



Rose Petals



Short Rose-Related Info-Bits to Stay Connected

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Congratulations New Consulting Rosarians

By Marsha Yokomichi
HRS Consulting Rosarian Chair

Please join me in congratulating veteran HRS members **Mary Ann Recaido** and **Glenn Fukuda** who recently passed their tests to become newly-certified American Rose Society Consulting Rosarians (CRs).



Mary Ann joined the HRS in March 2013 and has been growing roses seriously since that time. She is a graduate of the 2013 and 2014 HRS Rose School workshops and served as a Group Leader in the workshops from 2015 – 2019. The HRS Rose School educational series has been on hiatus since 2020 due to the pandemic.



Glenn joined the HRS in February 2015 and has been growing roses seriously since that time. He has been helping with Special Projects at the UGC under the guidance of fellow CR Bob Speer. **Glenn** and his wife, Janice, run the First Saturday Maintenance Days at the UGC every month.

Mary Ann and **Glenn** join the list of other Honolulu Rose Society Consulting Rosarians which include three Master Rosarians: Myrna Cariaga, Marsha Yokomichi, and Aileen Schroffner along with five other Consulting Rosarians: Frank Dumlao, Lynn Koba, Herb Nakagawa, Laurie Shimabukuro, Bob Speer, and Elizabeth Wong.

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Non-UGC Rose Spotlight: *Honey Perfume*

By Cathy Matsuzaki

Honey Perfume is a beautiful Floribunda rose with an intoxicating spicy and slightly sweet fragrance with hints of cloves, cinnamon, allspice, nutmeg, and even a warm berry undertone. Its pointed ovoid buds open to large clusters of fully double rounded four inch blooms. Each blossom features about 30 ruffled petals in a rich apricot-yellow gold tone.

As the blooms mature, the hue of the flowers lightens from a peachy-orange to yellow, ivory and creamy white. With these different shades of colors blending into each other, **Honey Perfume** certainly creates a stunning multi-colored masterpiece to be admired.

Bred by Dr. Keith W. Zary of Jackson & Perkins in 1993, **Honey**



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

Perfume was introduced in the United States by Jackson & Perkins Co. in 2004. It was created by crossing unnamed variety *AROfres* and *Amber Queen*. *AROfres* is a light yellow breeding stock, and *Amber Queen* is a fragrant apricot

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UGC Rose Spotlight: *Easy to Please*



Photo by Myrna Cariaga

By Cathy Matsuzaki

Classically-spiraled fuchsia-pink blossoms with a lighter reverse makes the **Easy To Please** rose an eye-catching beauty.

Easy To Please, a Floribunda rose, is part of the popular Weeks Roses *Easy-To-Love*® collection. Roses in this collection boast features such as they are easy to grow, vigorous, floriferous and have very good disease resistance. The HRS has been fortunate to receive several of these *Easy-To-Love*® varieties from Weeks Roses over the years some of which still remain in our Showcase Rose Garden. Varieties include: *Easy Does It*, *Easy On The Eyes*, *Easy Spirit*, *Livin' Easy* and *Take It Easy*. However, **Easy To Please** is the first pink flowering variety Weeks Roses has added to this particular collection of roses.

Bred by Christian Bédard in 2016, **Easy To Please** was introduced in the United States in 2017 by Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower, Inc. This delightful Floribunda produces an abundance of medium clustered

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blooms with a moderate clove fragrance and a hint of cinnamon. Each pointed and ovoid bud unfurls to a double blossom averaging 2-1/2 to 3 inches in diameter with a 20 to 30 petal count and the cluster of roses sits on a medium-long stem. The bright pink blossoms on **Easy To Please** are a real stand-out against the medium, glossy green foliage. **Easy To Please** has a tall and upright growth habit and can reach heights of 4 to 5 feet and widths of up to 4 feet.



Wild Blue Yonder
Photo by
Myrna Cariaga

If you think this rose looks similar to *Wild Blue Yonder*, a Grandiflora by Weeks Roses, you're correct! The *Wild Blue Yonder* rose was crossed with an unnamed seedling and *Blue for You*, a lilac Floribunda hybridized by Peter

James (same hybridizer of *Art Deco* featured in the 2/15/22 edition of the HRS Rose Petals newsletter).

