



Non UGC Rose Spotlight: *Abracadabra*

By Cathy Matsuzaki

Editor's Note: As you know, the word *Abracadabra* is typically used by stage magicians in their magic shows. Did you know, that the word is actually of unknown origin but it appears in Hebrew phrases and can be translated as, "I will create as I speak."

Abracadabra is an exquisite eye-catching rose with a very unique color combination of a deep crimson/maroon with splashes of lemon yellow to golden stripes running throughout its petals. No two blooms are alike giving it a magical allure. Amazingly, the blooms also seem to transform color right before our eyes as different shades of yellows turn to pale white as the blooms age.

Abracadabra is a Floribunda rose discovered before 2001 by W. Kordes & Sons, a German rose



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

breeding company. This variety was first sold in the Netherlands in October 2001. ***Abracadabra*** is a sport of the *Hocus Pocus* rose, which is also a red blend Floribunda rose discovered by W. Kordes & Sons in 2000. A "sport" is the result of a genetic mutation which can result in a bloom with a different color or form on the mother plant.

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Photo by Myrna Cariaga

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This Floribunda rose is appropriately named ***Sparkle & Shine*** because if you're lucky enough to own this rose variety,

it does just that. It will miraculously brighten any area where it is growing and its often picture-perfect form is something to behold. From bud to mid-opening to fully-bloomed this rose is very photogenic at every stage and there is rarely a time that you would not be able to find a photo-worthy bloom on this plant.

Somewhat of a classic rose dating back over 13 years, it still turns the heads of anyone passing by. Give the variety a good-pruning and it's possible to

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President's Message

As the Holiday Season is fully upon us, I would like to wish you all the warmest Happy Holidays! May the splendor of the Christmas season bring you and your family joy and happiness.

As we slowly recover from the pandemic, I want to take this opportunity to thank **Cathy Matsuzaki, Bob Speer, Glenn and Janice Fukuda** and all the faithful volunteers who have been caring for the UGC Rose Garden. I would also like to thank **Marsha Yokomichi** and **Cathy Matsuzaki** for all their efforts in continuing our HRS Newsletters and online workshops/meetings.

Mahalo to outgoing Officer, **Laurie Shimabukuro** for her dedication serving as our Treasurer for the past six years. We wish her much success in continuing her family CPA practice and music-tutoring. Mahalo also to **Glenn Fukuda** for all his hard work and commitment in maintaining the UGC Rose Garden as he concludes his position as UGC Rose Garden Director at the end of this year. We wish him much success and good health moving forward.

I also extend my heartfelt gratitude for those continuing on: **Cathy Matsuzaki** as VP - Internal and **Lynn Koba** as our Secretary. The VP-External position will remain vacant as **Marsha Yokomichi** will be transitioning from that position back to the Treasurer position, a role that she once held years ago.

A new year brings a new beginning and excitement as we return to in-person events and activities. We look forward to seeing you in 2023. I wish you good health, prosperity and endless roses blooming in your garden.

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Each medium high-centered blossom of **Abracadabra** averages 2-3/4 inches in diameter with 17 to 25 petals on its double bloom form. Although it has only a light scent to no fragrance at all, that's a small price to pay for the extraordinary beauty of this exotic rose.

The nearly thornless **Abracadabra**



roses are a stunning and striking contrast against its matte dark green foliage. The compact, upright and bushy shrub can grow to heights of 2 to 3 feet with a spread of 1 to 2 feet. As with most roses, **Abracadabra** does well in the full sun.

Abracadabra is a difficult to find



A mature-version of Abracadabra. Notice the change in coloration as the bloom ages.

variety here in the U.S. It can only be found at specialty nurseries such as Rouge Valley Roses. The photo specimens for this article were found growing in a rose garden in Yokohama, Japan. For those wanting one of these rose plants, we can only wish and hope that one would appear before us when we wave a magic wand and say its name out loud. **Abracadabra!**

All photos by Marsha Yokomichi

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be rewarded with over a dozen blooms of **Sparkle & Shine** blooming simultaneously! Bred by renowned hybridizer Christian Bédard before 2009, **Sparkle & Shine** was introduced in the United States in 2012 by Weeks Wholesale Rose Grower, Inc.

