mulching is the best way to conserve moisture, control weeds and make an attractive planting. Horticulture Fact Sheet No. 17, "Culture of Garden Roses," gives further tips for good rose care. Get a copy from your county agent or order one from the Bulletin Room, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

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