In the Showcase Rose Garden, **Easy To Please** is growing near the pavilion on the makai side next to the border of *Iceberg* roses. It is growing in full sunlight, although it does have some partial shade in the afternoon.

The plants are about 5 feet in height, and although sources say it has an upright growth habit, the ones in the Rose Garden have a slight spreading tendency, often times nodding into the pathways. With its vibrant coloring and nearly continual blooms, it's not hard to see why this rose is so fittingly named, **Easy To Please**.

Sources:

<https://www.weeksroses.com/product/easy-to-please/roses>

<https://www.helpmefind.com/rose/1.php?l=2.75961.0>

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blend floribunda. **Honey Perfume** was awarded the All-America Rose Selections (AARS) winner in 2004, an honor given annually to an outstanding new rose variety. Note: The AARS was once considered to be the most prestigious rose award for 73 years in the United States. The AARS was discontinued after 2013 and replaced by the American Garden Rose Selections (AGRS) program in 2016.

Honey Perfume is a vigorous grower and forms a medium compact upright well-branched shrub, reaching heights of 3 to 4 feet and widths of 2 to 3 feet. It displays dense, glossy, dark green foliage which has good disease resistance. As with most roses, **Honey Perfume** thrives best in full sunlight, however, this variety does not do particularly well in warmer climates. The photo specimen of **Honey Perfume** for this article was taken in a rose garden at Yokohama, Japan which experiences four distinct seasons during the year.

A perpetual bloomer, **Honey Perfume** usually has abundant clusters of brilliantly colored blooms throughout the year, and it makes an excellent cut flower with a long vase life.

Sources:

<https://www.jacksonandperkins.com/honey-perfume-floribunda-rose/p/30945/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All-America_Rose_Selections

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosa_%27Honey_Perfume%27

<https://www.helpmefind.com/rose/pl.php?n=43917>

Congrats to Our New CRs!

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A *Consulting Rosarian* (CR) is a title given to someone who is considered to be an expert in rose care as certified by the American Rose Society, the mother-organization of the Honolulu Rose Society. A Master Consulting Rosarian, or Master Rosarian for short, is appointed by the ARS for outstanding service as a CR for a minimum of 10 years.

The qualifications for receiving the Consulting Rosarian designation are as follows:

- Must be a member of the American Rose Society for at least three consecutive years and an active member of a local rose society

- Must have grown roses of various types for at least five years and should be knowledgeable about equipment and materials related to rose culture
- Must attend an approved ARS Consulting Rosarian School and complete an open book written exam; passing with a minimum 75% score
- Must be willing to attend no less than one CR School every four years
- Must exhibit a continuing willingness to share knowledge and enthusiasm for the rose and American Rose Society ideals

Source:

<http://www.santaclaritarose.org/ConsultingRosarian.html>

Mini-Maintenance Day & Rose Garden Committee Meeting

By Marsha Yokomichi
All photos by Myrna Cariaga via remote control

On Wednesday, April 13, 2022, we held a short HRS Maintenance Day session for about an hour before moving indoors to the UGC Classroom for a Rose Garden Committee Meeting.



Bob Speer and Dan Del Monte tending to the weeds in the Alumni Row.

Unfortunately, most of our precious time in the early morning was spent pulling weeds throughout the garden despite the fact that HRS member Keith Imano comes to the garden about three times a week to continuously pull weeds throughout the garden. Dead-heading and pruning the roses will have to wait until the next Maintenance Day.



By 9:30am, it was getting quite hot outside so most of us eagerly moved to the air-conditioned comfort of the UGC Classroom for our meeting. Mahalo to Vicky Tamura, Lianne Nagano, and Keith Imano for continuing with maintenance of the garden while we held our meeting.

