



Rose Petals



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Hybrid Tea Spotlight: *Mister Lincoln*

By Cathy Matsuzaki

Lovely red roses evoke the essence of Valentine's Day celebrated on February 14th every year. Red long-stem roses accompanied by a box of chocolate and a special dinner are surely the epitome of Cupid's romantic day. One could head to a florist and order a dozen red roses that look picture-perfect but lack any real discernable scent. Instead, if you are lucky enough to grow this classic Hybrid Tea Rose, an HRS member favorite, cut a bloom for your Valentine and enjoy the intoxicating scent of this legendary rose.

Yes, the timing is perfect for featuring this gorgeous dark red rose for Valentine's Day since it was



Taken at the former UGC Rose Garden.
Photo by Myrna Cariaga

just a few days ago but it's also fitting to feature *Mister Lincoln* because today is President's Day. This national holiday celebrates the

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HRS Announcements & Reminders

By Marsha Yokomichi

Spring Rose Show

Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts, we were unable to find a mutually-agreeable date for our Spring Rose Show at Kahala Mall. Their Fall schedule is equally already busy so we are exploring other venues for our Fall Rose Show. Please stay tuned in the coming months for more information.

2024 Rose School



We have finally found a new venue for our Rose School this year! We are waiting for final approval from administrators

regarding the dates and times. Therefore, we won't announce the venue for a few more days but just FYI, it will be located in Aiea at a neighborhood church. Mahalo to HRS member Lianne Nagano for referring us to this possible venue! The planned dates and times for our workshops will be as follows:

WS #1 Sat., March 30, 9:30am-12noon Intro & Planting Roses;

WS #2 Sat., April 27, 9:30am-12noon Fertilizing Roses;

WS #3 Sat., May 25, 9:30am-12noon Pruning Roses; and

WS #4 Sat., June 22, 9:30am-12:30pm Pests & Diseases.

The attendance fees will remain the same as in 2023: HRS Members \$45; Non-Members \$60. **In order to keep the costs down, we will no longer be providing attendees with a 3-gallon potted rose plant.**

All other supplies including a mini rose plant; soil amendments; sample fertilizer packets; and light
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Exclusive Rose Sale at R&S Nii Nursery



Mahalo to the 20 members who came out to shop at our exclusive R&S Nii Nursery potted rose plant sale on Saturday, February 17th.

The nursery was coincidentally closed to the public that day so we were happy to have the nursery all to ourselves! We roamed the aisles to shop for the newest 2024 rose varieties as well as the "tried and true" varieties from the past.



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

The roses were in prime shape with many adorned with rose buds just waiting to burst open and bloom. Sales were brisk and we were happy to help members select their roses, process them for payment to Judy Nii, and finally load them into their cars.

This was an HRS member-exclusive event that benefited 2024 and Lifetime Honolulu Rose Society Members. The HRS extended a \$3 per plant rebate for up to 5 rose plants purchased.

The HRS did not gain anything financially from this sale but we were happy to help Judy and Richard Nii sell some of their several hundred rose plants. Judy and Richard are big supporters of the HRS previously providing roses to us at a discount for the former UGC Rose Garden. They have also provided us with substantial
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birthdays of President Abraham Lincoln on February 12 and President George Washington on February 22.

Mister Lincoln was bred by Herb Swim & O. L. Weeks in the United States in 1964 and was introduced in the United States by Conard-Pyle (Star Roses) in 1965 as **Mister Lincoln**. This rose variety won the prestigious All-America Rose Selections (AARS) award in the same year it was introduced in 1965. Its parentage stems from *Chrysler Imperial* (a dark red Hybrid Tea bred by Dr. Walter E. Lammerts in the United States before 1952) and *Charles Mallerin* (another dark red Hybrid Tea bred by Francis Meilland in France before 1947).

A luxurious and elegant rose, **Mister Lincoln** is certainly one of the most highly regarded, well-known and coveted red Hybrid Tea roses for its classical form and strong damask rose fragrance. This is true even after almost 60 years since its introduction. It's interesting to note, at least two members who were shopping asked about **Mister Lincoln** at the R&S Nii Nursery sale this past Saturday. Yes, it was in stock at R&S Nii Nursery!

