



# Rose Petals



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## Grandiflora Spotlight: *Quest for Zest*

By Cathy Matsuzaki

Editor's Note: Our recent trek out to R&S Nii Nursery for an HRS Member's Only sales event was very fruitful as we were able to purchase many tried-and-true rose varieties as well as several promising new ones. While the rose plants that we purchased at R&S Nii Nursery were all still in bud-form, we admired this pristine variety for its glossy leaves and ample rose buds. **Quest for Zest** is a new variety whose picture, as featured on its sales tag, showed a rich-lemon-yellow rose in its early-stage of bloom.



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

Fast-forward three-weeks: After purchasing the variety, I was surprised to learn that **Quest for**

**Zest** is even more beautiful past the stage that was captured in that sales tag picture. Deep yellow scalloped petals that lighten with

age make this a rose variety that is truly beautiful at any stage of development from bud to half-open to fully-open and beyond. Even at this early point of ownership of this rose variety, I can already tell that **Quest for Zest** is destined to become one of my favorite yellow roses.

**Quest for Zest** is a brand-new Grandiflora bred prior to 2023 and introduced to the market in 2023 by Weeks Roses and in 2024 by **Select Roses** in Canada. Having the Grandiflora classification of rose means that it has some characteristics of a Hybrid Tea as well as that of a Floribunda variety.

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## Floribunda Spotlight: *Powerpuff Pink*



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

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**Powerpuff Pink** is a gorgeous new Floribunda rose reminiscent of peonies with its numerous petals packed in a cupped and quartered bloom form.

Bred by Dr. James A. Sproul (a physician by training), **Powerpuff Pink** was introduced to the market

in 2023 by Star Roses and Plants as part of its [Bloomables® collection](#). [Bloomables®](#) is Star Roses and Plants' best-flowering plants (not exclusively rose plants), which offer brilliant colors, unique textures and awesome blooms.

Characteristic of a Floribunda rose, **Powerpuff Pink** blooms in large clusters of 6 to 8 blossoms per stem making these dazzling and rich medium to deep magenta pink roses a sight to behold! Each rounded bud opens to a medium very full blossom averaging 2 to 3 inches in diameter with a 45 to 50 petal count.

**Powerpuff Pink** is a good repeat bloomer with its floriferous rose bush producing an abundance of bright pink non-fading blossoms almost continuously, creating a spectacular color display in the

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## 2024 HRS Rose School

**Registration for the 2024 HRS Rose School continues!**

**Revised Dates:**  
**Starts on 4/27 not 3/30**

We have 13 seats remaining out of 30 so please sign up today if you're interested in attending. Register at: <http://www.honolulurosesociety.org/2024-rose-school.html>

WS #1 Sat., April 27, 9:30am-12noon Intro & Planting Roses;

WS #2 Sat., May 25, 9:30am-12noon Fertilizing Roses;

WS #3 Sat., June 22, 9:30am-12noon Pruning Roses; and

WS #4 Sat., July 20, 9:30am-12:30pm Pests & Diseases.

HRS Members \$45; Non-Members \$60. Attendance Fees will cover: All supplies including a mini rose plant; soil amendments; sample fertilizer packets; and light refreshments.

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This means, it may bear a flower on a single stem or in small clusters of blossoms per stem.

Bred by renowned hybridizer Christian Bédard, *Quest for Zest* was borne from two beautiful and popular rose varieties: *Secret* (a pink blend Hybrid Tea rose bred by Daniel Tracy in the United States before 1992) and *Julia Child* (a medium yellow Floribunda rose bred by Tom Carruth, formerly of Weeks Roses, in the United States before 2003). Both *Secret* and *Julia Child* were once thriving in our former UGC Rose Garden and they were admired by visitors and HRS members alike.

The pointed and ovoid buds of *Quest for Zest* gracefully unfurl to reveal elegant large, double, spiraled radiant yellow blooms in the center with a lighter shade on its outer petals. Each rose averages 4 to 5 inches in diameter with 30 to 40 petals. Together with its medium-length stems and intense and delightful zesty citrus-lemon and fruity fragrance, *Quest for Zest*



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

makes an ideal rose to cut and enjoy indoors.

