



Rose Petals



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Grandiflora Spotlight: *Fame!*

By Cathy Matsuzaki

The rose **Fame!** features stunning, vivid deep pink roses with a mild, delightful fragrance. Bred by Dr. Keith W. Zary in the United States in 1998, **Fame!** was introduced in the same year by Bear Creek Gardens, Inc.

Just one glance at this beautiful rose can make one start humming the tune *Fame* by Irene Cara. The song, used on the original soundtrack for a movie of the same name, won the Academy Award for Best Original Song in 1980.

Parentage of the **Fame!** rose stems from *Tournament of Roses* (a pink



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

blend Grandiflora bred by William A. Warriner before 1987) and *Zorina* (an orange or orange-red Floribunda

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President's Message

As my time as President of the Honolulu Rose Society comes to an end, I reflect with pride on how far we've come since I began this role in 2005. What started as a simple garden club with potluck meetings at members' homes has blossomed into a dynamic, community-serving nonprofit organization recognized both locally and nationally.

This remarkable growth wouldn't have been possible without the tireless dedication of our members and the support of fellow rose societies, national rose breeders, and many other organizations. Together, we built countless cherished memories—Holiday Parties, Rose Plant Sales, Spring and Fall Rose Shows, Rose Schools, and the development and maintenance of the beloved former

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A Time of Transition: *On the Cusp of a Promising New Era*

By Marsha Yokomichi

As 2024 comes to a close, we also see the ending of a notable era in the history of the Honolulu Rose Society.



After serving 19 years as the President of the Honolulu Rose Society and two years prior to that as the Secretary, **Myrna Cariaga**, will be stepping down to concentrate more on her profession life. **Myrna** is an Account Executive for local insurance company and also an active Realtor.

While she did want to completely step away from any leadership roles, she has committed to becoming the new Vice President—External Events for the 2025-2026 term when no other candidate expressed interest in the position. She explained that because 2025 is our 50th Anniversary of the HRS, she did not want to leave the position vacant. She is planning for

several special events to commemorate the huge milestone for the HRS next year.



Also leaving office, will be **Marsha Yokomichi**, current Treasurer. **Marsha** served as the editor of the previous HRS newsletter, *Ka Uhane O Ka Loke* from 2003-2014; as Treasurer in 2003-2004; Secretary from 2005-2006; VP External Events from 2013-2022; Treasurer from 2023-2024 and Newsletter Editor of Rose Petals from 2020 to present.

Marsha is stepping down to concentrate on her FT job as a VP of a local non-profit organization. Employees recently hired at her company mandate that she work more closely with and supervise them.

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Save the Date: *HRS Holiday Party*

Please join us at our **Annual Holiday Celebration** on **Sunday, January 19th**, at Hale Ikena—Fort Shafter. Proudly recognizing **Teri Deptula** as our 2024 Rookie of the Year and **Lianne Nagano** as our 2024 Outstanding Member. 10am Check-in; 11am lunch. \$35 per person.

Fort Shafter Entry Process: All HRS members and guests must provide required information (Full Name, Gender, Birthdate, government issued ID and number) in advance (by 1/2/25).

Invitations will be emailed to all members shortly. Deadline for us to submit the guest list for entry into Fort Shafter: Deadline: 1/2/25.

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bred by Eugene S. Boerner prior to 1963). The official registration name for **Fame!** is JACzor.

The large, showy blooms of **Fame!** average 4-1/2 inches in diameter and feature 25 to 35 petals. As a Grandiflora rose, it blooms both singly and in clusters, delivering repeat flushes of flowers throughout the growing season from spring to mid-fall. The slightly ruffled, vibrant blossoms stand out beautifully against its glossy, dark green deciduous (annually

shedding) foliage. Known for its excellent disease resistance, **Fame!** thrives best in full sunlight.

With an upright yet slightly spreading growth habit, **Fame!** can reach heights of 4 to 6 feet and a spread of up to 4-1/2 feet at maturity. Its dazzling hot pink blooms bring a burst of color to garden beds, borders, and containers, while also serving as excellent cut flowers to enjoy indoors. This robust and versatile rose is sure to elevate any landscape with its vibrant charm and reliability.

