

Short Rose-Related Info-Bits to Stay Connected

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### Floribunda Spotlight: Sentimental

By Cathy Matsuzaki

The Christmas Season is here and what a perfect opportunity to feature the beautiful rose, **Scentimental**, an HRS favorite. The variety adorned the previous UGC Rose Garden several times throughout the years. **Scentimental** is reminiscent of the holidays with its unique coloration similar to stripped red and white peppermint candy canes. **Scentimental**, a Floribunda rose, was bred by Tom Carruth before 1996 and introduced in the United States by Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower, Inc. in 1997.

It was the first striped rose to win the All-America Rose Selections



Photo by Myrna Cariaga

(AARS) award in 1997. The parentage of **Scentimental** stems from *Playboy* (an orange red Floribunda bred by Alexander

Cocker in Scotland before 1976) and Peppermint Twist (a pink and red blend Floribunda bred by Jack Christensen in the United States before 1988). Interestingly, Scentimental was used to develop other new rose cultivars including, All American Magic, City of Carlsbad, Julio Iglesias and Chihuly, the latter of which was once thriving in the UGC Rose Garden.

**Scentimental**'s pointed buds open quickly to feature gorgeous classically formed large double blooms averaging 4-3/4 inches in diameter with a 25 to 35 petal count. The long-lasting blossoms can be burgundy red splashed and

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## Hybrid Tea Spotlight: Legends



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In the spirit of Christmas, we feature a traditional red rose known as *Legends*. This gorgeous rose, also known as *Josephine*, is a Hybrid Tea bred by Tom Carruth before 2006. It was introduced in the United States by Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower, Inc. in 2009. *Legends* was created from

the City of San Francisco (a medium red Floribunda also bred by Tom Carruth in 2000) and Olympiad (a medium red Hybrid Tea bred by Samuel Darragh McGredy IV in 1972).

A legend herself, *Oprah Winfrey*, a well-known television personality, actress, producer, media proprietor, entrepreneur and philanthropist, was involved in the multi-year evaluation and final selection of the *Legends* rose. This rose was chosen to pay tribute to honor 25 outstanding African American women she considered to be legends in the fields of art, entertainment, and civil rights during Oprah's Legends Weekend and Ball in May of 2005

This beautiful medium bright cherry red rose produces massive blooms averaging 6 inches in diameter,

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### Registration Open: HRS Holiday Party

Please join us at our Annual Holiday Celebration on Sunday, January 14th, at Hale Ikena—Fort Shafter. Proudly recognizing **Charlene Takeuchi** as our 2023 Rookie of the Year. 10am Check-in; 11am lunch. \$30 per person. Deadline: 12/26/23.

New Fort Shafter Entry Process: All HRS members and guests must provide required information (Full Name, Gender, Birthdate, government issued ID and number) in advance.

If paying via check, please mail to Cathy Matsuzaki at P.O. Box 1735, Pearl City, HI 96782 with your entry data (listed above) and payment. If paying by credit card, **Click Here**. Marsha will email you an encrypted message via ShareFile requesting your entry data. Please respond to that message to encrypt the data before sending it to her.

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striped with white or a more creamy white swirled with red. Its stunning coloration is a sight to behold because no two petals are ever alike; even the patterns differ on the upper side and under the petal surfaces to make this rose even more unique. Scentimental is a good repeat bloomer bearing small clusters of flowers with an intoxicating sweet rose and spicy fragrance. Pollinators are sure to adore these fragrant blooms. It produces decorative rose hips and the petals are ideal for making potpourri.

**Scentimental** is a vigorous medium, compact, rounded, bushy shrub growing to heights of 35 to 47 inches and widths of 31 to 43 inches. Its semi-glossy medium to dark green ruffled leathery foliage serves as a perfect backdrop to highlight the dazzling red and white blossoms. It flourishes best in full sunlight, although it is known to tolerate some partial shade. It has good disease resistance, but it can be susceptible to blackspot.



Scentimental—No two blooms are alike. Taken at the former UGC Rose Garden. Photo by Myrna Cariaga

Scentimental is able to stand both heat and humidity but also flourishes in cooler temperatures. Moderate temperatures, however, tend to produce the best color and larger blooms. With its impressive red and white clustered blossoms, Scentimental will definitely make a statement planted in your garden beds, borders and containers, or bring some cuttings indoors to enjoy its delightful fragrance.

