



Rose Petals



Short Rose-Related Info-Bits to Stay Connected

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UGC Rose Spotlight: *Savannah*



Photo by Myrna Cariaga

By Cathy Matsuzaki

The beautiful and extremely fragrant **Savannah** rose belongs to the Sunbelt® collection of roses. Bred by Kordes®, these roses are known for their extraordinary performance in warmer regions.

Roses in this collection feature large, non-fading blossoms with continual blooming ability and vigorous growth. **Savannah** was bred by Tim Hermann Kordes in Germany in 1999, and it was introduced in the United States by Newflora™ LLC in 2013.

Savannah is a Hybrid Tea rose whose silky petals range from a light pink to a deep salmon coloration. Averaging four-inches in diameter, each very full double bloom boasts a stunning 155 to 160 petal count. It is interesting to note that the ovoid buds on the **Savannah** variety in the Rose Garden at the Urban Garden Center opens to either a classically formed elegant Hybrid Tea rose with a high-centered bloom form or a button-eye bloom form.

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Dear HRS Members,

On Volunteer Week 2022, April 17-23, 2022, I want to send out a BIG MAHALO to all of our HRS members, family members, friends, supporters and community members who have contributed their time and effort towards the establishment and maintenance of the Urban Garden Center Rose Garden in Pearl City. We now have a rose garden that we can be proud of all because of you!

I also want to thank our committed and hard-working volunteer HRS Officers and Directors who give tirelessly to help lead and direct this organization.

Myrna

Message Sent to UGC Volunteers from Cathy:

National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 17th - 23rd and we are tremendously grateful for your faithfulness in coming to help at the Rose Garden week after week. This is the perfect time to recognize and honor our dedicated UGC volunteers for all of their hard work.

We would like to invite you to stay after Maintenance Day next week Wednesday, April 20th, and join us in the UGC classroom for fellowship and a bento lunch provided by the Honolulu Rose Society as our humble way of thanking you for all you do in caring for the roses and keeping the Rose Garden looking its very best.

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Non-UGC Rose Spotlight: *Joshua Bradley*

By Cathy Matsuzaki

Joshua Bradley is a gorgeous and vibrant yellow-blend Hybrid Tea rose with a mild fragrance. You may recall seeing a beautiful photograph of this rose taken by Master Rosarian Marsha Yokomichi who won the "Portrait of a Rose" category in the November 2020 HRS Photo Contest.

Joshua Bradley was bred by Jack E. Christensen in the United States in 1998. It was introduced by Armstrong Garden Centers in California and was sold exclusively there as a charity rose with the proceeds of the sale benefitting the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

This rose was named specifically to honor a cancer patient, Joshua Bradley, who lost his battle with



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

cancer after a courageous fight for over 15 years.

Its large high-centered full blooms average 4 to 5 inches in diameter with a 26 to 40 petal count. The

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According to Graham S. Thomas, the renown British horticulturist best known for his work with garden roses and whom a David Austin rose is named after, the “button eye” is a characteristic unique to the very full-petaled old rose form. The center of these roses are composed of stamens which turn into petals that are packed so tightly into the heart of the flower that they cannot unfold and remain in an incurved cluster thus producing a shape like a button.



A more mature version of Savannah
Photo by Cathy Matsuzaki

With a compact and upright growth habit, the very hardy ***Savannah*** bush can reach heights of up to 4 feet and widths of 3 feet at maturity. Each bush is covered with an abundance of medium to dark green glossy foliage, serving as an ideal background for these stunning blossoms. It has good disease resistance to Black Spot and Powdery Mildew. As with most roses, this variety does best in full sunlight and it has good tolerance to heat and humidity.

A multi-award winner, ***Savannah*** was selected as the Overall Best Rose, Best Hybrid Tea Rose, and Most Fragrant Rose at the 2015

Biltmore International Rose Trials in Asheville, North Carolina.

