

Exhibiting Pearls

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- Know your roses; keep a list which includes variety, color, type, year, etc.
- Get the show schedule ahead of time and read it.
- Know what makes a potential blue ribbon entry; read and observe!
- Get the "Guidelines and Rules for Judging Roses"
- Fertilize, water, and deadhead often
- Disbud one to three weeks ahead: for sprays, or for one bloom per stem
- Tag your potential entries on the bush and cut 1-3 days ahead; store in a cool place
- Keep written list of entries and the classes you will enter
- Keep grooming kit well stocked
- Practice leaf and petal trimming to achieve proficiency
- Label your stem with name, if you have similar looking varieties
- Fill out entry tags ahead of time and affix rubber bands
- Pack the car the night before
- Arrive at the show early; give yourself plenty of time to prepare entries
- Accept help if offered!
- Double check all entries before placing in the show: correct variety and class, debris on entry, etc.
- Volunteer to clerk the show: learn from the judges
- Most of all, HAVE FUN!