



# Rose Petals



Short Rose-Related Info-Bits to Stay Connected

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## Hybrid Tea Spotlight: *Heavenly Scented*

By Cathy Matsuzaki

Aptly named, **Heavenly Scented** is a beautiful new Hybrid Tea rose bred by legendary rose hybridizer Tom Carruth before 2022. A Weeks Roses cultivar, it was introduced to market in 2023 by Springhill Nurseries. As its name implies, these large salmon-pink blooms have a blissful sweet, fruity and spicy fragrance sure to please your senses.



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

**Heavenly Scented** has good color retention which means that the blossom will hold its hue in the sunlight as it matures. The bud opens to a fully double classically formed Hybrid Tea rose on a long straight stem, making the variety an ideal rose to cut and display in a vase.

Each blossom averages 4 to 5 inches in diameter with a 60 to 130 petal count. **Heavenly Scented** has a tall and upright growth habit, reaching heights of up to 5 feet and

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## Floribunda Spotlight: *Ebb Tide*



Photo by Myrna Cariaga

By Cathy Matsuzaki

An HRS favorite, **Ebb Tide** is a very photogenic Floribunda rose which is sure to captivate you with its rich smoky plum-purple color and perfumed strong spicy clove and citrus aroma. Both **Ebb Tide** and the *Heavenly Scented* rose were hybridized by the same rose

hybridizer, Tom Carruth. **Ebb Tide** was bred in 2001 and introduced in the United States by Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower, Inc. in 2006.

This easy-to-grow rose variety was well represented in the former Urban Garden Center Rose Garden occupying a space there from 2013 to 2015. **Ebb Tide** was also planted there after the rose garden was redesigned from seven rectangular beds to the 30 slender beds in 2016. The compact plants continued to flourish there until May 2023 when they were removed in preparation of the closing of the rose garden.

Since it was nearly always in bloom, many former visitors to the garden would stop and comment on the captivating deep purple coloration of

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## HRS Rose School Workshop #3

By Cathy Matsuzaki  
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The third in our series of monthly Rose School workshops was held on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Waiiau District Park.

Participants were invited to come early for one-on-one consultations from Team Leaders and Master and Consulting Rosarians about the care of their rose plants. Attendees then gathered into their assigned groups to intently listen to HRS President and Master Rosarian **Myrna Cariaga** as she spoke about the important topic of “Pruning Roses.”

**Myrna** began the class with the Five W’s of Rose Pruning: WHO should be pruning roses, WHAT tools are used for pruning roses, WHY prune roses, WHERE should roses be pruned and WHEN is the best time to prune.

She showed us the various tools she uses to prune her rose plants such as her bypass pruner, loppers, and pruning handsaw. **Myrna** also spoke about the different types of pruning: Deadheading, Finger Pruning, and Light Pruning. She demonstrated the correct techniques for pruning roses on two of the rose plants she brought from home, showing us the proper direction and angle of her cut, as well as watching for the 5-leaflets, and where to cut above the bud eye.

After lecturing about pruning roses, **Myrna** then spoke about the importance of sharpening and disinfecting your pruners before each use. She gave a hands-on

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Photo by Myrna Cariaga

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this intriguing variety of rose. Sources indicate that with most purple roses, **Ebb Tide** seems to produce larger and darker purple roses in cooler weather, versus more of a violet, magenta pink coloration in hotter weather. Despite being at the UGC Rose Garden where it was

almost always hot, we found that **Ebb Tide** was able to retain its intense purple coloration as it did not fade to a magenta pink.

Floribundas are customarily known for blooming in small to large clusters which create an impressive floral display when in full bloom. Each pointed **Ebb Tide** bud unfurls to an exquisite blossom with slightly ruffled, velvety petals averaging 3-1/2 inches in diameter. The flowers are large, full, double, cupped and have an old-fashioned bloom form bearing 25 to 48 petals each.