Savannah is thriving nicely in the Showcase Rose Garden along the main pathway in the second bed on the makai side after you pass through the pavilion. Sources indicate that it can reach heights of up to 4 feet, but the ***Savannah*** plants in the garden are well exceeding that to heights of 5-1/2 feet and higher. Each large blossom borne singly on the long stem is often out of my reach because of my diminutive height stature, yet I can smell the intoxicating old rose fragrance as I near the bushes.

At one of our recent weekly Maintenance Days, HRS member volunteer Vicky Tamura was helping to deadhead and prune the roses and she excitedly called out to her fellow members to come over and smell the ***Savannah*** rose because of its potent fragrance and incredible petal count. Fellow members came over to take a look and smell this beauty of a rose and we were all in total amazement.

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gold colored petals of ***Joshua Bradley*** are highlighted with a unique coppery tone reverse. Sources indicate that this variety does best in full sunlight and has a good rebloom cycle. The variety is reported to be very deciduous and grows to heights of approximately 5 feet tall.

The photograph of the variety featured here was taken at the Pageant of Roses Garden at Rose Hills Memorial Park in Whittier, California during cool mid-October weather several years ago.

The bloom's form in its most perfect state of development was snapped in the shade out of bright sunlight which really allowed it to showcase its natural beauty. Marsha says it's a true example of being in the right place at the right time!

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UGC Volunteer Message from Cathy

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We are truly blessed to have a great team of volunteers working together to give the roses your best possible care; and it is because of each of you that there are so many beautiful, colorful and fragrant roses always in bloom!



HRS Weekly Maintenance & Volunteer Appreciation Lunch Wednesday, April 20, 2022



Photo by Myrna Cariaga via Remote Control

Above Left: Straightening out the level of the bricks in the Peace Rose Garden bed.

Left: Planting a new tree rose in the Peace Rose Garden bed.

Photos by Myrna Cariaga



Photos by Marsha Yokomichi



Ono Bento from Mamaya and
Homemade Baked Mochi



Myrna thanking the volunteers.



Congratulating new HRS
Consulting Rosarians
Mary Ann Recaido and
Glenn Fukuda



Mini HRS Maintenance Day & Garden Committee Meeting



On Wednesday, April 13th, we held a mini one-hour Maintenance Day from 8:30am-9:30am and then retreated to the UGC Classroom for an HRS Garden Committee Meeting.

There, we discussed several tasks that need to be done around the UGC Rose Garden and their

priorities. Projects discussed included finishing planting of the new potted roses into their beds; painting of the pavilion; and reinforcing the retaining wall at the Makai-side of the garden.

Mahalo to all who attended the Maintenance Day and Meeting and

also those who stayed back in the garden to tend to the roses during our Meeting.

Photos by Myrna Cariaga via Remote Control

HRS Virtual Workshop: Integrated Pest Management

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

HRS Virtual WS, April 23, 2022, 10am



By Marsha Yokomichi
HRS Master Rosarian

On Saturday, April 23rd, the HRS hosted a virtual workshop via Zoom. Our topic was, “Integrated Pest Management & Attracting Beneficial Bugs to Your Garden” with HRS Master Rosarians Marsha Yokomichi and Myrna Cariaga. Our topic was a timely one in recognition of Earth Day which happened one day before our workshop on Friday, April 22nd.

Marsha and Myrna again tagged-teamed and presented members with another informative workshop based on their rose-growing

experience over the past 20+ years.

Other topics they have covered through Zoom workshops include: *Chilli Thrips*; *Transplanting Roses*; *Fertilizing Roses*; and *Rose Disease & Pest Control*. Recordings of all past HRS virtual workshops are available in the Members Only Section of our website. Please note, a password is required for the restricted site so please contact Marsha if you need the password.

Marsha started the workshop explaining the five distinct steps in the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system. It was interesting to learn that while the IPM cycle starts with Observation, the process is a continuous one. You may also be at different stages of the process for different areas of your garden. The overlying motto of the IPM workshop was “Live & Let Live.”