Many rose experts consider **Mister Lincoln** to be a beloved classic beauty and perhaps the best red



Photo by Aileen Schreffner

Hybrid Tea rose of all time. The large urn-shaped dark red buds swirl open to form perfect and very large fully double-blooms with a high-centered to cupped bloom form. Each exquisite blossom averages 5 inches in diameter and features up to 35 rich velvety crimson red petals, changing to a lighter cherry red hue as it fully opens. It is a good repeat bloomer with long-lasting blooms. A favorite among rosarians, **Mister Lincoln** produces roses on long, strong and straight stems making it an ideal cut flower to create a stunning floral arrangement or for exhibition in a rose show.

Mister Lincoln has an attractive tall and upright growth habit with matte, dark green leathery foliage which perfectly accentuates the beautiful red roses. At maturity, it can grow to an impressive height of 4 to 7 feet and up to 2 to 3 feet in width. It is a very robust and vigorous plant and has good

adaptability to heat and thrives best in full sunlight. It has good disease resistance, although it is susceptible to Black Spot. Producing a myriad of striking large red roses, **Mister Lincoln** can be proudly grown in your rose garden. With its tall height, it provides a nice full rose border or background for your landscape. It was once admired and a favorite of visitors to the former UGC Rose Garden.

Mister Lincoln is named after the 16th President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. President Lincoln was best known for issuing the Emancipation Proclamation and speaking the Gettysburg Address. President Lincoln was assassinated by John Wilkes Booth on April 14, 1865 at Ford's Theatre. The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.; Mount Rushmore with Lincoln's facial image carved into stone; and his image on the face of the penny all honor his legacy.

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WFRS 20th
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2025 in FUKUYAMA

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refreshments will be provided to all attendees.

25th Triennial Rose Convention
Everyone is invited to attend the **World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) 25th Triennial Rose Convention** being held in **Fukuyama, Japan** from May 18-24, 2025. Pre-Tours and Post-Tours to add on to the convention will also

be available from May 12-17, 2025 and May 25-30, 2025. This long-awaited return to Japan for this convention is much anticipated as the 14th Triennial Rose Convention held in Osaka, Japan in 2006 was by far, the best WFRS convention that I have attended. This is comparing other WFRS Conventions held in Glasgow, Scotland; Vancouver, British Columbia; and Copenhagen, Denmark.

Interested in attending? Just book your flights, hotel accommodations, register to attend and we'll see you there! This will be an independent travel excursion but all Honolulu Rose Society members attending

will be coordinating to meet in Fukuyama. For more information on the convention, [please click here](#). For more information on the pre and post tour, [please click here](#).

2023 HRS Members

If you have not renewed your membership for 2024, please do so now by [clicking here](#). Our Bylaws require that we drop any members who have not paid by March 2024 so this may be your second-to-last newsletter. To avoid missing out on any newsletter issue, renew today. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please contact our Membership Director, Janice Fukuda, at fukudaj777@gmail.com.



Photos by Lynn Koba

By Cathy Matsuzaki

Kung Hee Fat Choy! Happy Lunar New Year! It's the perfect time to feature the beautiful Grandiflora rose **New Year**. The 2024 *Year of the Dragon* officially began on February 10th with the new moon and the annual festivities usually last for 15 days until the next full moon. The color red is considered to be lucky in Chinese culture, but yellow and gold are also significant colors as they symbolize power and prosperity.

The **New Year** rose ranges in coloration from a Spanish orange to bronze orange with a golden-yellow blending and a slight tinge of pink on its outer edges. Bred by Samuel Darragh McGredy IV in 1976, the **New Year** rose's official registration name is MACnewye.

It was introduced as **New Year** in

New Zealand by McGredy Roses International (New Zealand) and in the United States by Certified Roses. It was introduced as *Arcadian* in the United Kingdom by John Mattock, The Rose Nurseries in 1984.

The parentage of this rose stems from *Mary Sumner* (an orange to orange-red Floribunda rose bred by Samuel Darragh McGredy IV) and *Yellow Pages* (a yellow-blend Hybrid Tea rose also bred by Samuel Darragh McGredy IV) x *Kabuki* (a deep yellow Hybrid Tea rose bred by Marie-Louise (Louissette) Meilland (Paolino)).