This particular rose may remind you of another Floribunda growing in the UGC Rose Garden, *Julia Child*, which is a medium-yellow Floribunda rose, but **Sparkle & Shine** is a deeper yellow with long-lasting coloring. The resemblance is not a coincidence as the parentage of *Sparkle & Shine* is a cross between *Julia Child* and *Julie Newmar*, a yellow blend Hybrid Tea rose named after an old-time actress.

Sparkle & Shine is borne mostly solitary in small clusters and has a strong anise, apple and licorice



A fully-bloomed Sparkle & Shine rose. Photo by Myrna Cariaga

fragrance. Each pointed bud unfurls into a ruffled medium full blossom, averaging 3 to 4 inches in diameter with a 33 to 38 petal count. The gorgeous yellow roses compliment a bushy, rounded, upright plant with glossy medium green foliage. It has good disease resistance to fungal diseases such as Black Spot and Powdery Mildew.

Sparkle & Shine can grow to

heights of 3 to 4 feet with a spread of 3 to 4 feet so it may be good for small gardens or planting in large pots. Here in Hawaii, the plants stand nearly 5-feet in height so it is very evident that it enjoys our warm Hawaiian weather.

In the UGC Rose Garden, **Sparkle & Shine** is growing in the Ewa-Makai quad of the Showcase Rose Garden across the Pergola. Although sources indicate that it is a bushy and rounded plant, this variety in the UGC Rose Garden is more airy. What's impressive is that it almost always has at least a few intense-yellow blooms adorning the plants during each weekly Maintenance Day.

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Buying Roses—What are Your Options?

By Marsha Yokomichi
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All photos by Marsha Yokomichi unless otherwise noted.

Rose-buying season is just around the corner! Hawaii's rose planting season generally starts in January. No doubt you've already received notices from online suppliers saying that bareroot roses are available to order now for Spring 2023 delivery. It's also the time when our local nurseries and garden centers stock their shelves with cigar-pack bareroot roses or newly-planted potted roses in hopes of wooing you to come in and buy.

Bareroot Roses

Bareroot roses are dormant roses that are sold and distributed without their native soil attached. Between the months of January through May, mail order companies ship roses as bareroots because it's lightweight and easy to handle during shipping. Local garden centers such as Lowe's, Wal-Mart, and Costco sell bareroots in "cigar-packs" during December-January. One significant advantage in buying bareroots is that you can choose from a vast variety ranging from old garden roses (OGR) to some modern ones too.



Photo Source: <https://southfloridarose.com/2016/02/09/bare-root-roses-from-aldi/>

However, a disadvantage of buying bareroots is that it may be an experimental garden-experience if you are not familiar with the variety that you purchased on a whim. Cost of bareroots *can* be inexpensive compared to potted roses. Local garden centers can sell non-

patented (older varieties) bareroot roses as low as \$9.95 each. These bareroots are a great value if you are considering buying many roses or if you are unsure of the variety and would like to "try it out" for a season. However, some bareroots purchased from a mail order catalog can amount to double or triple that cost when you include shipping and handling. Especially for the latest rose varieties.

Potted Roses

Potted roses are bareroot roses



Potted Rose from a Past
HRS Rose Sale

planted in containers and grown for a short period of time before they are sold at garden centers. Consider these as "starter plants" for your garden. Similar to the 4" pots of herbs and annuals, the intention is to have the rose established in the container so that you can easily transplant it soon afterwards.

Convenience would be the main benefit of buying potted roses. Since they are already established, you'll save yourself the risk of failure in getting it started. Also, you have the additional benefit of examining the plant's structure and bloom before purchasing. Potted rose plants are being sold for close to \$25 per plant growing in a two-gallon pot.

