



A rose for Canada Day

Red and white plants are getting a lot of attention in the gardening world during Canada's sesquicentennial. Some Canada 150 red and white tulip bulbs planted last fall popped up this spring with orange petals. Better luck with the Canadian Shield Rose.

"Without a doubt, this year's hottest flower is the Canadian Shield Rose," says Frank Ferragine, aka Frankie Flowers, Canada's most popular and trusted gardening expert.

Named as 2017's Flower of the Year by Canada Blooms, this rose is able to survive rigorous winters

from coast to coast. It's the perfect way to celebrate Canada in your garden this summer.

The Canadian Shield Rose is available at Costco, Canadian Tire as well as many Sudbury and area greenhouses including Southview Greenhouse Growers and Azilda Greenhouses. It is expected to sell out everywhere. Some gardeners preordered their rose bushes in the fall.

Branded and marketed by the Vineland Research and Innovation Centre in Vineland, and developed in partnership with the Canadian Nursery Landscape

Association (CNLA), Canadian Shield is the first rose in Vineland's 49th Parallel Collection to be released.

"Canadian Shield and the entire 49th Parallel Collection have all the low-maintenance traits and visual appeal that consumers love in landscape roses," says Lana Culley, Vineland director of business development in a news release.

Canadian Shield is a versatile garden and landscape rose with a three-foot height and width, and full, red flowers and glossy green foliage. It's a repeat bloomer, resistant to black-

spot and winter hardy.

This rose is cultivated to grow in climate zones up to 2b – the lower the number, the harsher the climate. Greater Sudbury's planting hardiness zone varies from 3b to 4b.

Canada Blooms general manager Terry Caddo says, "The Canadian Shield rose is truly a made-in-Canada rose. It has rich colour and a majestic beauty, and like Canadians is hardy enough to survive and thrive in the diverse weather conditions of our broad and diverse land."

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