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Fossalta di Portogruaro, Venezia

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*Who are you, reader, reading my poems
an hundred years hence?
I cannot send you one single flower
from this wealth of the spring,
one single streak of gold
from yonder clouds.*

Open your doors and look abroad.

*From your blossoming garden gather
fragrant memories of the vanished flowers
of an hundred years ago.*

*In the joy of your heart may you feel
the living joy that sang
one spring morning,
sending its glad voice
across an hundred years.*

taken from The Gardener, R. Tagore

PREFACE

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This garden and the pages I wrote reveal love and passion as the expression of life which is embodied by one of the most enticing flowers: **the Rose!**

I'm not a rose breeder and I don't have a garden centre either, I just love roses... and the roses I chose for *Ca' delle Rose's* garden express my intimate feelings. I easily found them and came to appreciate them among all the varieties on the market. Their beauty reminds of the beauty of wonderful and inimitable roses difficult to find. It's not their rare features that make them unique but their qualities and my desire of simplicity and uniqueness. Each of them is the outcome of accuracy, of a daily unique relationship, of a new experience, of a chance. I walk through my garden, I look around me, I listen and I always find out new extraordinary roses. And I fall in love with them! They resemble a Woman.

The rose: absolute emblem of the sacred and profane love.

The rose is a mystic and mythological flower.

The rose has been ascribed several meanings in mythology and has always been identified with gods and men, love and death, Christian Heaven and Persian Paradise.

The rose is part of the life of Man in all its forms; it belongs to art and life.

This thought is originally and finely expressed in Muriel Barbery's last book *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* "È una questione di tempo e di rose. Il bello è ciò che cogliamo mentre sta passando. È l'effimera configurazione delle cose nel momento in cui ne si vede insieme la bellezza e la morte".

This is the *Rose*. This is...how *Ca' delle Rose's* rose garden came to life.

I open my garden in the hope to spread many small seeds and let them grow in the hearts and gardens of those passionate people who embark upon a new journey in nature and sometimes end up finding themselves.

Every place is a source of life, a combination of forces and energies.

I can vividly remember me waiting for my first roses.

I had seen many of them in catalogues and it was all but easy to choose among colours and forms, wonderful nuances, corollas and styles. I chose the first by instinct by realising that each of them was unique in itself and inimitable.

I waited for them with the same excitement you wait for a dear friend you have long not been seeing. Roses can't come at any time.

Autumn is their season as winter is and all the months spelt with an "r" (e.g. March, April ...) as our grandparents used to say.

People who visited *Ca' delle Rose* felt wonder thanks to the vitality of its roses which I don't trim much. I respect them and let them freely grow as they want to.

I realized that there are a few roses such as **Hybrides Remontants** and **Teas** that need trimming every two years. That is why I cut one third of their branches in autumn.

Centifolias, **Musks** and **Bourbons** need trimming too, albeit just a few.

All the other varieties only need accuracy. I watch over them and feel the hints they drop to me. I trim them only when there are new buds. This work implies a daily relation with each rose, the constancy and the patience you need to better take care of your garden and keep learning more about it.

I don't trim **Albas, Gallicas, Rugosas, China roses, Botanic roses, Ramblers and Climbing roses** but I'd rather cut the dry parts.

I usually trim in autumn or rather in November. In spring and in summer I prune rose shrubs that grow new buds thereafter.

Roses need wind protection and pre-emptive treatments against diseases - the image of the Little Prince and his love for the rose in its glass globe has just come to my mind. -

At the very beginning I learnt from Maria Giulia Cimorelli how **bio treatments** must be used to prevent plant and rose diseases. I came to know and test **biodynamic treatments** which I water my plants with now. I use them with accuracy and great belief.

Biodynamics means working the soil by respecting its features and its rhythm in an approach that relates to the entire Cosmos and rejects the use of artificial chemicals that deplete the soil over the time and are detrimental to soil and human beings.

As *unicum* the garden is a living organism where each plant reflects the Cosmos and the manure means life.

The biodynamic approach emerged from a contribution taken by philosopher Rudolf Steiner, founder of anthroposophy, during a conference held in Germany in 1924 and organised by practicing farmers. They wanted to find new solutions to soil production since the only physic-chemical approach didn't work.

Dr. Steiner's approach was based on **"a path of knowledge, to guide the spiritual in the human being to the spiritual in the universe"**. Plant life is related to planet movements and to the fixed stars that regulate growth. In this context the manure is the main element of the soil and its substances in the conception of the earth as living organism. **It's the approach to a different natural method combined not only with nature but with the entire cosmos. It's a way to go back to the chaos existing before the creative order.** It may sound risky but it enables to establish a relationship between me and my roses. Each product I use undergoes a process called dynamisation: I stir the elements in a round-shaped bottomed copper container or a pot with my bare hands for an hour. After getting a vortex I stop for a while and start stirring again the other way round. The vortex results from the creating forces at work while stirring. The primary objective is to make plants feel good the same way we wish to, which implies energy exchange. When this process has come to an end and I have put everything aside, I pour the content in the copper pump and feed soil and plants.