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On the Cusp of a Promising New Era

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Cathy Matsuzaki will also be leaving office to spend more time with family. **Cathy** served as our VP—Internal Events from 2015 to 2022 and became Vice President (both Internal and External) for 2023-2024 when **Marsha** resigned to become Treasurer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank President **Myrna Cariaga** for her valuable leadership and commitment to the HRS over the past 21 years as President and Secretary. Veteran members can attest to the fact that the HRS has come a long way in that time. We've had our ups and downs and still persevered because of **Myrna's** leadership. She always encouraged us to look on the brighter side of things even through the emotionally and physically difficult task of closing the UGC Rose Garden. We thank **Myrna** for her countless hours of volunteering for the HRS and look forward to her continued leadership in her new role as VP—External Events.

Cathy Matsuzaki has continued to serve as the invisible backbone of the HRS from the moment she joined the HRS. As the wife of HRS Lifetime Member; former UGC Rose Garden Director; and Lifetime Achievement Award winner, **Ron Matsuzaki**, **Cathy** was always there

to support **Ron** in the UGC Garden. She even unofficially took over his position and duties when he was no longer able to serve. This in addition to **Cathy** and son, **Ryan**, providing administrative and general support for every HRS fundraiser, excursion, workshop, Rose School workshop, and any other HRS activity. **Cathy**, thank you very much for your valuable help over the years! Words cannot adequately express our gratitude to you. It was truly a pleasure working with you as a team for all of these years.



Please join me in welcoming the new slate of HRS Officers for 2025-2026. Consulting Rosarian and veteran HRS member, **Frank Dumlao** will become the new HRS President on January 1, 2025. **Frank** grows beautiful roses in his Kapolei garden and he is a veteran Group Leader for the HRS Rose School educational series. In addition to his background and knowledge regarding rose horticulture, **Frank** is a "techie" who is the perfect person to take us into the future.

Assisting **Frank** will be **Myrna** as VP—External Events and **Janice Fukuda** as the new VP—Internal Events. **Janice** previously served as our HRS Membership Director from 2022-2024. **Janice** is a retired executive of a local



Honolulu insurance company.



Veteran member HRS **Deena Gaby** will become the new Treasurer. HRS members who have attended the HRS Holiday Party in recent years may recognize **Deena** from the reception table at the event. She and her mom, **Janice Agena**, have been faithfully volunteering to staff our table for several years. **Deena** has also volunteered to be one of our Cashiers for many of our past rose plant fundraisers at the former Urban Garden Center. We are very pleased to have **Deena** in our next-generation leadership group. Like **Frank**, **Deena** is also tech savvy and she has already taken steps to improve our social media presence for the HRS.



We would also like to thank **Lynn Koba** for continuously serving as our HRS Secretary from 2017 to current. Thankfully, **Lynn** has agreed to continue in her current role to ensure continuity through the new term. **Lynn** has extensive professional administrative experience from her work in a local Honolulu law firm.

Mahalo to all outgoing HRS Officers and Welcome to all incoming HRS Officers!

By Cathy Matsuzaki

The **Magnificent Perfume** rose is a gorgeous Shrub rose, known for its exceptional fragrance that is both sweet and fresh. Bred by John Clements in the United States in 2003, this beautiful rose was introduced by Heirloom Roses, Inc. as **Magnificent Perfume**.

Magnificent Perfume features delicate, light pink blooms with a hint of apricot in the center, providing a lovely contrast to its medium-green foliage. Its large, old-fashioned fully double flowers reach about 4 inches in diameter and are packed with at least 50 petals.

Magnificent Perfume is a vigorous, good repeat bloomer, growing to 3 to 4 feet tall and wide when mature,



All Photos by Teri Deptula

with good disease resistance. It also makes a wonderful cut flower, bringing its intoxicating scent indoors.

For **Teri Deptula**, one of our HRS members who attended the 2024

Rose School earlier this year, **Magnificent Perfume** is her favorite rose! She has been growing it for six years and loves how the pink buds bloom before fading to a soft peach. Blooming year-round in a pot by her front door, where it receives the afternoon sun, it brings Teri continuous joy and fragrance.



