

Pictorial Review of Planting and Caring for Bare Root Roses to Enjoy for Years to Come E. M. Mills Memorial Rose Garden, Syracuse, NY

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A. Pre-planting preparation:

Day before planting, remove tips of roots to encourage new growth and remove damaged canes. Place in pail of water and store in cool place for 24 or so hours.



**A 1. Remove root tips & damaged canes.
This is a bundle of 5 of the same variety.**



**A 2. Place in bucket of water & store in
in cool place for 24 or so hours**

B. Planting preparation, planting, caring for, and enjoying:

Prepare hole 18 to 20 inches or more deep and wide. Place one cup of Bone Meal and 2 lb. coffee can of Pro-Mix in bottom of hole and mix with soil. Forming a cone in the bottom spread the roots over this cone with the bud union two inches below ground level. Fill half way with soil. Then fill with water and let soak in. Fill the rest of the way with soil and again water well. If available, add of several inches of soil or mulch around canes above ground level to help retain moisture. Gradually remove this after leaves start to form (usually two to three weeks after planting).

Do not fertilize until at least a month after planting



**B1. Dig hole 18 to 20 or more
inches deep & wide**



**B 2. Add cup of Bone Meal & 2 lb.
coffe can of Pro-Mix. Mix with
with soil in bottom of hole.**



**B 3. Place bush in hole with bud
union two inches below ground level**



**B 4. Back filling while holding
rose bush in place.**



**B 5. After filling half way with soil,
fill with water & let soak in**



**B 6. Fully planted bush. Water
again. Mound with several inches
of soil or mulch to retain moisture .**



B 7. Part of newly planted bed of roses with canes above ground. Mound with soil. Water frequently during first two to three weeks.



B 8. Start of new growth in late April, two weeks after planting these bare root roses.



B 9. Leafed out 5 weeks after bushes planted (3rd or 4th week of May, 2016)



10. Mulching. Deeply water soil. Added a layer (4 to 5 pages thick) of non-glossy newspapers and dampen. Add 3 to 4 inches of mulch.



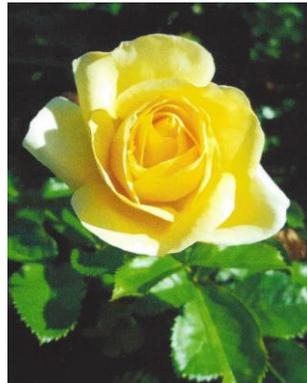
B 11. Starting to Bud (June 15, 2016)



B 12. 2nd Cycle of Bloom (August 24, 2016)



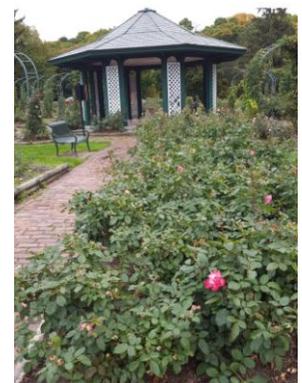
B13. Cherry Parfait (Gr), a rose in above photos (Aug. 31, 2016)



B14. Sunset Celebration (HT) in above bed. (Sept. 28, 2016)



B15. Cherry Parfait. Pulling petals (Sept. 28, 2016)



B16. After Fall Cutback (October 26, 2016)

C. Planting potted, leafed out and possibly blooming roses in spring or summer?

Skip Items A1 and A2. Under B3 through B6, remove bush from pot and place root ball in hole with bud union 2 inches below ground level and fill in and water around the root ball. Skip B7 through B8 as the bush will be all leafed out and possibly in bloom at time of purchase.

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