



Trinity Farm Rose Nursery & Garden

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2008 Roses

The new **2008 catalogue** features descriptions of over 300 roses and some 32 colour photos. Due to rising costs there will be a \$5 charge this year, which is discounted off your first order. For catalogue, please contact Karen on 0800 955 555 or roses@trinityfarm.co.nz or send \$5 to PO Box 15050, Otaki Railway, Kapiti. Alternatively view our web site www.trinityfarm.co.nz which has over 200 photos of roses so far.

New Plans for the Garden

We (Karen and Grant Piercy) have been at Trinity Farm for one year, having taken over from Lloyd and Ann Chapman. The Chapman's developed Trinity Farm over 20 years, starting with a house in a bare paddock.

We now have a 3 acre garden with pond, stream and of course extensive rose gardens as well as the rose nursery specialising in old roses, grown on their own roots and another small nursery featuring other plants we grow in the garden.

Having been here a year, we are now starting to put



Trinity Farm aerial view

our own stamp on the place by doing some new planting. Plans include setting up showcase gardens with the following themes, beach, colour-wheel, artists palette, and unusual roses. The pond has been dug out and ex-

tensively planted. Another area is being turned into a potager garden surrounded by established buxus hedges. Did you know that standard roses traditionally symbolise the monks tending the monastery gardens—so of course they will have to feature here at Trinity. We have also planted a new white and silver themed garden featuring Karen's favourite rose a climbing tea—Sombreuil.



Sombreuil climbing tea

Feature in NZ Gardener Magazine June 2008

Julian Matthews took lots of photographs of Trinity Farm in November, interviewed Karen and will feature us in NZ Gardener magazine June 2008 edition.

See the story of how we came to buy Trin-

ity Farm! Apparently it was down to Karen's persuasive techniques!

As you can see Grant has embraced the change. His weekends involve plenty of fresh air—a change from his Corporate job in Wellington.



Grant at work

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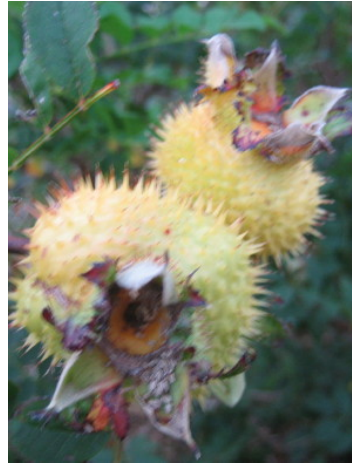
Roses for Autumn

Observing the garden all year has been very exciting to see what is here and no less so in autumn. The hips of old roses are fantastic as well as the vibrant autumn colour. Wedding Day and Sir Cedric Morris are notable spectacular ramblers dripping in orange hips

The rugosas are particularly spectacular for hips and autumn foliage. Karen's favourite is actually a hybrid, Therese Bugnet, it has gorgeous red stems, amazing red autumn foliage and as a bonus is virtually thornless. In summer the flowers are amazing too, large double pink, scented blooms.

Another rugosa, Ann Endt, (named after Nancy Steen's gardener) has bright red hips which reputedly have one of the highest vitamin C contents, it also has stunning single magenta blooms.

For one of the most unusual hips take a look at Rosa Roxburghii—also known as the chestnut rose—for



Rosa Roxburghii
the chestnut rose

obvious reasons.

There are also the Spinossimas or Pimpinellifolias or the Scotch roses that tend to form low growing mounds, have very delicate foliage, which turn bright red and orange in autumn and have curious black hips—like blackcurrants.

So hope that gives you some ideas on introducing roses into your garden for autumn interest.

From artist to roses

This is what Karen used to get up to and she has good intentions to do so again....

However in the meantime she is applying her creativity to new garden designs which has always been an interest—having designed gardens for friends back in England. She lived there until some 14 years ago when she was privileged



to come and live in New Zealand.

She has started giving talks on roses to different rose societies, gardening clubs, womens' groups and anyone else that invites her. A bit daunted at

first seeing the level of experience most of these members have, she concentrated on what she has learnt over the last year and what has interested her. Armed with handouts, roses, hips etc anything to let people hear about, touch, sniff and taste roses—a talk for the senses. They've gone really well with some groups still excited several weeks later!

Feel free to book Karen for a talk!

Roses that flower all year?

We were astounded to find numerous roses that have literally flowered virtually the whole year we have been here. These have proved to be some of our favourites.

For example Duchess de Brabant, a climbing tea rose with fabulous cupped cabbagey, pink, fragrant



Duchess de Brabant

flowers that produce a fantastic waterfall of flowers, followed by continuous repeats.

