



Trinity Farm Rose Nursery & Garden

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The Garden is Open from Labour Weekend - 7 days a week

Grant, Dan and I have been busy preparing the garden for inspection!

We were also helped by a mulching working bee day and were astounded to discover we still had friends who would help even after last year's mammoth effort. We have put 70 cubic metres of mulch on this year (down from 100 cubic metres last year).

The storm damage has been cleaned up and we are now the proud owners of a new trellis fence bordering the car park and some new wooden archways. The roses have already claimed these structures and are vigorously clambering all over them as if they had been there for years.

The new display beds have been finished off with limestone rock for the central hard standing areas—one features Kapiti Island and showcases Rugosa roses, ideal for the beach, another forms an artist pallet and has roses named after artists. Then there's the colour wheel (you can tell I am an artist even if I haven't had time for

painting, am painting in flowers in stead!) The fourth has a cabbage tree and features very unusual roses—you might not even think they were roses.

My new pottager garden is starting to get filled up—see below. Have bought some fantastic willow wigwams from our local



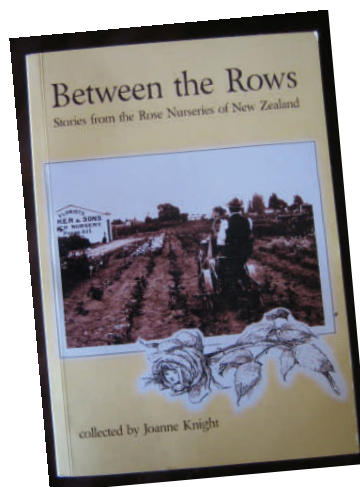
basketmaker in Otaki and am growing sweet peas and various heritage beans on them. I've also included standard roses in this garden and have bought in a few extras which are for sale in the nursery. (Please note I cant mail order these—only for people that can pick up.)

Trinity Farm features in **Between the Rows** Stories from the Rose Nurseries of New Zealand by Joanne Knight

Being a newbie to the rose growing business in New Zealand I was delighted to receive a copy of *Between the Rows*. Joanne Knight has collected stories from 19 rose nurseries in New Zealand explaining how they

came about, the families involved, roses they bred and how they evolved.

Joanne's nursery Kauri Creek is featured as is Trinity Farm with stories from Ann and Lloyd Chapman the previous owners. Grant and I are also mentioned!



If you would like a copy of this fascinating book, just contact Karen. Price is \$20 plus postage.

2008 Rose Catalogue

\$5 (discounted off your first order)

Send cheque to Trinity Farm, Po Box 15050, Otaki, Kapiti

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Special points of interest:

- *The new pottager*
- *Preparing for our garden visitors*
- *Kapiti Rose Show on in November*
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Get Growing

I'd like to welcome all the Get Growing readers who signed up for our newsletter. Having got into growing vegetables, herbs and flowers, many from seed, for the pottager garden I am always interested to receive the NZ Gardener Get Growing newsletter. This is e-mailed to you free every Friday. To join just e-mail getgrowing@nzgardener.co.nz.

The other week Trinity Farm featured in the newsletter and readers were invited to enter a draw to win gift vouchers. The winners have already been making appearances here at Trinity.

The Shop

A couple of weeks ago I attended my first New Zealand Gift Fair with my wonderful sister-in-law Annette. We spent some 9 hours looking around the 8 halls of trade stands. So much for my having a weekend off—it was exhausting!

Since then some of my orders have been arriving which is just like Xmas opening up parcels every week.

So from Labour weekend we will be stocked with gifts to do with gardens and of course roses and other plants we grow.

In the interests of getting growing I have also just signed up to the Koanga Institute. See www.koanga.org.nz. My main concern was getting Kumara for Grant's vege patch but my order grew as soon as I saw all the heritage seeds and plants on offer.

We have also been working on our "plants, other than roses, nursery", so for visitors in the garden season we will have some new plants on offer.

I am also hoping to stock pottager type plants from Horribin and Hodge

who run a local perennial and herb wholesale nursery. I visited there recently and was fascinated to discover they hold many national plant collections of various species. I felt right at home recognising numerous plants I grew back in England.

We have also sourced some stunning hydrangeas and other plants from nearby Manakau Nurseries (also wholesalers) owned by our friends Jeff and Sue Stent. They have some very unusual hydrangeas including an oak leaved one which I couldn't resist.



Shop and deck

I am also delighted to be able to offer locally made Stony Creek Lavender Farm products this year. The lavender oil is fantastic quality and they won 5 gold medals this year for their oil. Susie takes a lot of care over the making of her products and

everything will be supplied fresh.

I also have more stock of the beeswax and lanolin moisturizers that Dave Madle makes in Wellington. I particularly like the lavender oil one as a night cream as it relaxes you off to sleep. The other moisturizer contains rose oil which is so good for the skin.

This year the deck will be open for you to relax, read a magazine and if I can get everything organised to enjoy a plunger coffee or pot of tea. A great place for hubby to sit and read the paper!