New Year features small to medium double blooms averaging 2-1/4 inches in diameter with a 17 to 25 petal count. Borne mostly solitary in small clusters, it has a flat bloom form. It is a good repeat bloomer and sources indicate that it has very good disease resistance. **New Year** does have some thorns and prickles, but its mild sweet fragrance makes it ideal to bring indoors to enjoy as exquisite cut roses in a vase.

New Year's vibrant orange blossoms definitely add a splash of color to the bushy, compact and upright shrub with large glossy dark green foliage. At maturity, the **New Year** rose plant will grow to 30 inches to 4-1/4 feet in height and 2 to 3 feet in width. It adds a nice visual accent in garden beds,

borders, or as a container rose, and like all roses, it does best in full sunlight.



HRS Consulting Rosarian Lynn Koba took these photos of her **New Year** rose which is growing in a container at her home in Pearl City. She says she admires the pretty orange color although it is susceptible to Black Spot. Lynn says **New Year** is a resilient plant and is surviving despite neglect. Thank you, Lynn, for sharing your photos of your lovely **New Year** rose. *Gong Hei Fat Choy* everyone, which in Cantonese means, "Wishing you great happiness and prosperity"!

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Shopping for Roses at R&S Nii Nursery

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donations to benefit the HRS over the years. We also met a couple of new members for the first time and saw several other Rose School graduates in the crowd.

We hope to return to R&S Nii next year to reprise this special event. Mahalo to Judy and Richard for opening their nursery to our members. Thank you also to the following volunteers who came out to assist us: Myrna Cariaga; Cathy and Ryan Matsuzaki; Frank

Dumlao, Deena Gary; Linda Kauhane; Lynn Koba; Bob Speer and Marsha Yokomichi.



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

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HRS Rose Petals Newsletter
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Armchair Traveler: Albuquerque Rose Garden, New Mexico

Editor's Note: HRS Member, Beth Van Boxel, a Master Gardener and a Consulting Rosarian with the San Diego Rose Society joins us again this month as a guest writer for this month's Armchair Traveler column. Thank you, Beth, for your write-up on the **Albuquerque Rose Garden** and for sharing your beautiful photos with us!



By Beth Van Boxel
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The **Albuquerque Rose Garden** was established in 1962. The garden surrounds the Tony Hillerman Library, which is located at 8205 Apache Ave NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87110 and it's free to visit.



Since the garden's inception, the garden has gone through a few enhancements including irrigation upgrades, soil amendments (their native soil is not great for roses), and roses are often moved if they are getting too much shade from the nearby buildings and a few trees.



The setting is very park-like, flat, some paved walkways and some decomposed granite sidewalks. The most fragrant roses lead into the library entrance.



The garden contains over 1,200 roses, ranging from Floribundas, Hybrid Rugosas, Minifloras, Hybrid Teas, Large Flower Climbers, and Old Garden Roses.

I enjoyed seeing several rare and older varieties in bloom during my visit in October 2023. The roses are individually labeled. I wrote down the names of my favorites: *Night Owl*, *Popcorn*, *Elfinglo*, *Rouletti*, *Rise N Shine*, *Child's Play*, *Candy Cane*, *The Alexander Rose*, *Coretta Scott King*, *Wild Blue Yonder*, *Pink Peace*, *Showtime*, *The Squire*, *Robusta*, *Souvenir de la Malmaison*, *Mme. Alfred Carriere*, *Opening Night*, *Pink Grüss an Aachen*, *Poulsen's Pearl*, *Kirsten Poulsen*, *Betty Boop*, and *Happy Go Lucky*.



The garden is pruned in March (pruning is later because they are in Zone 7a, 7b, and 8a, and they are at 5,312 ft elevation). The roses typically start blooming in May, and on Tuesday afternoons from June to August, Albuquerque Rose Society and library volunteers deadhead the spent blooms in the months when the garden is thriving. I would personally rate the **Albuquerque Rose Garden** a 9 out of 10 for the southwestern area of the United States. It is definitely worth a couple of hours to visit.

All photos by Beth Van Boxel