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although it can grow as large as 8 inches in diameter! The big pointed ovoid buds gracefully swirl open into a classic Hybrid Tea form with very full, large, double, high-centered to cupped bloom form averaging 18 to 25 petals, but can be upwards to 30 petals.

Just to give you an idea how enormous this *Legends* rose is, one colossal petal alone can be large enough to cover a young child's palm. The slightly ruffled rich ruby red petals, sometimes tinged with a hint of ebony hue, are resilient and maintain their brilliant coloration from beginning to end. Even the anthers on the stamens are steeped in red.

An extraordinary Hybrid Tea rose with a single elegant bloom carried atop a long stem, **Legends** makes



Photo by Myrna Cariaga

an excellent cut rose for your vase indoors with its mild spice and tea fragrance.

Legends is a medium plant with an upright to slightly spreading growth habit. It can grow to heights of 4 to 5 feet and widths of 2 to 3 feet at maturity. The unique and very large matter reddish-green lettuce like leaves perfectly complements the impressive Legends rose in both size and coloration. It is a good repeat bloomer, has very good

disease resistance and is tolerant to heat and humidity. Cooler temperatures bring about the largest and most blooms during springtime. As with a majority of roses, *Legends* tends to thrive best in full sunlight. With its gigantic red blossoms, *Legends* is definitely a conversation piece that will surely create a dramatic accent in your garden landscape, border-edging or in your potted container.

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## Armchair Traveler: Rose Garden at Barona Resort & Casino

By Marsha Yokomichi & Beth Van Boxtel

The Rose Garden at Barona Resort & Casino, or the Barona Valley Rose Garden as it is sometimes called, is located in the city of Lakeside, CA about an hour away from San Diego. Barona Resort & Casino is located on the Barona Indian Reservation.



The rose garden features 390 varieties and is one of only ten evaluation gardens for renowned David Austin English roses. The roses thrive in this area known for its year-round temperate climate and abundance of sunshine.

HRS Member, Beth Van Boxtel a



Master Gardener and a Consulting Rosarian with the San Diego Rose Society writes, "I visited the garden in early June 2023, and wrote down the names of some of the more rare roses: Purple Heart; Laura Bush; The Imposter; Wing Ding; Janice Kellogg; Gentle Giant; New Dawn, Dream Weaver, Autumn Sunset; Show Biz; Mary Magdalene; Europeana; Miss Behavin'; Wildeve; Buttercup and many more."



Beth shares, "The late Dick Streeper, a former San Diego Rose Society leader/member, was asked to design the placement of several David Austin roses

many years ago. The roses he planned for included: Lichfield Angel; Ambridge Rose; Carding Mill; Sophy's Choice; Sharifa Asma; Lady of Megginch; and Golden Celebration. He wanted them to be planted in groups of three of the same variety, to produce mounds of the same rose. Sue Streeper said she brought the fourth rose of each variety home to be able to observe their growth patterns. She still has those in pots, and they are doing well.

The Rose Garden at Barona Resort & Casino is located at 1932



Wildcat Canyon Road, Lakeside, CA 92040. Once on the premises, Beth says the garden is located behind the multilevel parking garage for Barona Resort & Casino. Admission is Free.

Mahalo to Beth for sharing her beautiful photos and notes regarding her visit to the **Rose** Garden at Barona Resort & Casino.

All photos by Beth Van Boxtel

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# Rose Care Tidbit: It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

By Marsha Yokomichi HRS Master Rosarian

Here in Hawaii, during the waning days of Fall, we're finally enjoying relatively dry and cool weather! Our roses are recuperating from another brutally hot summer and they are just waiting to show off their blooms once again in the new year!

Now is a great time to give your

roses a boost with an added layer of compost worked into the surface of the soil. Apply an inch of compost to the dripline around your roses to give them the benefit of compost-tea every time you water. In addition, you may want to apply a "Fish Emulsion Tonic" to give your roses an extra boost. Here, we share former HRS Member and Consulting Rosarian Betsy Walters' recipe which she said she applied three

times a year to give her roses a kickstart.

Mix:

- 4 ounces of Apple Cider Vinegar
- 3 ounces of Fish Emulsion
- 1 Gallon of Water

Dispense:

1 Quart per large rose bush (HT, Fl, Gr, etc.) or 1 Pint per mini rose bush