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A Return to In-Person HRS Holiday Party!

By Marsha Yokomichi

It was absolutely wonderful to see everyone who attended the HRS Holiday Party on January 15th after such a long absence! This is the first in-person Holiday Party that we have hosted since January 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Janice Agena and daughter, Deena Gary, greeted guests at the Reception Table.

While we did hold virtual parties in 2021 and 2022, nothing can beat in-person gatherings where we are able to greet each other with hugs and handshakes. The warm camaraderie filled the air and the sense of pure joy didn't stop until the party ended.

There were many familiar faces in



Linda Kauhane and Lynn Koba manning our Door Prize Ticket table.

the audience as both members and non-members reminisced about the last time we saw each other in person. There were also several new faces of those joining us for the first time. All were welcomed with open arms as we truly enjoyed one another's company in our own private-room at the Hale Ikena at Fort Shafter.

There were several changes at the Hale Ikena since the last time we were there. Gone was the fabulous Brunch Buffet that they were once noted for. A casualty of the pandemic and the social distance restrictions that were mandated at the time, we were disappointed to

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Non-UGC Rose: *Gina Lollobrigida*

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HRS Master Rosarian

The focus of this month's non-UGC rose is ***Gina Lollobrigida*** a yellow Hybrid Tea rose bred by Alain Meilland before 1986. ***Gina Lollobrigida*** was introduced in France by Meilland International in 1998 and in the United States by Conard-Pyle (Star Roses) in 1997.



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

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UGC Rose Spotlight: *Brilliant Veranda*



Photo by Myrna Cariaga

By Cathy Matsuzaki

Traditionally, red roses are arguably one of the first things that come to mind when you think of Valentine's Day. They are, in fact, synonymous with Valentine's Day which was just celebrated yesterday, February 14th. Therefore, it seems most appropriate to feature a beautiful bright red Floribunda rose this month called ***Brilliant Veranda***.

Bred by Tim Hermann Kordes in Germany in 2000, this rose variety was first introduced in the United States by Wayside Gardens in 2007 as "Brilliant Flower Circus." ***Brilliant Veranda*** is part of the Bloomables® floral collection which we reported in previous newsletters, but it is also a part of the Veranda® rose collection.

Bred by Kordes®, the Veranda® collection of roses have the old-fashioned elegance of English garden roses, but are modernized and feature low maintenance, extreme disease resistant and abundant flowering-power. These colorful, compact and floriferous Veranda® rose varieties are ideal for both containers or in the landscape.

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hear that they have no plans to bring back their Bunch Buffet any time soon. Instead, we had our own private buffet in an adjoining room and I must say, the food was delicious! Many HRS members and guests complimented the flavorful Teri Chicken and delectable Egg-battered Fish. These were accompanied by an array of salads and side dishes along with a nice assortment of scrumptious desserts! Yum! We were impressed enough to make plans to return to the Hale Ikena next year for our 2024 Holiday Party!



Aileen Schroffner, HRS Master Rosarian, started our lunch off with an invocation.

The year 2022 was a quiet year for us as we limited our activities to maintenance days at the rose garden as well as two virtual workshops. There were no nominees for Outstanding Member or Rookie of the Year for 2022.

We wished Laurie Shimabukuro a heartfelt Mahalo as she ended her six-year term as HRS Treasurer. We had wanted to present Laurie with a Special Recognition Award for her contributions volunteering as our Treasurer. However, she was unable to attend at the last moment.

During her term, Laurie established a new accounting system as well as transitioned us into being compliant with financial reporting requirements. She leaves the position in fine shape because of all of her efforts to improve it. Laurie, on behalf of the HRS, thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of the HRS.

One of the highlights of our Holiday Party was our Door Prize Giveaway segment hosted once again by Frank and Claire Dumlao. Frank kept us entertained with his witty sense of humor that had us roaring in laughter!

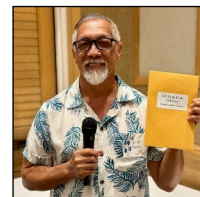


Mahalo to all the HRS members who generously donated over \$950 in prizes for the giveaway. In total, there were over \$1,250 worth of prizes given away this year!

Big winners for the day were: Frank Dumlao with a \$75 Home Depot Gift Card; Janice Agena with a beautiful Integrated Pest Management gift Basket valued at over \$100; Bob Speer with a \$100 Foodland Gift Card; and Roberta Sullivan (guest of Dan Del Monte) with a \$100 Amazon Gift Card. Mahalo to everyone who purchased extra tickets. All proceeds from this activity benefited the HRS General Fund.

Mahalo also to Cathy and Ryan Matsuzaki for all of their behind-the-scenes work in planning and hosting our Holiday Party and to Myrna Cariaga for putting together

Frank with his \$75 Home Depot Gift card



Janice with her Integrated Pest Management Gift Basket.

Bob with his \$100 Foodland Gift Card.



a 2022 comprehensive Year-in-Review video for all of us to enjoy.

Special thanks to Greg Kaya for serving as our photographer and everyone else who helped us by volunteering to do tasks to help make everything run smoothly!

Please make plans on joining us at next year's Holiday Party!

