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HANDBOOK HELPS GARDENERS SELECT THE RIGHT ROSES FOR THEIR GARDENS

The choice of beautiful roses in rose catalogs, and at local nursery and garden centers, can be overwhelming. The American Rose Society offers the best publication to help you look beyond the pretty pictures and select the right roses for your home garden.

The American Rose Society's *2009 Handbook for Selecting Roses* is a rose-buying guide to more than 3,000 rose varieties. The *Handbook* provides valuable information about each rose, including the color, class or type, fullness of bloom, year of introduction, and most importantly, the "Roses in Review" score. The RIR score is compiled from garden performance ratings by thousands of ARS members from across the country.

ARS members receive the 100 page *Handbook for Selecting Roses* as a benefit of membership. It is the resource rosarians turn to time and again to help ensure a successful rose gardening experience. The 2009 edition is now available to the public, for only \$5 (U.S.).

The American Rose Society has been the premier organization devoted exclusively to the cultivation of roses in the United States for more than 116 years. With approximately 14,000 members nationwide, the ARS supports 330 local societies offering rose-related activities and information at the community level.

To order the *2009 Handbook for Selecting Roses* or to receive information about growing roses, write: American Rose Society, P.O. Box 30,000, Shreveport, LA, 71130-0030 or call 1-800-637-6534. Bulk prices for the *Handbook* are available. You can also visit our website: www.ars.org or e-mail the society at ars@ars-hq.org

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