Ssh we are going to let you in on a secret - Lucky Plant

I was astounded to hear a few months ago that my brother-in-law, Allan, was in South Africa—having not known him to venture out of New Zealand before. Allan is a farm vet and while I had visions of him over there pregnancy testing giraffes, he was actually looking at a product which in gardening form is called Lucky.

Being in farming he is interested in the version of the product that improves pasture but he sent us the

garden version to trial.

A tiny mustard spoonful of powder mixed with 1 litre of water is sprayed on to the leaves of plants. Once mixed into liquid form it doesn't keep you must use it straight away. It is entirely organic being derived from a plant—it was developed in Germany and manufactured in South Africa.

So what does it do? Apparently it promotes root growth, healthy

leaves, bigger and more long lasting flowers, it reduces transplant shock and can be used on all plants. I have used it on roses in the nursery, rose cuttings, my herb, flower and vege seedlings, my transplanting them into the pottager (and not one has died when transplanting). I intend to use it when potting up the rose cuttings too. Allan is waiting for the first shipment and hopefully we will be able to supply Lucky to you.

Pimpinellifolia Roses

For those of you with a Scottish heritage you may be interested to know about this family of roses also known as the *Scotch or Burnet* roses, formerly known as the *Spinossimas*. The characteristics of this family is that they have the most delicate of foliage—tiny leaves, have tiny prickles, sucker freely, tend to have fragrant flowers, fantastic autumn foliage and tiny black hips. Double Pink and Double Cream (not the most inventive of names!) form low

mounds and have tiny double flowers—as you walk past the perfume wafts around you.



Stanwell Perpetual

Stanwell Perpetual is a hybrid believed to be crossed with a Damask rose—so the perfume is fantastic. It is always in flower—this was photographed in the garden today. This forms a bigger bush, with arching stems, 1.2 –1.5m high.

We also have some single flowers in this family such as Single Cherry (cherry red flowers) and Glory of Edzell (pink blooms) which is in flower now.

Species Roses

The species roses are the wild roses that date back to the beginning of rose history. Their longevity is a good indicator of their hardiness and endurance. They all have the prefix *Rosa*.

The blooms of wild roses usually have 5 single petals. One I have been particularly impressed with is *Rosa Chinensis*—a very ancient rose. I don't think I have seen it out of flower yet. Here it is growing along a fence. We also have it growing through a tree.

Fantastic for virtually year round colour and really easy to grow.



Rosa Chinensis—really easy to grow and gives year round colour. Grow through trees or along fences.

Another fascinating species rose is *Rosa Multiflora Watsonia* also known as the *Bamboo Rose*. It is not grown for its flowers which are tiny and insignificant. However flower arrangers use the foliage. I have planted it with some Japanese acers as its foliage is complementary—see below, the rose is in the foreground.



Kapiti Rose Show—Saturday 22 November 2008

We have been invited to have a stand at the Kapiti Rose Show in the Senior Citizens Hall in Waikanae (across the railway line) on Saturday 22 November. The show is open to the public from midday to 4.30pm.

My sister-in-law, Annette, will be flying down from Auckland to give me a hand. She is



very enthusiastic about her roses and gives me weekly reports on how her Tea roses are doing. *Archiduc Joseph*, pictured here, is one of her favourites.

We have also discovered that she has the fabulous Mme Alfred Carriere, Noisette rose growing up her verandah. So to meet Annette and me please come and see us

at the show.

The garden and nursery will still be open as Dan who normally works here during the week will be holding the fort.

Grant has a long planned boys' fishing trip to attend so no help at all! Still that's fine as long as fresh fish is produced at the end of it!



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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.



Where does the name Trinity come from?

People often ask me why Trinity Farm is called Trinity. The previous owners used this name and three "f"s in their logo—see above. The "f"s stood for foals, flowers and fruit. We don't have foals as we are not into horses, but instead we have cattle. We obviously have flowers and the old pear trees are hanging in there! Although to be honest they are reverting to their



Bolly short for Bollinger—the champagne cat—thought to be over 17 years old, a fixture at Trinity

quince rootstock which I find more exciting than the pears!

I guess we do have 3 types of animal though - the three Cs—cattle, chickens and cat! See photos. There are no plans to change the name but we are not keeping the logo—so the three "f"s will go.



Trouble and Strife—renamed after they escaped 3 times—those fences are all secure now and we have a massive herd of 5!



The chooks helping Grant out by weeding his vege patch.

On the Radio

Although Trinity Farm was established some 20 years ago, there are still people who don't know about it—even locals!

So in November we will be advertising the garden and nursery on the Coast Radio station for the Kapiti region. Listen out if you are in the area and let us know what you think. Also on the Sunday morning of Labour weekend we will be advertising on Newstalk ZM when the gardening programme is on.

Guided Tours

If you want to bring the family or a few friends to have a guided tour around the garden, (Nov/ Dec is a great time to come), I am happy to do that by prior arrangement. Guided tours are \$10 per person (minimum would be 6 people). I try to make them fun—not boring and stuffy! Give me a ring to get booked in. Happy Gardening!

Karen & Grant