It was the first of more meetings to come for the purpose of discussing any UGC Rose Garden issues or challenges currently taking place in the garden. The topics discussed ranged from keeping control of the weeds growing in the garden to water conservation measures that we may soon be faced with to the never-ending battle with Canker or

is it Die-Back due to over-watering/poor drainage that was affecting our roses?

We also talked about our main priority facing us at the moment: Transplanting the newly purchased potted roses into their permanent home in the ground.

Keeping communication flowing between the two different maintenance groups (weekly and monthly) is also a significant goal if we are to make the best use of our time and energies.

Mahalo to all members who joined us at both the maintenance day and also the meeting.



Next Up:

IPM & Attracting Good Bugs to Your Garden

Our next virtual workshop on ***Integrated Pest Management and Attracting Good Bugs to Your Garden*** presented by HRS Master Rosarians Marsha Yokomichi and Myrna Cariaga will be held on **Saturday, April 23, 2022, 10am - 11:15am via Zoom.**

This essential rose care topic is based on the theory of “Live and Let Live” and will help you to learn to grow roses using the least toxic methods available. Leave it to Good Bugs to battle the Bad Bugs in your garden and only step in to assist when necessary.

Please plan to join us for what is sure to be a fascinating and information-packed workshop. Sign up by emailing Marsha at myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com.



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Armchair Traveler: The Rose Garden at Mesa Community College

By Marsha Yokomichi

I was recently looking through some old digital photos and came across some shots that I had taken of roses at the **Rose Garden at Mesa Community College** some 10 years ago. Unfortunately, that trip happened during August when 100+ degree days were the norm for that time of year.



Tahitian Sunset in 100+ degree heat
Photo By Marsha Yokomichi

Any roses that I saw growing were stunted in size and stem-length and varieties which normally featured numerous petals were reduced to single-petaled mutations. It goes without saying that I was not impressed with what I saw although learning about high temperature and how it affects respiration and photosynthesis was a real eye-opener for me. Please see July 2020 Rose Petals newsletter article on "Summer Heat: Too Much of a Good Thing" for more information on this topic.

It recently dawned on me that I have a good friend living in Mesa, Arizona and I could ask her to visit



the same garden and take some photos for me during a cooler time of the year. After doing a little research, I learned that the roses there are at their best either in the Spring or Fall when the weather is much more temperate.



Summer months are to be avoided because of extreme temperatures which wreak havoc on the roses as well as any visitors who dare visit at that time.

I was presently surprised to learn that the rose garden has grown tremendously and now features over



9,000 rose bushes! The garden was established in 1974 and is a partnership between the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society and Mesa Community College. It is the largest public rose garden in the desert south west.

Several hundred rose society members and other community volunteers maintain the garden and keep it in pristine condition all year long. Source: <https://rosegarden.mesacc.edu/home.html>.



Arizona Family 3TV/CBS 5, a local television station in Arizona, recently partnered with America First Credit Union, Ken Garff Kia

and Super Star Car Wash to sponsor a contest to recognize outstanding individuals within the Mesa community. Those who nominated possible recipients of the award were required to state why the individual deserved the \$500 "Pay it Forward" award and what outcome will happen if the recipient receives the award.



Source: <https://www.azfamily.com/2022/04/07/mesa-community-colleges-rose-garden-creators-win-pay-it-forward-award/>

On April 7, 2022, the award was given to LeRoy and Mary Lou Coffman, who helped create the **Rose Garden at Mesa Community College**. Mike Cryer of the Mesa-East Valley Rose Society nominated them. He stated, "Mary Lou has been the curator for that whole entire time, LeRoy has been the architect. It all started 25 years ago, and both LeRoy and Mary Lou spent countless hours planting, planning, and organizing volunteers." Congratulations to LeRoy and Mary Lou Coffman for their outstanding community service work. Source: <https://blogginggarden.com/mesa-community-colleges-rose-garden-creators-win-pay-it-forward-award/>

This beautiful garden is certainly worth a visit if you're in the area. The **Rose Garden at Mesa Community College** is located at 1833 W. Southern Ave., Mesa, AZ 85202 and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Free Admission.



All photos by Kelly B. unless otherwise noted.