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Rose Garden at the Oahu Urban Gardens.

I want to take this opportunity to also thank valuable members who significantly contributed to the growth and success of the HRS. It was a pleasure to work with such dependable and resourceful members who have made my President's job almost effortless.

A special Mahalo to **Marsha Yokomichi** who is exiting her role as Treasurer this year. For over 20 years she has been a cornerstone of the HRS, wearing countless hats—Vice-President, Secretary, Master Rosarian, Newsletter Editor and more. Her tireless efforts have been the backbone of the HRS.

I also want to extend my sincere appreciation to **Cathy Matsuzaki** who is exiting her role as Vice President this year as well. For 10 years as VP, Cathy's meticulous planning and coordination ensured the success of countless events, showcasing her commitment to the Society's mission.

Finally, I am grateful to **Bob Speer**

and **Ron Matsuzaki** for their leadership in developing and maintaining the former Rose Garden at UGC. With expertise in construction and landscaping and with the support of many other volunteers and volunteer-organizations, their efforts transformed what was once barren land into a cherished oasis of roses.

And many thanks to our valuable supporters on the national-level, **Dr. Tommy Cairns** and the rose breeders from Star Roses and Weeks Roses, for the many years of generous support and donations of bareroot roses for the former UGC Rose Garden.

As we prepare to celebrate our 50th Anniversary next year, I am passing the torch to a new generation of HRS leadership. I am confident our new officers' leadership will carry forward the legacy built by these incredible individuals and our dedicated members. Thank you all for your unwavering commitment and for continuing to nurture and support the mission of the Honolulu Rose Society.

Aloha & Mahalo Nui Loa!
Myrna



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HRS Rose Petals Newsletter
Marsha Yokomichi, Editor

By Cathy Matsuzaki

On Saturday, November 16, 2024, 16 enthusiastic HRS members gathered at Aiea United Methodist Church for our much-anticipated Rose Propagation Workshop. Due to the pandemic, it has been over five years since we last hosted a Rose Propagation workshop in August 2019.

Our first featured speaker, Master Rosarian and HRS President **Myrna Cariaga**, captivated the audience with an informative presentation giving us an overview of Rose Propagation. She began by explaining the difference between patented roses which are protected for 20 years from the filing date of the patent and non-patented roses. **Myrna** then detailed various propagation methods, highlighting their benefits, such as preserving cherished rose varieties, increasing plant numbers, sharing plants, and the cost-effectiveness of propagation. We then were briefed on two rose propagation methods: Stem Propagation and Air Layering.

Stem Propagation

HRS Consulting Rosarians **Mary Ann Recaido** and **Lynn Koba** demonstrated how to propagate roses using Stem Cuttings. They explained the critical steps to ensure success and also stressed their motto: To try, and try again!



They spoke about how to choose ideal stems and how to prep them. They then showed us the recommended way to pot the stems for success. **Mary Ann** and **Lynn** said that under ideal conditions, new growth should appear within two months. But don't let that fool you, as sometimes, stems are just

using up their stored energy reserve when they are first propagated. You should wait at least four months and at least one bloom cycle before counting your Stem Propagation as a success. After that, the propagated rose plant can be repotted and gradually transitioned to full-sun conditions.

Mary Ann mentioned that she has not had success without following the hormone and greenhouse procedures for Stem Propagation but **Lynn**, along with several other green-thumbed members, mentioned that they have been successful when just sticking rose stems into pots with no special preparation at all! They both encouraged members to try Stem Propagation and share their challenges and successes regarding their propagation experiments with others.

Air Layering

Myrna then lectured and demonstrated the Air Layering technique of rose propagation. In this scenario, the stem that is being propagated is left attached to the mother plant until the propagated stem produces its own set of roots. **Marsha** added in additional details and her experience when Air



Layering her roses. **Myrna** noted the importance of keeping the sphagnum moss for air layering moist but not too wet.

For Air Layering, roots typically appear within 4 to 6 weeks with the added benefit of having a more mature, robust, and larger rose plant after the propagation. Once rooted, the rose cane needs to be cut from the mother plant, soaked in water to hydrate, and

transplanted into a pot with moist soil. **Myrna** recommended keeping the new plant out of direct sunlight for two weeks before gradually acclimating it to full sunshine.

