



# Rose Petals



Short Rose-Related Info-Bits to Stay Connected

HAPPY NEW YEAR  
**2024!**

January 15, 2024 Edition

## HRS Celebrates the Holidays



Photo by Greg Kaya

By Marsha Yokomichi

Fifty Honolulu Rose Society members and their guests gathered together yesterday at the Hale Ikena at Fort Shafter for our annual HRS Holiday Celebration. For those of us who didn't have Military IDs, the new process of gaining entrance to Fort Shafter was surprisingly quick and easy!

Back in late December 2023, we

forwarded a list of members' and guests' names and driver's license numbers to Hale Ikena staff who in turn forwarded the list to the Tripler's Vehicle Control Center. A few days later, they informed us that everyone on the list was cleared to enter Fort Shafter on the morning of the party. We just needed to show our Driver's License at the gate when we arrived. We were then

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## Floribunda Spotlight: *George Burns*

By Cathy Matsuzaki

**George Burns** is a beautiful and captivating bright yellow blend Floribunda rose with its kaleidoscope of colorful stripes and splashes from deep red to rose pink and cream. Cooler temperatures tend to bring out a stronger yellow hue. One will definitely enjoy not only the unique coloration of each blossom but the strong citrus and fruity fragrance. The fully rounded buds gracefully swirl open to stunning large and full ruffled blooms that average 4 inches in diameter with a 26 to 40 petal count. Be careful though because **George Burns** is armed with lots of thorns and prickles, although its dazzling beauty outweighs this slight shortcoming.



Photo by Glenn Fukuda

One of the characteristics of a Floribunda is its capability to produce flowers in clusters, making **George Burns** a spectacular and

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## 2023 Outstanding Rookie of the Year

By Myrna Cariaga

**Charlene Takeuchi** joined the HRS in March 2023 as part of her enrollment in the HRS 2023 Rose School Workshops. She was very receptive and interested in all of the Rose School topics and showed enthusiasm for all of the workshops.

We were tickled to see her happiness and genuine appreciation when she was the lucky winner of one of the rose bouquets which was filled with our home-grown roses. What stuck out as even more special to us was the fact that she stayed back to help us clean up after all of the Rose School workshops without us even asking. She was also one of the first to volunteer to help at our October 2023 Fall Rose Show at Kahala Mall. We, therefore, assigned her to be one of the Rose Show Clerks and she assisted Marsha, Mary Ann, and me judge the Rose Show entries.

Charlene learned a lot that day as the judges clued her in on how the roses were being judged and why. I think Charlene now has an even better appreciation for the beauty of roses because of that experience.

We were impressed with what we saw in Charlene during her first year of membership with the HRS and we are looking forward to working with her more in the near future.

Charlene, on behalf of the Nominating Committee comprised of HRS Officers, Congratulations on being selected as the 2023 HRS Rookie of the Year. We sincerely appreciate your dedication and support.

## HRS Holiday Celebration

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waived in and arrived at Hale Ikena just a short few minutes later. That was a huge difference from years past when we had to go to the Fort Shafter Vehicle Control Center and wait in line for several minutes to get a pass to enter.

Although the Hale Ikena no longer serves their expansive Sunday Brunch, we still enjoyed our own private buffet lunch which featured local-style teriyaki chicken, breaded mahi mahi, potato and green salad, and several delectable desserts. All-in-all, the food was delicious, the service was good, and we really enjoyed ourselves once again this year.



HRS President, Myrna Cariaga, served as our MC and extended her New Year's greetings and welcomed everyone to the celebration. HRS Master Rosarian and veteran member, Aileen Schroffner gave a heartfelt and fitting invocation to bless the food, everyone at the party, and also those who could not join us.



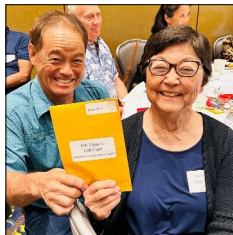
Linda Hayashi won one of the prizes

After lunch, Frank Dumlao and his assistants: Janice Fukuda, Mary Ann Recaido, and Laurie Shimabukuro took us through the First Round of Five Rounds of Door Prize Giveaways.

Key winners of prizes with the highest value were: Claire Ching with a \$100 Don Quijote Gift Card; Cassandra Barayuga with a \$100 Gyotaku Restaurant Gift Card; Judy Nii with a \$100 Zippy's Gift Card;

Bob Speer with a \$100 Amazon Gift Card; and Mary Ann with a Handmade Patchwork Quilt.

