Although there are various classification schemes for roses, each reference and rosarian seeming to have a different version, the following classes are fairly inclusive and basic to most classification systems.

**Old Garden roses (15 classes, before 1867)**
- Species
- Gallica
- Alba
- Damask
- Centifolia
- Moss
- China
- Hybrid China
- Tea
- Noisette
- Hybrid Noisette
- Bourbon
- Hybrid Bourbon
- Portland
- Hybrid perpetual

**Modern roses (10 classes, since 1867)**
- newer:
  - Hybrid tea
  - Floribunda
  - Grandiflora
  - Miniature
  - Climbing

- older:
  - Polyantha
  - Shrub
  - Hybrid Musk
  - Eglantine hybrids
  - Rugosa hybrids

*although "older" modern roses date to the late 1800's and early 1900's, there have been many cultivars bred and selected in these groups since then.

Those rose classes most often found in typical garden centers and nurseries include the hybrid tea, floribunda, grandiflora, miniature and climber, and are the least hardy in Vermont and similar cold northern climates. The other "shrub" and species types are becoming increasingly available and may be grouped with shrubs in nurseries, and are generally more hardy. Those classes listed below represent the most hardy.

The following **shrub rose** suggestions are based on 3 years (1998-2000) data of trials at the Horticulture Research Center in South Burlington, VT (USDA zone 4b), and represent survival and performance with drought (summer 1999) and winter injury or survival. For full list of cultivars and ratings visit: http://pss.uvm.edu/ppp/rosedata.htm

These suggestions are based on only the few cultivars tested of the many available.

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### Best Rugosas:
- Delicata (lilac pink)
- Gootendorst Supreme (red)
- Hansa (red-purple)
- Mont Blanc (white)
- Monte Casino (pink)
- Monte Rosa (pink)
- Schneekoope (white)
- Sir Thomas Lipton (white)
- Therese Bugnet (pink)

### Worst Rugosas:
- Agnes (died)
- Parfum de l’Hay
- Schneezwerg

### Best Albas (all 5 tested):
- alba maxima (white)
- Felicite Parmentier (pale pink)
- Koenigen von Daenemark (pink)
- Maidens Blush (pink)
- Pompon Blanc Parfait (white)

### Best Shrub roses:
- Canary Bird (yellow)
- Magnifica (pink-red)
- Seven Sisters (pink)

### Worst Shrub roses (all died):
- Amy Robsart
- Assiniboine
- Cardinal Hume
- Country Dancer
- Elveshorn
- Flower Carpet
- Sea Foam

### Best Gallicas:
- Conditorum (purple-red)
- Rosa Mundi (pink/red)
- Tuscany (red)

### Worst Gallicas (died):
- Alika
- Camaieux

### Best Damask:
- Madame Hardy (white)
- York and Lancaster (white/red)

### Worst Damask:
- Quatre Saisons
- Rose of Castile (died)

### Better Parkland (W. Canada series):
- Cuthbert Grant (wine red)
- Prairie Dawn (pink)

### Worst Parkland (died):
- Morden Centennial
- Morden Fireglow

**Centifolias:** both cultivars poor

**Meidiland:** (modern French series) pink and white poor, other 6 cultivars died

**David Austin:** (modern English series) 3 survived poorly, 5 cultivars died.

(for more results: http://perrysperennials.info/susres.htm)

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