

FLAKNE'S NEWS

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2001..... A Pace Odyssey !

I am blessed to celebrate Flakne's fifth anniversary this spring. Every year just gets better and better. I am thankful for such a wonderful clientele who refer their friends, neighbors, and family members to my company. I have yet to advertise my services and I continue to grow each year! Thank you!

With that growth, there have certainly been growing pains! Each year, I try to streamline my procedures by maximizing on

efficiency. I continue to select additional professional landscape and construction crews which help me to run my business more smoothly. I update my computer skills and software. If only I could control the weather!

I certainly would never complain about too much business! But the pace of business has been a bit of a challenge! The 2000 season was my busiest yet! And in spite of the early spring cold and

snow, the upcoming 2001 season promises to be busy as well.

These days, it seems as though we are all so very busy. As a seasonal business owner, I am doomed if I don't stay busy in the summer months! But this new millennium brings much talk about simplifying our lives. I hope that my services allow you less time in your yard working and more time in your yard relaxing! Have a wonderful spring and summer. We've earned it this year!

Greg Flakne, *CNLP*

Landscape Lighting in the New Millennium!

So, your landscaping is completed. And you've gone that extra step to beautify your yard at night—landscape lighting. Just as with so many other innovations these days, landscape lighting has gone high tech! Now it's possible to control both landscape lighting and any exterior home lighting from one photocell and one programmable control center, located inside the home!

As evening approaches, the photocell will turn on all of your home's exterior lights with one command.

Then as the night progresses, certain zones can be programmed to be turned off at various times, according to your needs. And of course, manual controls can easily override preset programs, as needed, for late night entertaining or when you just want to linger a while longer in your outdoor paradise!

What? You haven't added outdoor lighting to your landscape? Call me and I can show you how to show off your beautiful home and landscaping at night!

Flakne's Online!

Good things come to those who wait! Once I realized how busy the 2000 season was going to be and how much I didn't know about creating a web site, I decided I best leave the web site creation to the experts. Phase 1 is finally complete! Future plans are to include more landscape photographs and plant photos and descriptions.

Flaknes.com will allow my clients to read about Flakne's and the type of landscaping we do. I also get to show off some of my work! Take a look:

www.flaknes.com

What's HOT— Shrub Roses!

Shrub roses may be just what your garden needs—beautiful, long-lasting color and hardy for our Minnesota winters! Although not as refined in appearance as the delicate hybrid tea rose, shrub roses will win hands down in the “Resistant to Bugs and Diseases” and the “No Fuss” categories!

Shrub roses are emerging as a popular plant in Midwestern gardens for their colorful foliage, small, continuing blooms, and fall seed pods (hips). They can be massed for a colorful focal point in your garden. They can be used for a decorative hedging. Some of the more compact varieties make a colorful ground-cover. And larger varieties can be used for screening. Mix them in a perennial or foundation garden! Shrub roses are so versatile!

The term, “shrub rose” is used to categorize a wide variety of roses that just don't seem to fit anywhere else. They are becoming such a popular addition to landscaping that new varieties are being developed every year. Many varieties have recurrent bloom. They continue to grow new blooms on new wood during the season. And if their canes die back during a hard winter, they will grow back in the spring and still provide a summer of beautiful blooming.

Shrub roses thrive in full sun and can be planted from spring to fall, however, they should not be planted until the danger of frost has passed.

Roses need to be watered every 7 to 10 days during dry weather. Water should be applied at the base of the plant. Try to keep the foliage dry. Also keeping a layer of mulch around the base of each shrub will help control weeds and conserve moisture.

Flakne's can supply a large variety of shrub roses. The following three series of roses have proven to be some of the most beautiful and har-

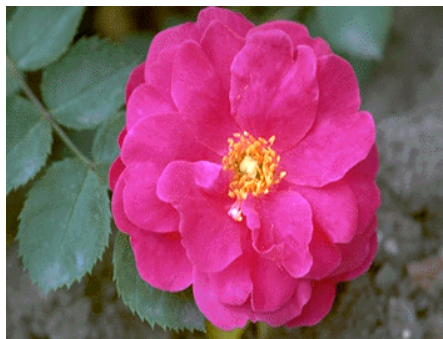
diest available. The roses described in this article are just a few from the following three series: Explorer, Parkland, and Town and Country.