Marsha noted that the Stem Cutting method of propagation uses thinner rose stems with a fresh rose or one that is just past prime on top of it. The Air Layering method uses thicker and more mature stems that have a rose bloom that has dried out on top of it. The two methods of rose propagation are very different and everyone should try both to see which they are more successful with. However, sometimes, the decision on which method of rose propagation you should use will depend on what rose stem specimen is available for you to use.

Hands-On Experience

Students eagerly practiced propagation using rose stem cuttings provided by HRS members. With the guidance of **Myrna, Lynn, Mary Ann, Linda Kauhane**, Master Rosarian and Treasurer **Marsha Yokomichi**, and Master Rosarian **Aileen Schroffner**, attendees honed their skills and prepared their propagations to nurture at home. Some also tried Air Layering on cut canes and were inspired to replicate the technique on their own roses at home.

The day concluded with a delicious potluck lunch and warm fellowship, celebrating a shared passion for roses.

Special thanks to **Myrna Cariaga** and **Marsha Yokomichi** for their dedicated efforts and hard work behind the scenes in preparing the materials for our workshop. Thank you also to our expert speakers **Myrna, Lynn, and Mary Ann** for their informative and engaging presentations. Your tips and techniques undoubtedly inspired attendees to try propagating their roses at home. Many thanks to those who came early to help with set-up and clean-up for the workshop.

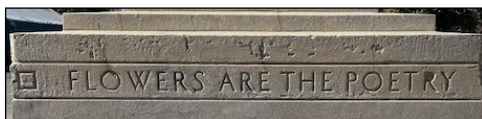
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Armchair Traveler: Exposition Park Rose Garden Los Angeles, CA

By Marsha Yokomichi
HRS Master Rosarian

*Flowers are the Poetry of the Earth
as the Stars are the Poetry
of Heaven.*



With soothing poetic thoughts such as these etched into the base of a column at the entrance of the garden, one is beckoned in to the garden to discover what beauty awaits.

I had heard about the **Exposition Park Rose Garden** in Los Angeles many years ago but never had a chance to visit despite almost yearly visits to LA. Myrna and I were determined to change that on a recent visit to the area in mid-November.

We were a little apprehensive to visit the **Exposition Park Rose Garden** so late in the year as we were expecting to see beds of roses past their prime. It was somewhat true that some of the beds were filled with spent roses that were starting to develop hips. However, there were also bursts of beautiful colorful and fragrant roses in almost every direction that we looked.



Love & Peace



The **Exposition Park Rose Garden** is a “sunken” rose garden that is located a few feet below street level. After passing the pillars at the entrance, one is greeted by a majestic water fountain in the middle of the garden surrounded by bed after bed of roses. The Natural History Museum served as a beautiful backdrop for the roses and lush green grass as we traversed from bed to bed exploring.



Falling in Love
with the Natural
History Museum
in the
background

Exposition Park was established in 1871 but the 7-acre Rose Garden was not built until 1927. There were 15,000 bushes planted in 100 rose varieties at the time. It was interesting to learn that the **Exposition Park Rose Garden** survived several threats over the years since it was established.



Carefree Spirit

First, during the trying economic times of the Great Depression, 1929-1939, a lack of funding for the upkeep of the garden threatened to close it down. Luckily, the Rose Garden survived and grew popular by the 1950s when thousands of rose enthusiasts came to the garden for a rose pruning demonstration. By the 1980s the garden featured over 20,000 roses in more than 200



Honey Perfume

rose varieties. In 1986, plans were drawn up to uproot the roses to establish an underground parking structure. This was met with extreme disdain from the public and the media as was the idea to use the area for a practice field for the Los Angeles Raiders.

Finally, in 1991, the **Exposition Park Rose Garden** was added to the National Register of Historic Places thereby protecting it from future threats to its existence. The garden is located at 701 State Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90037. Metered street parking is available nearby. Open 8:30am to dusk every day. Free admission. While you are in the area, take time to visit the Natural History Museum and California Science Center. All three are certainly worth a day's visit

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