Another nearby rose is Buff Beauty—a fabulous buff-apricot rose that we grow as a climber which continually repeat flowers.

General Gallieni another tea is also fascinating in that every rose on the bush seems

slightly different, an exotic mix of strawberry, buff, and pink.

Similarly Mutabilis (a China rose) also known as *the butterfly rose* has single flowers of buff, pink and crimson—the bush looks like its covered in butterflies.



Mutabilis

Coping with Drought

Last year one of the best things we did was have a working bee mulching day where some 20 friends arrived armed with wheelbarrows, forks etc to shift 100 cubic metres of mulch. They weeded first, put newspaper down and covered with mulch—wood chips supplied by Mitchpine. While they were busy working yet another truck load arrived which was dumped in the middle of the driveway so no one could leave the property until it was

shifted—by which time they were getting worried. However several hours later with beers in hand and steak sizzling on the bbq they relaxed. Rewards were issued to those that had passed Weeding 101—some friends are not experienced



Matthew—one of our helpers on our mulching working bee day

gardeners (and thought convolvulus was a pretty flower!) However we are extremely grateful as the garden survived the hottest summer for 30 years without any watering—thanks to the great help of

Time to Plant Roses

I notice Barbara Lea Taylor in *NZ Gardener* magazine this month says that she thinks May is the best time to plant roses. So why does everyone wait until June/July to get their

PB 6.5 bags on capillary fed nursery beds. So we supply roses all year round. So no need to wait till dead of winter, you can get ordering roses now before the rare ones all go!

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Rugelda

roses? Because that's when the bare root roses are available—when they are dormant, they get up from

big paddocks and sent out to customers.

Well that's not the case at Trinity Farm. We grow our roses on their own roots and once rooted they are grown in top quality potting mix in

To give you a head start please see **discount voucher** on back page. Our new web site is www.trinityfarm.co.nz and features over 200 photographs of our beautiful roses or we have printed catalogues available at \$5 (with \$5 discounted off your first order.)



Archiduc Joseph

Karen's per-

sonal favourites are Sombreuil, Duc de Cambridge, Archiduc Joseph, Therese Bugnet, Rugelda, R Roxburghi, Buff Beauty, Duchess de Brabant and Paul Transon, most of which are pictured in this newsletter. Of course the list of favourites is growing all the time!



Duc de Cambridge

New Staff at Trinity Farm

Many of you will have met Libby McLachlan who worked here over 12 years. She stayed on with us for 6 months training Karen in nursery management and left just before Xmas.



Mario at work in the nursery

Our new employee is Mario Apanui-Degoldi. He has had previous experience in nurseries, and has definite green fingers, possibly inherited from his dad (who has a horticultural background)

and his grandmother who has a great love of gardening. All his cuttings seem to root, so I guess rose production will be up next year! Mario comes from the West Coast of the South Island. His mum also worked here for several months helping us get on top of the potting up, so we are getting to know the whole family.

Mario works in the garden and nurseries Mon-Thurs 9-5. Note Karen works part time in Wellington and is not here Tues & Thurs.



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A Free Rose Bush
 We are interested in your stories regarding roses—what you've done with them in the garden, your favourites and why, products you've made with them etc that we can include in future editions. As a thank you for sharing your story, if accepted for the newsletter, **you will be sent a gift voucher for a free rose bush.** Please e-mail or write to Karen.

Garden Visits

The best time to visit the garden is November through to mid December. It will quite simply be dripping with roses and the fragrance can be overpowering—even just driving down the driveway.

Our aim is to share the garden with groups of keen enthusiasts every day of November. Many groups are keen to come to Trinity for their Xmas outing.

Visitors are welcome to bring picnics or with prior notice some light refreshments can be supplied.

Did you know that we also have a gift shop where gifts and products related to roses or other flowers we grow are available for sale?

We also have another nursery where we grow other plants,

shrubs and trees that you can find in our garden, including a range of buxus plants and lavenders and some seeds collected from our garden.

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But wait there is more...

Groups of ten or more at any time of the year, will be given a 10% discount off all purchases made on the day of their visit.

Garden visit charges in the main season are:

- \$5 per person or
- take a *Tour of the Senses* with Karen for \$10 per person.

Please contact Karen to book your group visit

0800 955 555 or
roses@trinityfarm.co.nz.

We look forward to meeting you. Have a great gardening year and to help here's a gift from us—see voucher above!



Rev John Gare Butler rambler dripping in roses!

Karen & Grant