The total value of this year's Door Prize Giveaways far outpaced any other HRS Door Prize Giveaway at all other previously held HRS parties. In all, well over \$4,000 worth of prizes were given away!



Steve & Lianne Nagano with their prize

This year's prizes included a Grand Prize of a 3-Hour Private Charter on the trimaran "Keet" donated by HRS supporter Porter Turnbull of North Shore Sailing Adventures valued at \$1,000. Porter is a good friend of Janice and Glenn Fukuda. Some of you may remember him coming to our aid last year by adopting many of our UGC roses so they would not need to be discarded. The certificate for the Grand Prize went to HRS member Cassandra Olayvar Barayuga. Congratulations to Cassandra and her husband, Edwin, who will be taking that private charter with four friends/relatives in the near future!



Along with Porter's donation, we had numerous HRS members step forward to generously donate over \$3,700 worth of prizes for our giveaways. These donors include: Cathy & Ron Matsuzaki; Myrna Cariaga; Frank & Claire Dumlao; Glenn & Janice Fukuda; Deena Gary; Linda Hayashi; Ann Ho; Debbie Iijima; Greg Kaya; Lucy Kunimura; Susan Nakamura; Aileen Schroffner; Bob Speer; Candace Tasoe; and Marsha Yokomichi. The HRS also contributed \$300 worth of gift cards for the giveaways.

We also took the opportunity to recognize Outstanding Rookie of the Year, Charlene Takeuchi, for her

exemplary service to the HRS during her first year as a member of the club. Please see the separate article on Page 1 for more information.



(L-R) Marsha; Lynn Koba, Charlene Myrna, and Cathy

Myrna put together two outstanding videos for us to watch. One was a tribute to the UGC Rose Garden, from 2009 to 2022. The other was a Year-in-Review video which highlighted our events for 2023. Both videos couldn't help but make us tear up a bit as we viewed the establishment of the garden; all the hard work that went into improving and maintaining it; and closing down of the rose garden all in a span of about 15 minutes. We, however, ended the videos on a positive note with the song, "Don't You Worry" by the Black Eyed Peas and Shakira. The upbeat tempo and the lyrics, "Don't you worry 'bout a thing; Cause everything's gonna be alright" couldn't help but put us in an optimistic frame of mind as we move on from last year's painful chapter in the HRS's history.

Mahalo to Cathy Matsuzaki and Myrna Cariaga for all of their many hours of hard work in preparation for our party. It was an honor to have worked with these two outstanding HRS Officers to produce a first-class event where everything ran very smoothly. The ambience of our party was one of warmth and camaraderie and I want to thank every member and guest who attended for making it a truly memorable experience.

Happy New Year!  
Kung Hee Fat Choy!

All photos by Greg Kaya

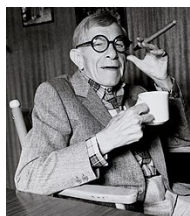
## Floribunda: *George Burns*

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eye-catching display when the brilliant small clustered blossoms are in full bloom. It also features dark green glossy foliage and is known to be a good repeat bloomer. The medium, rounded, compact and upright shrub has relatively good disease resistance, although it can potentially be susceptible to Black Spot. At its maturity, **George Burns** can reach heights of 3 to 4 feet with a spread of 2 to 3 feet. As with all roses, **George Burns** flourishes best in full sunlight. These impressive and vibrant roses will accentuate your garden nicely in beds, borders and containers. They will also make an attractive centerpiece with its medium-length stems.

Legendary hybridizer Tom Carruth created **George Burns** in 1996. It was introduced in 1997 in the United States by Spring Hill Nurseries as **George Burns**. It was introduced in 2019 in Australia by Swane's Nursery/Swane Bros Pty Ltd as *Glamourpuss*. **George Burns**

also goes by the names of *Paparazzi* and *Rodeo Clown*. The parentage of **George Burns** stems from *Calico* (a pink and yellow blend Hybrid Tea rose bred by O. L. Weeks in the United States in 1976) and *Roller Coaster* (a red blend Miniature rose bred by Samuel Darragh McGredy IV in 1987). It is noteworthy that in 2006, Tom Carruth used **George Burns** by crossing it with *New Zealand* to cultivate a Grandiflora rose called *Rock & Roll*, which we once had growing in the former UGC Rose Garden along with **George Burns**.