You need to give, understand, perceive, feel utterly. And to share.

The garden will grow with you.

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	<p>www.archelogiaarborea.org <i>Nursery devoted to old fruit and its cultivation. A great source of knowledge!</i></p>
	<p>www.ars.org <i>America Rose Society associazione dedicata alla rosa in cui apprendere, sperimentare, condividere.</i></p>
	<p>www.biologicofvg.it <i>News and information for those working in harmony with Nature and Universe; special people working according to Rudolf Steiner's principles of biodynamic agriculture.</i></p>
	<p>www.compagniadelgiardinaggio.it <i>Excellent site for garden and plant lovers and "Gardening".</i></p>
	<p>www.erboristeriaedaltro.com <i>You can easily appreciate the fascinating purity of the author of this site and her great knowledge about officinal herbs.</i></p>
	<p>www.giardiniaperti.it <i>Association devoted to the private amateur garden that aims to promote private gardens, its owners and to introduce gardens to people who unfortunately don't have one. Beauty and simplicity are combined together!</i></p>
	<p>www.giardini-venezia.it <i>Ca' delle rose – albeit its simple and natural character – lies in the region of Veneto and as such shares the passion for the garden within the Wigwam Club Giardini Storici-Venezia. This highly-qualified and renowned non-profit association proposes meetings and important cultural events. It was founded in the 2000 summer by a group of friends who live in Venice and are fond of green areas. Its members are architects, garden experts, tour and nature guides, journalists, engineers, translators, teachers, museum and artistic heritage experts.</i></p>



www.ginevra2000.it/Fiori/RoseAntiche/rose_antiche.htm

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Wade to inform garden lovers
about great and wonderful gardens
in Italy. Grandi Giardini Italiani works with
privates, institutions, companies and garden
owners to promote its image
in Italy and worldwide.*



www.greatrosarians.com

*Roses, gardens, books, meetings, recipes, news...
All rose-related interesting things.*



www.histoires-de-roses.com

*Interesting French garden
with historical news and botanical descriptions
of each antique rose variety
(e.g. albas, centifolias, damask roses, China roses,
etc.)*



www.ilgiardinodellerose.it

*The Giardino delle Rose is identified
with Maria Giulia Cimarelli!
Fine lady and bio rose breeder
in Chiesanuova on Florence's hills.
She has a wide knowledge
about the Genus Rose in Italy.
I dare say she's our Graham Thomas!
Listen to all she has to tell about antique roses
- although feel free to choose your personal
rose breeder.*



www.letteraturalfemminile.it

*The site is devoted to Women, Art and
Poetry! Several texts and pictures
chosen with sensibility and awareness...*

*Chinato il picciol capo intelligente,
donna non sol ma torna musa all'arte.
Contessa Lara*



www.lostbeauties.com
You can almost get lost in a multitude of roses !



www.potee.com/rose.html
Useful information for passionate gardeners!



www.rhs.org.uk
The Royal Horticultural Society has been the main botanical source in literature, arts and "gardening" since 1804. Updated news about horticulture and gardening. It especially refers to Great Britain yet anyone can find useful tips.



www.rosagallica.org
How many roses are called by French names?! Rosa Gallica was founded in 1998 and is a research centre that promotes the study and preservation of antique roses especially. It is made of antique rose lovers, breeders and experts. A rare French styled knowledge... and experience -like great experts in rose grafting.



www.rosarian.com/literature/
The suggestive rose in literature!



www.rosarosam.com
Interesting news about roses



www.rosegathering.com/symbols.html
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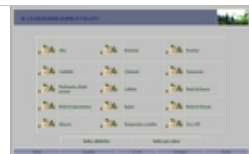
www.roseinfo.com
To learn more about the Genus Rose



www.roseraie-abbaye.com
A wonderful bio garden centre with some of the antique rose varieties that are health and called by their proper names! The cultivation is biodynamic; Jean-Yves Meignen is the young Gardener, a fine and pleasant person.



www.rosesloubert.com
Great antique rose nursery (almost unknown to anyone) where you find antique rose varieties that are NO more on the market; the gardener is a real antique rose lover and breeder!



www.unperformedgarden.com/rose.htm
the Unperformed Gardener tells about roses through wonderful pictures and comments.



www.vintagegardens.com
American nursery run by real rose lovers and whose roses are difficult to find on the market!



www.worldrose.org
The World Federation Rose Society was founded in 1968. It encompasses 40 rose-related associations worldwide and counts over 100.000 rose lovers. News and information about the Genus Rose for those who want to keep updated.

Thank you for reading!

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