Allow the good bugs in your garden to take care of the bad bugs in your garden and only step in to intervene when necessary. It was also amazing to hear that Marsha’s first line of defense is a strong stream of

water to dislodge bad bugs from rose plants and bring the population of bad bugs down to a level where good bugs can regain the upper hand.

Myrna continued the workshop with a colorful presentation featuring ten of the best flowering companion plants for roses. She also stressed the fact that you must have some bad bugs in your garden to attract and keep good bugs in your garden.

The important concept to remember, therefore, is tolerance. We should not be immediately reaching for our garden hoses to spray off Aphids without first inspecting the plants to see if there are any good bugs and/or their larvae in the area ready to tackle the problem.

It was inspiring to hear that the UGC Rose Garden is a real-life example of a rose garden practicing IPM methods and succeeding! A visit to the garden and close inspection of the rose plants there will reveal that the garden is teeming with beneficial insects.

Rose Care Info: Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

By Marsha Yokomichi
HRS Master Rosarian

IPM is an effective and environmentally sensitive approach to pest management that relies on a combination of common-sense practices. One of the goals of IPM is to monitor and accurately identify pests and determine when/if action is needed.

This monitoring and identification removes the possibility that pesticides will be used when they are not really needed or that the wrong kind of pesticide will be used. A key concept in IPM is the goal of “controlling” rather than “eradicating” bad bugs in your garden. The key word, therefore is “tolerance.”

One of the most important fundamental rules of IPM is that it does not use “broad-spectrum” insecticides because they kill both good and bad bugs indiscriminately. A real-life example of this happened in my own rose garden back in Spring 2005. I had just finished spraying my roses for Chinese Rose Beetles with the broad-spectrum insecticide *Merit* by Bayer. I had a little leftover spray so decided to just spray it on my Mock Orange bush. Not because there were any bad bugs I saw on the bush but just because I had some leftover Merit spray. I was horrified to find about 50 dead lady bugs on the ground under my Mock Orange bush the next day!

This situation traumatized me so much that I vowed that I would never use broad-spectrum insecticides in my garden again. I found an alternative means of deterring Chinese Rose Beetles from my rose plants by using lights to keep them at bay. Since the only reason I was using insecticide in my rose garden was to treat for Chinese Rose Beetles, this single action made all the difference for me in my garden.

I started learning about the concept of IPM at about that same time and it was easy to put into practice the concept of IPM because I was, and still am, a big advocate for beneficial insects especially my favorite, Lady Bugs.

There are five key stages in IPM: Inspection; Identification; Monitoring; Action; and Evaluation. It's important to note that while there is a definite starting point in “Inspection” of your roses, IPM can be described as an ongoing continuum rather than having a final end point.

INSPECTION

The process of IPM starts with Inspection. Make a conscious effort to inspect your rose plants every time you go out to your rose garden.

IDENTIFICATION

It is important to learn to identify both good bugs and bad bugs or the damage that they leave behind.

MONITORING

Monitor your roses by continuously checking to see which bad bugs and which good bugs you see in your garden. See Flowchart.

garden to a level where good bugs can gain the upper hand once again.

EVALUATION

Assess the results of your action or inaction and decide if further action is needed. Realize that you must have some bad bugs in your garden to keep good insects in your garden. Evaluate your level of tolerance which may change from time to time and always keep the concept of “Live and Let Live” in mind.

Suggested Measures One Can Take to Attract Good Bugs in your Garden

#1 – Stop using broad-spectrum insecticides which kill both good and bad bugs.