All photos by Greg Kaya



UGC Rose: *Brilliant Veranda*

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Brilliant Veranda's medium, pointed, ovoid, rounded buds open to vibrant neon red-orange full blossoms with a slightly lighter reverse on its petals. Each medium cupped bloom averages 2-1/2 inches in diameter with a 40 to 45 petal count. **Brilliant Veranda's** lovely vivid coloration and profusion of flowers all season long more than makes up for it having almost no scent to only a slight spice fragrance.

These brilliantly colored roses contrast nicely against its bushy semi-glossy medium green leathery foliage, which has good disease resistance to fungal diseases. **Brilliant Veranda** has an upright growth habit and can grow to heights of up to 3 feet with a width of up to 2 to 3 feet and does best in the full sun as with most other roses.

In the UGC Rose Garden, **Brilliant Veranda** greets our HRS member volunteers and visitors with a



Photo by Myrna Cariaga

splash of color in the standing planter box under the pavilion on the Makai-side. The plants are flourishing nicely, and are about 2 to 2-1/2 feet in height and are almost always in bloom.

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Non-UGC Rose: *Gina Lollobrigida*

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The namesake for this rose, Italian actress Gina Lollobrigida who performed alongside Hollywood legends such as Humphrey Bogart, Frank Sinatra, Sean Connery, Burt Lancaster, Tony Curtis and Yul Brynner in the 1950s and 1960s was once dubbed "The Most Beautiful Woman in the World" in reference to her 1955 film of the same name. "Lolo" as she was lovingly known by Italians, was a natural beauty in her heyday but



Photo Source: LAPRESSE via Associated Press

also aged gracefully over the years. Like the actress herself, **Gina Lollobrigida** the rose, remains beautiful at all stages of development. The photo of **Gina Lollobrigida** on Page 1 shows her in prime form but this diva of a rose is equally stunning below four-days



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

after the first photo was taken. **Gina Lollobrigida** starts off as a plump medium-yellow round bud then opens up to a stunning quartered design then finishes off fully-opened in a paler yellow with

stamens showing like the long eyelashes of *Lolo* herself. The coloring in the middle of the blossoms remains a shade darker throughout its bloom progression.

I've grown **Gina Lollobrigida** several times in my rose garden throughout the last 20 years. She still remains my all-time favorite yellow rose because of her stunning beauty and her sweet moderate aroma. **Gina Lollobrigida** is a compact bush reaching heights of only 3 to 4 feet in Hawaii although helpmefind.com says that she can reach heights of 4 to 5 feet. She has shiny dark green leaves which provide good disease resistance and she blooms singularly on long straight stems.

I was reminded of the beautiful **Gina Lollobrigida** rose upon reading of the recent passing of Gina Lollobrigida on January 16, 2023. The "Most Beautiful Woman in the World" who later became known as an accomplished sculptor, painter, and photographer lived a long and full life passing on at the age of 95 years old. May she rest in peace.

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Armchair Traveler: Hamadera Rose Garden Sakai City, Osaka, Japan

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The **Rose Garden in Hamadera Park** is located in Sakai City, Osaka. The park was one of the first public parks established in Japan and it is built on what was known as *Takashi no Hama* which translates to *Takashi Beach*. The area was noted for its beautiful white sand beach and numerous pine trees. *Hamadera* or “beach temple” was built near *Takashi Beach* and it is how the park got its name.



The entrance to the Hamadera Park Rose Garden.

Today, Hamadera Park is still noted for its majestic pine trees where approximately 5,500 still are thriving after several centuries in the ground. Equally impressive is the **Hamadera Park Rose Garden** featuring 6,000 rose plants in approximately 400 varieties. Ground was broken for the start of development of the rose garden in July 1989 and it opened to the public in April 1991.



A lake filled with lily pads and irises with rose beds in the distance.



Climbing roses in the shape of a Japanese hand-fan.

The **Hamadera Rose Garden** features five distinct areas where one can see roses growing with views of waterways; lakes; mountains; seascapes; as well as a village setting. Each twist and turn in the garden brings new surprises and breathtaking views that come in to light as you meander through the lush landscape.



Japanese-themed backdrops from small village structures, rice paddies, iris patches, and even an authentic-looking wooden boat that is shipwrecked on a beach add to the ambiance of this charming garden. Rugosa roses growing in a typical sandy beach environment can be seen sprawling on the ground nearby the shipwrecked boat.

A photographer's delight, the **Hamadera Rose Garden** offered numerous jaw-dropping scenes right out of a garden magazine. Although the weather on the day we visited

was soggy and wet, the **Hamadera Rose** Garden was one of the most enjoyable rose gardens that I have visited in Japan because it featured much more than just roses. I truly felt I was in Japan because of the varying Japanese backdrops that came into focus in every direction that I pointed my camera.



A shrub rose growing on a hilltop.

This is definitely a rose garden to visit if you're in the area. The **Hamadera Rose Garden** is located at 〒 592-8346 Hamaderakoencho, Nishi-ku, Sakai-shi, Osaka. Open every day 10am-5pm except Tuesdays. Free Admission. Just a 3-minute walk from Hamaderakoen Station. While there, be sure to take notice of the numerous majestic pine trees that you probably won't be able to see anywhere else in the world.



Rhapsody in Blue growing in a village setting.

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