*Quest for Zest* is considered to be a very vigorous growing rose plant. It has a medium-tall, upright growth habit with a moderately bushy spreading tendency and can grow to heights of 4 feet and 3 feet in width. Its glossy medium green foliage has very good disease-resistance and provides the perfect backdrop for these stunning blooms.

With its gorgeous clusters of large

yellow blossoms and delicious citrus fragrance, you may want to consider adding a bit of fresh splendor to your own garden with *Quest for Zest*.

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garden. You are sure to enjoy its pleasing mild to moderate lemongrass and fresh linen fragrance in your home as a cut flower.

*Powerpuff Pink* has a bushy and compact growth habit, growing to heights of 3-1/2 to 4 feet and 2 to 3 feet in width. It's a very vigorous plant with its dark green glossy foliage which provides good disease resistance.

As with most roses, this variety does best in full sunlight. Whether planted in your garden as a focal point, used as a border or in containers, *Powerpuff Pink* will surely add a touch of charm to your garden with its delightful scent and stunning and vibrant pink blooms.



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

Master Rosarian Myrna Cariaga purchased this rose at the R&S Nii Nursery event last month. She states that she is very happy that she purchased this rose because it's stunning when it is in full bloom.

Each beautiful blossom is filled with petals that make it almost seem like a cheerleader's pompom. The plant

is absolutely stunning when multiple buds bloom at the same time. It's a very easy-care compact rose plant with good disease resistance.

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# Armchair Traveler: Select Roses—Langley, British Columbia

By Marsha Yokomichi  
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For this month's Armchair Traveler column, we take a look back in time to visit **Select Roses**, a charming rose nursery, located in Langley - British Columbia, Canada. Yes, this is the same **Select Roses** that introduced the rose variety *Quest for Zest* in Canada in 2024 mentioned earlier in Cathy's article on page 1.



Myrna and I had the opportunity to visit this charming rose nursery as part of a tour while at the World Rose Convention in Vancouver, Canada in June 2009.

Each turn on the premises brought a new surprise and we caught ourselves constantly saying, "Wow, this is so beautiful" numerous times as we happily snapped photos along the way! Garden vignettes were beautifully designed with companion planting and complimentary colors partnered together in natural harmony.

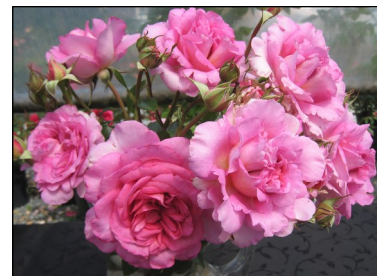


We were very impressed with the stunning beauty of **Select Roses** and the warm hospitality shown to us by owner and rose hybridizer Brad Jalbert and his staff while we were there. I thought it would be the perfect opportunity to show you some of what we saw during our visit there when Cathy mentioned **Select Roses** in her article.

**Select Roses** was founded by Brad Jalbert in Spring 1990 on his family farm where he and his parents still live. Here's a photo of Brad from the Select Roses website:  
<https://www.selectroses.ca/about-4>



Below is the rose variety, *Fortitude* hybridized by Brad Jalbert. In Fall 2009, a portion of the proceeds for this rose was donated to the Dragon Boat team "Abreast in a Boat" Our Race Against Breast Cancer.



Myrna and I were also thrilled to welcome Brad to my rose garden in Aiea in December 2009. At the time, Brad thought that roses were dormant in Hawaii during the winter since he didn't see any roses growing during his visit. After visiting my garden, he learned roses really do grow all year around in Hawaii.



Photo by Ann Ogawa

The garden is located at 22771 38 Ave, Langley Twp, BC V2Z 2G9, Canada. Open 10am-5pm Tuesday through Saturday. Free admission but shucks, they don't offer shipping of their rose plants to Hawaii or anywhere else.

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