The selection of rose varieties may be limited when shopping for potted roses though. You're pretty much at the mercy of nurseries and the varieties they choose to sell. I prefer

shopping for roses via mail order catalogs because I usually can find the varieties that I really want. But that does not stop me from continuously visiting our local garden centers to see what they have for sale. Like a true rosarian, I'll find a spot in my garden if I find a good-looking potted rose at the garden center.

What to Look For

When purchasing potted roses, make sure the plants are healthy before making the purchase. There should be no canker (blackish or brownish discoloration of the stems) or die-back of the canes that has reach the bud-union (base of the plant).

Because of Hawaii's hot and humid weather, look for roses whose petals are thick and full of moisture. These tend to do better in our climate. Rose plants with shiny leaves are said to be



more disease-resistant because the fungal spores of blackspot and powdery mildew have a more difficult time latching on to its slick leaf surface.

Lastly, as a general rule, newer rose varieties tend to do better because it is the goal of every rose hybridizer to breed disease-resistant rose varieties. Advances in research and development towards this goal have been accomplished in more recent years when compared with older varieties.

Where to Buy

Potted roses are available at local garden centers such as Home Depot, Lowe's, and Koolau Farmers as well as local nurseries such as R&S Nii Nursery. On the web, the choices are limited for those willing to ship to Hawaii: Heirloom Roses, Jackson & Perkins, and David Austin.



Armchair Traveler: Rose Haven Heritage Garden Temecula, CA

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Last month, Myrna and I had an opportunity to visit the **Rose Haven Heritage Garden** located in Temecula, CA which is about 60 miles north of San Diego.

While the garden was not in its peak-form due to the time of year, what we saw was equally impressive. The development and upkeep of the grounds that hosted roses and many other types of plants was very apparent.

We were certain that many hundred of volunteer-hours were spent weeding, deadheading, and caring for the approximately 2,000 roses on the 3.4 acre property probably in just this year alone. We were fortunate to find a few late rose blooms on some plants but the roses were mostly dormant with a few showing colorful rose hips.



The rose garden's history is intertwined with the Temecula Valley Rose Society which was established in 1990. The garden itself was established a year later when a local real estate developer offered the property for the development of a rose garden. Through generous donations of bareroot roses from national rose distributors Weeks Roses and Jackson & Perkins, the rose society's members planted almost 800 roses in 1991.

In 2005, the Temecula Valley Rose Society purchased the land the rose garden sits on from a tax-lien sale.



Photo source:

<https://www.visittemeculavalley.com/listing/rose-haven-heritage-garden/1454/>

The society received a grant from the Metropolitan Water District which provided for the garden's expansion and continued development. The **Rose Haven Heritage Garden** became a member of the American Public Garden Association and was declared a Certified Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Association in 2011.



Throughout the years, the **Rose Haven Heritage Garden** continued to evolve and improve with the help of strong leadership in various aspects of running the garden. There is a committee who coordinates the many projects that need work in the garden and bring in a cadre of volunteers to get things done. From small groups to large groups and young to old, there is always something for every volunteer to do and all are

welcomed. There is another committee who arranges garden events, tours of the garden, and public pruning workshops to get the community involved and still another, the Rose Haven Friends committee, who seek out financial support for the garden through annual donation solicitation letters.

The **Rose Haven Heritage Garden** celebrated its 30th Anniversary in 2021 and it is evidence of what wonderful work can be done to develop and maintain a private rose garden that the public is welcome to visit and enjoy. The **Rose Haven Heritage Garden** serves as an inspiration for us to keep moving forward in pursuit of our mission of promoting rose horticulture in Hawaii at the UGC Rose Garden.

The **Rose Haven Heritage Garden** is located at 30592 Jedediah Smith Road, Temecula, CA 92592. Open dawn to dusk daily. Free admission. The best time of the year to visit is in the Spring and then again in the Fall. The roses are left to slip into dormancy at the end of the year.

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