These stunning flowers contrast beautifully with the semi-glossy, dark green foliage, which has very good resistance to fungal diseases. Its nearly thornless medium stemmed feature makes this an

ideal rose to cut and enjoy its beauty and fragrance indoors. **Ebb Tide** has an upright, compact, rounded and medium bushy growth habit, making it an attractive rose for your beds, borders, containers. It is sure to blend in nicely into the landscape of your garden. It can grow to heights of 2 to 4 feet and widths of 2 to 4 feet. In the UGC Rose Garden, it grew to about 3 feet tall. As with most roses, **Ebb Tide** does best in full sunlight but can also tolerate partial shade.

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Photo by Cathy Matsuzaki

demonstration using sandpaper to remove the rust and sap from pruners before showing the class the proper method of safely sharpening pruners using a mill file. **Myrna** also stressed the importance of disinfecting your pruners with 91% isopropyl alcohol between cuts to prevent the spread of fungal disease and bacteria from plant to plant.

Under the guidance of their respective Group Leaders, participants got to use the sandpaper which was given to them to remove the rust and sap from their pruners, correctly sharpen their pruners with the use of a mill file, and then disinfect their pruners using the travel-size spray bottle of alcohol which was given to each attendee. Participants were then tasked to deadhead their own mini rose plants and prune using the

techniques described earlier by **Myrna**.

Attendees also practiced their pruning skills on their 3-gallon rose plants they were invited to bring to class with them. As each person took great care to prune their roses, **Myrna** explained the pruning priority: Prune all dead wood first, then remove diseased canes, crossing canes, and then prune for safety and lastly, prune for aesthetics.

After the conclusion of the class, participants walked away with a wealth of knowledge about pruning their roses, eager to practice their newly learned skills on other rose plants at home.

Thank you to **Myrna Cariaga** for speaking about this interesting and important topic of how to prune our rose plants. Thank you to both **Myrna** and **Marsha** for arranging for this new venue for our Rose School workshops and for sharing their beautiful and fragrant home-grown roses which were given away as door prizes to some lucky recipients.

Thank you also to **Debbie Iijima** for bringing her fragrant pink mini roses (variety unknown) which was also given away as a door prize.

Many thanks to our outstanding Group Leaders for sharing their knowledge and giving one-on-one support to their team members: **Linda Kauhane, Lynn Koba, Lianne Nagano, Mary Ann Recaido, Aileen Schroffner**, and **Frank Dumlaos** who filled in for **Brandon Tavares** who was away on a trip. Also, thank you to all those who generously brought snacks to share with their fellow rosarians and especially to **Christine Stone** for bringing the delicious pastries from Kamehameha Bakery.



Mary Ann providing one-on-one assistance to Raynette.  
Photo by Cathy Matsuzaki

## Green Rose: Browning in Middle

By Marsha Yokomichi  
HRS Master Rosarian

*Question:* 2023 Rose School Group Leader, Lianne Nagano writes, one of my group members mentioned that her Green Rose has a dark center and wondered if this is the type of rose or is there a way to make the center green since it would look nicer? Any thoughts?

Lianne says she has a Green Rose plant at home that looks like hers (see attached photo).

*Response:* I just went outside to take a look at my Green Rose and most of the blooms also had that dark colored center just like the photo that you sent.

There were only a few predominantly green roses on the bush for an unknown reason. This seems to be the norm though as most photos of the Green Rose even on the internet are showing some browning in the center.



Photo by Lianne Nagano

I'm wondering if this is a seasonal thing because of the warm weather we've been experiencing. I never really noticed the middle browning until your question from a member led me to go outside and check.

Let's pose the question to members in the newsletter and see what kind of responses we come up with.

Do you have a Green Rose growing in your yard? Does the roses on it have brownish centers or is the entire rose green? Please send your responses to me at: [myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com). Mahalo!

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widths of 2 to 3 feet. The medium green foliage has good disease resistance and the variety does well in either full sun or partial shade.

**Heavenly Scented** will make a perfect addition to your garden landscape whether in your rose bed or container.

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## Unknown Cause for Damage to Leaves

By Marsha Yokomichi  
HRS Master Rosarian

Here's another photo sent in by Lianne Nagano. Lianne writes, I was cleaning my potted roses and came across this. Know what it is? Was on the underside of leaves.

Hi Lianne, after much research on the internet, I still don't know what this damage is on the underside of your leaves.