1. The Explorer Series:

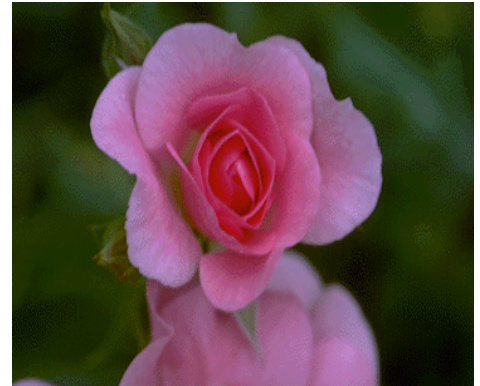
These roses were developed at the Ottawa Experimental Station in Canada and were named after Canadian explorers. They are extremely hardy and bloom repeatedly. They are also very tolerant of salts so they are good choices near roadsides.



Explorer Series: The “**John Franklin**” rose is known for its fragrant and showy red clusters, with double flowers 2 to 2 1/2 inches in diameter. This shrub grows in full sun and will reach 3 to 4 feet tall. It is resistant to black spot and mildew.



Explorer Series: The “**George Vancouver**” is a disease resistant 3 foot shrub that blooms abundantly in June and recurrently throughout the summer months. The flowers are double, fuchsia-red, about 2 1/2” in size.



Explorer Series: The “**Royal Edward**” is a low spreading semi-miniature rose. It grows to 18” in height and is resistant to blackspot and powdery mildew. Dark pink buds open to medium pink semi-double flowers, 2” in diameter, and flower from June until frost.

2. The Parkland Series:

The Parkland Series is a series of hybrid roses developed at the Morden Research Station in Canada. This series is composed of complex crosses with native prairie roses. They are winter hardy and suited well for our Minnesota winters. Even with an occasional freeze to the ground, they will produce new growth in the spring.



Parkland Series: The “**Morden Blush**” has 3” “hybrid tea” type blooms of double ivory flowers with pale pink centers. This shrub grows 2 to 3’ tall and provides beautiful blooms throughout the summer months..

Beautiful roses (continued)



Parkland Series: The **“Morden Amorette”** grows to 3 feet tall. It's slightly fragrant, 4 inch double red flowers offer a stark contrast against its large dark leaves.



Parkland Series: New from the Morden Research Center in 2001, **“Hope for Humanity”** is named in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the Canadian Red Cross Society. It has an upright growth pattern, reaching 2 feet in height. Its deep wine-red flowers measure 2 to 2 1/2” across and bloom throughout the summer.



Town and Country Series: **“Central Park”**, with its soft peach flowers with yellow centers, makes a good ground cover. It blooms recurrently throughout the season. It is also disease resistant.

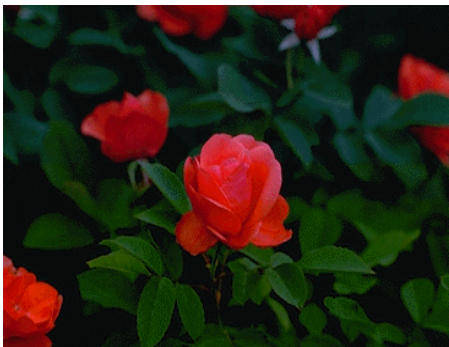


Parkland Series: The **“Winnipeg Parks”** boasts 2 1/2” semi-double bright cherry red flowers which bloom in clusters all summer. This shrub will grow in a compact form.

3. The Town and Country Series: These roses were developed by Paulsen of Denmark, one of the world's leading hybridists. These hardy roses bloom throughout the growing season.



Town and Country Series: The **“Aspen”** boasts deep yellow buds which open to pastel single flowers. It grows in a compact form, up to 16” in height, and makes an excellent ground cover.



Parkland Series: The **“Morden Fireglow”** will reach 2 feet in height. Fragrant, double, scarlet red flowers, 2 to 2 1/2 “ in size, bloom abundantly in June, then intermittently throughout the summer.



Town and Country Series: The **“Kent”** is a compact spreading shrub with semi-double white flowers, 2 inches in size. The foliage is glossy green and is resistant to disease. This shrub will grow to 3 feet in height and blooms several times throughout the season.



Town and Country Series: The **“Martha's Vineyard”** is a 3' tall shrub which makes an excellent hedge. Semi-double hot pink flowers with a yellow center bloom throughout the summer months.

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