

# Shrub Rose Versatility Appealing To Flower-Lovers

WOOSTER, Ohio — If you ask somebody to name their favorite flower, they will most likely tell you the rose.

Fossil records of naturally occurring rose species have dated back to 35 million years. More than 150 wild species still exist in nature and cultivated roses from old garden roses to modern hybrid teas have enjoyed a

long history — about 5,000 years.

"Roses are irresistible. There's something about them that people love," said Gary Anderson, an Ohio State University horticulturist for the Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, Ohio. "There's just a lot of lore, romance and history behind roses."

Anderson helped maintain that appeal for roses at the 73rd Annual Ohio State University Nursery Short Course, Jan. 21-23 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center in Columbus, Ohio.

The program, in conjunction with the Central Environmental Nursery Trade Show (CENTS), is the third-

largest event of its kind in the country that provides nursery, landscape and greenhouse professionals plant selection and maintenance information, pest and disease management tips, economic advice and research results.

"People are always looking for plants that don't require a lot of work," said Anderson. "Shrub roses perform successfully because they don't

require as much pruning or pesticide applications as other roses."

Shrub roses are also versatile in appearance and style, with a wide variety of flower colors to choose from, and fit well in a variety of landscape settings — as ground cover, in flowerbeds, or supported by a trellis or a fence.

"Shrub roses grow much more vigorously than other rose types," said Anderson. "They also have a more shrub-like appearance, which gives them a more natural look. I think people want to return to that look and that's what makes them so appealing."

For more information on the program call (614) 895-1356, or (800) 825-5062 or log on to <http://webgarden.osu.edu/> or <http://www.onla.org>.

## Christmas Tree Management Short Course Feb. 13-14

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Penn State's 2002 Christmas Tree Management Short Course will be at The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in University Park, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 13-14.

Sponsored by the College of Agricultural Sciences' department of horticulture, the course attracts growers from Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York, New Jersey and beyond.

The course is designed to help Christmas tree growers adopt the latest pest control,

production and business management practices, according to Rick Bates, co-chair and assistant professor of ornamental horticulture, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture pesticide recertification core and category credits will be available.

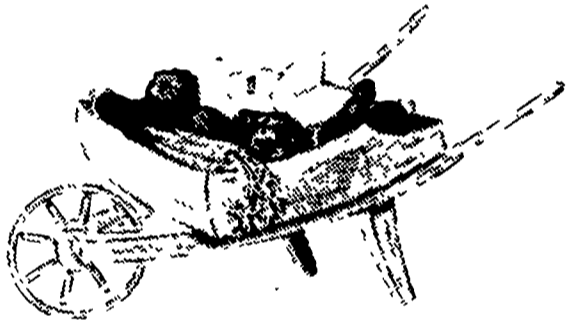
Wednesday sessions will focus on pest management and issues related to farming in high-population areas. Highlights include reducing deer damage, weed and disease control, pesticide safety, and challenges and opportunities of farming on the urban fringe. An afternoon work-

shop for new growers and employees will cover production basics.

Thursday sessions will feature business management, insect control and cultural practices. Topics include nursery inspection and regulations, shearing, controlling insects, soil fertility, managing Canaan fir, and planning for the end of your business.

The \$170 registration fee includes all workshops, instructional materials, breaks and lunches. Registration for

one day is \$100. Registration deadline is Feb. 1. After Feb. 1, registration will increase to \$200 (both days) and \$115 (one day). The course is limited to 150 participants.



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