



Trinity Farm Rose Nursery & Garden

Specialists in rare, beautiful, heritage roses

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New Winter Opening Hours

Well the good news is that we will be open on Sundays. The bad news is we will be closed Mon-Weds. So our new winter opening hours are **Thursday-Sunday 10-4.**

Of course you can still e-mail us 24/7

Special Offers

This month we are doing a box of six roses of your choice, including courier fee for **\$90 to the lower north island, \$95 to the upper north island and**

roses@trinityfarm.co.nz or you can leave messages on the phone 0800 955 555 during the day and we will try and get back to you in the evenings if possible.

Karen will still be boxing up the roses ready for the courier on Mondays.

\$100 to the south island. Please add on \$4.50 per box for rural delivery. If you can visit the nursery you can pick up six roses for \$75.

Latest garden development



Here's the perennial nursery prior to tree cutting and then post tree cutting.



Pre and post Tree Cutting

We were invaded last month by a giant machine. Grant was so excited he worked from home that day so he could see the big boy's toy! An occasional coffee break was used to wander down and take a few pics of the occasion. This machine took down about one hundred enormous pine trees in a day. Pictured with Dan in a fetching orange ensemble (which matches the machine!) Dan, got his taste of forestry work again (which is what he did before coming to work at Trinity.)

The difference in light is amazing. There are a lot of beautiful deciduous trees all along the creek which now have a chance to grow on all sides.



Woodsplitting Working Bee Day

We then had a working bee day with friends doing a massive wood splitting exercise and shouldn't be short of fire wood for a few years.



Grant wood stacking

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Rose Cutting Requests

Please note we are currently doing cuttings for next seasons roses. If you have any special requests please let us know and we can put you in our pre-order book. As we are dealing with nature we can't guarantee success. E-mail Karen on roses@trinityfarm.co.nz with any requests.

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New garden plans

The latest garden clearance provides opportunities for new planting. Grant has already planted flax and silver Astellias along the creek. We plan to plant hydrangeas and natives between the garden and the old pear orchard.

Grant has also cleared the area at the back of the shop deck and he has made a very arty fence at the back with hazel branches saved from the coppiced hazel tree we used to have. We have planted the new area to showcase yellow roses through to cream on one side and orangey-pink roses through to pink on the other interspersed with natives.

So I hope that you'll get a chance to come and see the garden and the changes this garden season. Remember November–December is the best time to see the roses.

Garden Groups

We have already started to take bookings for groups to visit the garden in November/December—the prime time to see the roses. If you have a group who would like to visit, you might like to ring Karen on 0800 955 555 and get penciled in the diary. It is \$5 per person to look round the garden, or \$10 to have a guided tour (which includes garden entry). Refreshments can be provided by prior arrangement.

Moss Roses

Karen received an interesting e-mail this week from Annabel Langbein (yes the chef). Apparently she bought heaps of roses from Trinity for a hedge about 15 years ago. The hedge is pictured on page 12 of her latest cook book *Eat Fresh*. New Zealand Gardener are doing a feature on her garden and have asked her to identify the rose—hence the email. Annabel described the buds as being covered in a kind of hairy fuzz, which has got to be a give away—it must be a moss rose.

So I thought why not feature moss roses in this newsletter.

They were very popular in Victorian times but most people don't seem to know about them now. They are a *sport* of the Centifolia rose—the rose of 100 petals that featured in many of the Old Masters paintings. Their buds are in deed covered with mossy bracts (the hairy fuzz that



Alfred de Dalmas

Annabel describes). If you give the buds a rub and then sniff your fingers, you will get a strong cedar smell that will clear the sinuses. Most moss roses are tolerant of poor soil. Some moss roses will repeat flower over a long period, for example Alfred De Dalmas (introduced in 1855) and Shailers White Moss (introduced 1788) which has the real old rose strong fragrance. Both repeat flower from summer through into autumn. Alfred de Dalmas can be grown in a pot and is tolerant of some shade. It is cream overlaid with a silvery pink.

Wickmoss is the only true moss climber that we know of introduced by Barbier,



Wickmoss

from France, in 1911. It is tolerant of poor soil and will climb through trees. It has fragrant semi double flowers that are pale pink and then fade to cream. However some other moss roses can be used as small climbers or shrubs.

William Lobb (1855) also known as *Old Velvet Moss* has very fragrant purple flowers. It can grow to 2.5m. It sends up long shoots—good as a pillar rose.

Eugenie Guinosseau is summer flowering and can have a second flowering. Grows to about 2m.

Many of the mosses are tolerant of some shade, for example James Mitchell (1861) which is very fragrant, summer flowering and forms a large shrub to 1.5m.

To view more moss roses available in the nursery see

http://www.trinityfarm.co.nz/moss_roses.htm.



Shailers White Moss



William Lobb



**Eugenie
Guinosseau**

Happy Gardening!

Karen & Grant



James Mitchell