The namesake for this exquisite rose is the late George Burns who died in 1996 at the age of 100 years old. Burns was a famous American comedian, actor, writer and singer whose successful career spanned vaudeville, radio, film and television. In 1976 at the age of 80, Burns won an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his role in

The *Sunshine Boys*. His iconic round black rimmed eyeglasses and cigar in hand became his signature trademarks.

The photo of our featured rose was taken by Glenn Fukuda, HRS Consulting Rosarian, in his rose garden at home in Aiea. Glenn and Janice adopted a **George Burns** rose plant from the UGC Rose Garden before it closed in May 2023. Glenn says, it struggled in a pot at first so I put it in the ground and it seems to be doing better. It's a real thorny rose but the beauty of the bloom makes up for that.

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## Hybrid Tea Spotlight: *Black Pearl*



Photo by Frank Dumlaio

By Cathy Matsuzaki

**Black Pearl** is a luxurious and elegant Hybrid Tea rose with velvety dark red petals and a crimson reverse. Although it has a very mild fragrance, **Black Pearl** more than makes up for it with its well-formed

large and full cluster-flowered bloom form with a 26 to 40 petal count.

These roses are highlighted nicely on a vigorous and bushy plant with matte foliage. The plant can reach heights of up to 39 inches and widths of 20 inches to 2 feet. **Black Pearl's** stunning coloration will make an impressive and eye-catching focal point planted in beds, borders and pots or even as cut flowers in a vase.

**Black Pearl** was bred by G. Delbard in France in 1976. It was bred from *Papa Meilland* (a dark red Hybrid Tea rose) and interestingly, it has a rather complex line of parentage with crosses from seven other rose varieties by Delbard. Delbard Nursery in France was founded by and named after Georges Delbard, who was known

for breeding fruit trees but later added on roses and other flowers. The exhibition name for **Black Pearl** is *Perle Noire*® and it also goes by the name *Perla Negra*.

In 2016, **Black Pearl** was recognized by the floral industry for two prestigious international awards: Agriflor 2016 Exhibition, *Gold Award* winner and SAF 2016 Outstanding Varieties Competition, *Best in Class* winner.

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# Armchair Traveler: Cornell Rose Garden Santa Fe, New Mexico

By Beth Von Boxtel  
San Diego RS Consulting Rosarian

**Editor's Note:** HRS Member, Beth Van Boxtel, a Master Gardener and a Consulting Rosarian with the San Diego Rose Society is a guest writer for this month's Armchair Traveler column.



The **Cornell Rose Garden** is located on a small strip of land in a suburban neighborhood of Santa Fe, New Mexico. The park was named after Harvey Cornell Sr. since he was responsible for beautifying parts of Santa Fe in the 1950s.



The park was established in 1957, and the first roses planted were



climbing roses named *Blaze*. Today, there are a variety of hybrid teas, floribunda, and grandiflora roses in the park, planted largely by the Santa Fe Rose Society over the past 50+ years.



The Santa Fe Master Gardener Association began assisting the Santa Fe Rose Society with maintenance of the rose garden in 2010.

June to August are the best months to see the rose blooms, as the **Cornell Rose Garden** is located in a high desert (elevation: 7,199 feet). Seasonal temperatures range from snowy and cold extremes to hot and dry weather.

This quaint rose garden takes about 30-minutes to an hour to browse

through as there are somewhere between 300-400 rose plants. There is ample adjacent street parking and available shade areas. It is very walkable. Currently there is no signage or name tags on the roses, but there are many different beautiful varieties to see.



**Cornell Rose Garden** is located at 1315 Galisteo Parkway, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87505. As this public rose garden is located in a quiet neighborhood at an intersection between Galisteo Street and Galisteo Parkway, there is no admission fee and the garden is always open.

All photos by Beth Van Boxtel

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## Upcoming Event: *R&S Nii Nursery*

**Exclusive Shopping event for  
2024 and Lifetime  
HRS Members Only!**

The nursery is closed on February 17<sup>th</sup> and will be only open from 9am -11am to host our special event.

**Special Offer** – The HRS will be subsidizing all potted rose plant purchases at a cost of \$3 each. Members will save \$3 off the cost of all potted rose plants for sale at R&S Nii Nursery. Maximum of 5 potted rose plants for each member. **Must be current with Membership**

**Dues paid up through 2024.**  
Please come early for best selection!

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