I am taking a guess in saying that it might be chemical damage as the outlines of the pattern of the spots resembles something like the beading of a liquid chemical.

If you have experienced similar damage or have some other idea of what caused this, please let me know: [myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com).

Mahalo!



Photo by Lianne Nagano

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Photo source:  
<https://heirloomroses.com/products/st-cecilia>

David Austin Rose:  
**Saint Cecilia**

Does anyone have this rose growing in your yard? The **Saint Cecilia** rose was hybridized in 1987 and is no longer in production.

One of our new HRS members is on the lookout for this rose so please contact HRS Membership Chair, Janice Fukuda at [fukudaj002@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:fukudaj002@hawaii.rr.com) if you have this rose or know where you can purchase it.



## Armchair Traveler: Ashikaga Flower Park Rose Garden Ashikaga, Tochigi, Japan

By Marsha Yokomichi  
HRS Master Rosarian

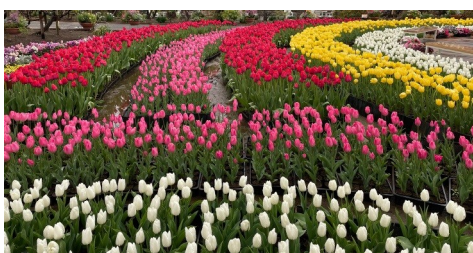
I first heard of Ashikaga Flower Park from a former coworker who is originally from Tochigi, Japan where the garden is located. Her mom visited the **Ashikaga Flower Park Rose Garden** during the COVID lockdown in June 2020 and she sent several photos to share with us for the June 18, 2020 edition of our Rose Petals newsletter.

My former coworker mentioned that there was always something blooming at Ashikaga Flower Park so it was worth it to visit at any time of the year. After doing some research on the web to learn about the garden, we knew we wanted to visit it the next time we went to Japan.



Entrance to the garden is through the beautiful garden shop.

Myrna and I had originally planned to travel to Japan in May 2020 but of course, we had to postpone the trip because Japan closed its borders to foreigners in Spring that year. After postponing the trip six-times due to the continuing pandemic and Japan's closed borders, we were finally able to travel to Tokyo in early to mid-March this year. Of course it was too early in the year for roses but we were fortunate to see beautiful tulips and early cherry blossoms.



The rose bushes that we saw there were bursting with new healthy shoots and it was interesting to see all the work that was being done to prepare for rose-season which was just a short two-months away. Here I contrast what we saw when we visit in mid-March with photos from the Ashikaga Flower Park Website taken when the rose garden was in full-bloom. I'm also supplementing those photos with two from my former coworker's mom taken in late May 2023 when she visited the **Ashikaga Flower Park Rose Garden**.



Photo Source: [https://www.ashikaga.co.jp/rosefestival\\_special2020/en/](https://www.ashikaga.co.jp/rosefestival_special2020/en/)

The Ashikaga Flower Park is located at 607 Hasamacho, Ashikaga, Tochigi 329-4216, Japan which is about two hours from Tokyo Station via the JR Utsunomiya line. You can save 30 minutes by catching a shinkansen from Tokyo to Oyama but you still need to hop on a slow commuter train for the last half hour ride to the garden. Although the day we visited was a bit chilly and slightly rainy, we had a wonderful time seeing all of the



colorful tulips and also the majestic wisteria trees on the premises.

Ashikaga Flower Park is actually best known for its collection of 350 wisteria

trees which are in full bloom for their annual Great Wisteria Festival which takes place from mid-April to mid-May every year. It was hard to believe that all the wisteria trees that we saw were completely bare in mid-March and would be in full-bloom just one short month later. Wisteria must grow very quickly!

The garden is certainly worth a visit even if it's a bit far from Tokyo and certainly off the beaten path for most tourists. Ashikaga Flower Park boasts about 1.5 million visitors every year with most arriving during the wisteria-blooming season. However, if you visit right after wisteria-season, **Ashikaga Flower Park Rose Garden**



surely won't disappoint you as there will be thousands of roses blooming continuously from mid-May to mid-June. The rose garden features 2,500 roses in 500 varieties.

Admission ranges from 400—2,100 yen (about \$3 to \$15) depending on the time of year when you visit.

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