



Checkup on Hardy Roses

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Every year we keep trying. Mike and I find another so-called hardy rose, and we plant it and wait. Mostly we wait for the dead stick we know will most likely be in its place following yet another Fairbanks winter. With all this talk about global climate change, you'd think we would see a few, just a few, roses slip from the winterkilled column to the "ohmygosh it survived" column. We're still waiting. I finally got to visit Mikes spectacular garden this summer and marvel at the riot of color in his front yard. In response to a request from the Canadian Rose Society, we compiled a list of roses growing at the GBG and at Mike's house in Shannon Park. The list is pretty skimpy, but we have great hopes. Maybe we will even try some breeding of our own!

Rose Classification	Cultivar/species	Ancestry	Notes
foetida 'bicolor'	Austrian Copper		Hardy at Salzman 6 yrs, repeatedly winterkilled at GBG
foetida persiana	Persian Yellow		Survived at Salzman 11 years; repeatedly killed at GBG
glauca	Glauca (rubrifolia)		Survived at Salzman 11 yrs, repeatedly killed to crown but not completely gone at GBG
hybrid rugosa	Snow Pavement	unknown rugosa hybrid	Top dieback in most years at GBG but recovers and blooms, survived 5 years
kordesii	Henry Kelsey	Kordesii hybrid x seedling	Hardy at Salzman 1 yr, repeatedly winterkilled at GBG
kordesii	William Baffin	Kordesii seedling	Survived for a few years but was routinely killed to the crown; survived 7 years with a lot of top damage at GBG; survived 11 yrs at Salzman, slow to re-grow in spring
kordesii hybrid	John Davis	(R. kordesii x seedling) x seedling	Survived 3 yrs Salzman, 1 yr GBG
rugosa	Albo Plena		Survived 6 yrs GBG
rugosa hybrid	Agnes	rugosa x R. foetida 'Persiana'	Grows in protected locations, repeatedly winterkilled at GBG; survived 4 years at Salzman
rugosa hybrid	Apart		Survived 5 yrs GBG
rugosa hybrid	Blanc Double de Courbet	rugosa x 'Sombreuil'	Survived 1 yr GBG
rugosa hybrid	Corylus	rugosa x R. nitida	Salzman survived since 9 yrs
rugosa hybrid	Dart's Dash		Survived 9 yrs at Salzman
rugosa hybrid	Delicata	unknown	At Salzman planted in 1996, killed to crown in 2002, regrowth since then
rugosa hybrid	Hansa	unknown	People claim this cultivar is perfectly hardy in the Fairbanks area, but we cannot keep it alive at the GBG; will try other sources and locations

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rugosa hybrid	Harvest Home ®	rugosa 'Scabrosa' x seedling	Salzman survived 12 years
rugosa hybrid	Jens Munk	'Schneezweg' x 'Frau Dagmar Hastrup'	Some top dieback every year, but good recovery, survived 6 yrs GBG
rugosa hybrid	Lavender white	unknown	Salzman grown for 5 yrs
rugosa hybrid	Martin Frobisher	'Schneezweg' x ?	Hardy in protected locations, repeatedly killed to crown at GBG and died after 6 years; hardy for 11 years Salzman
rugosa hybrid	Snow Owl		Survived 11 yrs at Salzman
rugosa hybrid	Therese Bugnet	[<i>R. acicularis</i> x 'Kamtchatica') x (<i>R. amblyotis</i> x <i>R. rugosa</i> 'Plena')] x 'Betty Bland'	Hardy in protected locations, repeatedly killed to crown at GBG, most completely killed in 2007
shrub	George Vancouver	Explorer	Survived 5 years at GBG
shrub	Harrison's Yellow		Hardy at Salzman 5 yrs, repeatedly winterkilled at GBG
shrub	Hope for Humanity	Parkland	Salzman survived 1 yr
spinosissima hybrid	Hazeldean	<i>R. spinosissima altaica</i> x 'Persian Yellow'	Hardy in protected sites, killed to crown at GBG but recovers, survived 5 yrs at GBG

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