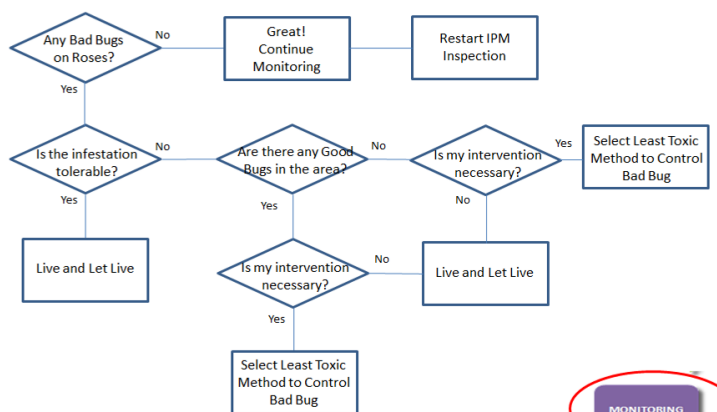
#2 – Always use the least toxic method and most environmentally friendly method to control bad bugs first.

#3 – Evaluate your level of tolerance as it may change from time to time.

#4 – Plant companion-plants to attract and keep beneficial bugs to your garden.

Follow these guideline and you will soon find that the beneficial insects in your garden far outnumber the bad bugs in your garden. The HRS is proud to say that the IPM method has been practiced in the Urban Garden Center Rose Garden in Pearl City since its inception in 2011 and the results are simply amazing.

Monitoring – Flowchart of Questions



ACTION

Use the least toxic method to control bad bugs. My first line of defense is always a strong stream of water. Remember, the goal of your action/intervention is just to decrease the population of bad bugs in your

Photo by
Marsha
Yokomichi





Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden Balboa Park, San Diego, CA

By Marsha Yokomichi
All Photos by Marsha Yokomichi
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The beautiful **Inez Grant Parker Memorial Rose Garden** is located in Balboa Park, San Diego, California. This award-winning garden also simply known as the **Balboa Park Rose Garden**, was established in 1973 by then former San Diego Rose Society President Dick Streeper and long time rosarians Jean Kenneally and Jim Kirk.

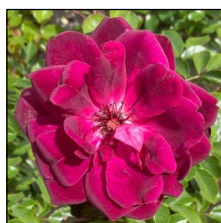


There were actually two renditions of the rose garden that previously existed in Balboa Park but by the late 1960's there was little remaining of those plantings. The new **Balboa Park Rose Garden** saw its beginnings in 1973 when the city council chose a site for the garden and funding to develop the garden was secured from the Parker Foundation.



The roses for the initial planting of 1,200 plants in 83 varieties was provided by several large rose plant producers and by 1975, the garden was flourishing with thousands of beautiful roses.

The **Balboa Park Rose Garden** went through several expansions during the 1980s and 1990s and now boasts almost 1,700 rose plants in over 130 varieties. The garden is maintained by San Diego City park staff and the Rose Garden Corps – a volunteer organization with about 45 volunteers who come out to maintain the garden every Tuesday and Thursday, 9am-12noon, from March through November.



Burgundy Iceberg

Myrna and I had the opportunity to visit in early March this year. While we were impressed with the health and vigor of the plants we saw, we were about two-weeks too early to see them in full-bloom. While we were able to snap photos of a few roses blooming early we could just imagine what the garden would look like in a few short weeks. We enjoyed strolling through the smoothly paved walkways between the rose beds but had to cut our visit short when a torrential rain-storm suddenly occurred. We hastily retreated back to our rental car but marveled at how clean and well-kept the garden was.

The **Balboa Park Rose Garden** is located at 2125 Park Blvd, San Diego, CA 92101. Open 24 hours a day; free admission.



Rosie the Riveter

Plan your visit for mid-March through November to see the Balboa Park Rose Garden at its best. Please note, the garden goes through an annual hard-pruning on the second Saturday in February.



Mother of Pearl

Since roses take approximately 5-6 weeks to bloom from time of pruning, it makes sense that the roses were not in bloom during our early March visit.

We would have seen many more roses in bloom had we visited any time after the third week in March.

Source:
<https://www.sandiegorosociety.com/balboa-park-rose-garden>



Photo of the Balboa Park Rose Garden in full-bloom.

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