



Rose Petals



Short Rose-Related Info-Bits to Stay Connected

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Shrub Spotlight: *Lavender Dream*

By Cathy Matsuzaki

An exquisite and continuously flowering Shrub rose, **Lavender Dream** is a breathtaking sight to behold with its large clusters of small single to semi-double pink blossoms with lilac shading covering the entire bush.



Photo by Myrna Cariaga

Bred by G. Peter Ilesink in the Netherlands before 1983, **Lavender Dream's** parentage stems from *Yesterday* (a medium pink Polyantha rose bred by Jack L. Harkness in the United Kingdom before 1974) and *Nastarana* (a white, near white or white blend Noisette rose discovered by Ernest Francois Pissard in France in 1879).

Noisette roses are known to be tall and bushy with abundant clusters of small blooms. They were named after the French nurserymen Louis and Philippe Noisette.

Each bloom of **Lavender Dream** averages 1-1/2 inches in diameter with 11 to 15 petals and although petite in size, the abundance of

flowers is awe-inspiring with dense clusters of up to 30 to 40 blossoms in a saucer shaped to flat bloom form displaying their pretty golden yellow stamens. Once the blooms are finished, they drop off cleanly.

On the mainland during late autumn or winter months, **Lavender Dream** produces a large crop of decorative small currant-like orange-red rose hips. Although a picturesque beauty, **Lavender Dream** has very little to no fragrance and its stems are armed with thorns, spines and prickles.

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President's Message

Dear HRS Members,

Please join me in Congratulating **Marsha** and **Cathy** for producing the **50th edition of the HRS Rose Petals newsletter!**

From April 20, 2020 when they produced the first edition of the newsletter with the primary purpose of keeping in touch with HRS members during the COVID-19 pandemic, we have read about 100 different rose varieties that were featured in the newsletter as well as traveled thousands of miles virtually visiting rose gardens throughout the world via the Armchair Traveler articles.

We also learned about common rose diseases and pests as well as the not-so-common ones. They highlighted our events and programs and also took us through an emotional ending of our beloved

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Hybrid Tea Spotlight: *Polynesian Sunset*

By Marsha Yokomichi

Even though there were only a few roses blooming on the bush, this rose literally stopped me in my tracks as I thought it resembled the rose, "*Hawaii*" that I remember seeing earlier in my trip. I searched for the rose variety's nameplate and was even more intrigued when I learned that its name was, "**Polynesian Sunset.**" I wondered if it had some connection to the *Hawaii* rose which seemed to have a similar hue.

Imagine my surprise when I discovered that **Polynesian Sunset**,



Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

a Hybrid Tea rose bred by Eugene Boerner was an offspring of the rose *Hawaii*! Boerner used *Hawaii* and *Diamond Jubilee* to produce

Polynesian Sunset in 1964. It was introduced in the U.S. by Jackson & Perkins in 1965.

Due to the low petal count of 17-25 petals per bloom, I imagined it wasn't a particularly stunning rose when fully bloomed. However, in the state that I snapped these photos of **Polynesian Sunset**, the orange-pink rose was beautiful and also very fragrant. Blooms have high-centers and the plant tends to bloom in flushes.

Source: <https://www.helpmefind.com/gardening/1.php?l=2.4906>

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Photo by Myrna Cariaga

spread up to 4 to 8 feet across with graceful arching branches.

It is a vigorous shrub with a bushy and spreading growth habit. It thrives best in full sunlight but is able to tolerate partial shade. ***Lavender Dream*** can be an enchanting addition to your garden landscape, grown as an accent or specimen planting, planted in pots, or will be perfect as a border or hedge given its height and width.

Sources:

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Lavender Dream's gorgeous mauve blend roses are attractively accented against its medium-sized, matte, light green foliage which has good disease resistance. At maturity, ***Lavender Dream*** can reach heights of 4 to 8 feet and can

2024 Rose School - Workshop #1

By Cathy Matsuzaki
Rose School Coordinator

The first workshop in the series of four monthly Rose School workshops was held on Saturday, April 27th at the Aiea United Methodist Church (AUMC). Thank you to **Steve** and **Lianne Nagano** for arranging for the Honolulu Rose Society (HRS) to hold our workshops in the newly renovated Fellowship Hall which is the perfect setting for our classroom. We are pleased to have 24 students attending the Rose School this year, who are divided up into six groups under the guidance of knowledgeable Group Leaders.

HRS President and Master Rosarian **Myrna Cariaga** was our featured instructor and warmly welcomed the participants to Rose School. She gave a very interesting history of roses from the Antique Roses (also known as Old Garden Roses) to the Modern Rose. **Myrna**



explained about the different classifications of roses including Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, Grandifloras, Tree Roses or Standards, Miniatures, Climbing Roses and Shrubs. She went over the Anatomy of a Rose Plant and also explained the importance of applying fungicide which protects roses from fungal diseases.

Myrna lectured on the differences, pros and cons of buying and planting bareroot roses versus potted roses. She described the recommended recipe used for

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Urban Garden Center Rose Garden. All of these things are just past events in history now but I am grateful to have the past 49 editions to look back on and remember.

Yes, this newsletter has taken on a life, and a loyal-following, of its own! I know more than a few members look forward to it's usual distribution on the 15th of every month....me included! It's a newsletter that we've all grown to love and appreciate with every written word that we read from our loyal newsletter crew of just two.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank **Marsha** and **Cathy** for all of their efforts over the past four years. We sincerely appreciate all the time and effort that you put into every issue of our HRS Rose Petals newsletter. Every article is first-rate and it seems every edition is better than the last. It's hard to believe that you two are also occupied with full-time jobs and other obligations. Thank you very much for making time to keep up with the Rose Petals newsletter!

I wanted to mention, if anyone would like to serve as a guest-writer of any articles or if you have digital rose photos that you would like to share with other members, please contact Marsha Yokomichi, HRS Rose Petals Editor, at myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com to let her know.

Mahalo,
Myrna

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myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com for possible inclusion in a future edition.

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Marsha Yokomichi, Editor



Armchair Traveler: *Bara Koen (Rose Park)* Fukuyama, Japan



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WERS 20th
WORLD ROSE CONVENTION
2025 in FUKUYAMA

We are literally one-year away from the World Federation of Rose Societies' 20th World Rose Convention (It's already the 18th in Japan). The event will be held in Fukuyama, Japan in Hiroshima Prefecture from May 18 to 24, 2025. The triennial convention is a meeting place for rose researchers, rose growers, rose lovers, and other rose enthusiasts.

The deep relationship between Fukuyama and roses began during the postwar reconstruction period. About 80% of the central city was destroyed by fire in an air raid on



Photo Source: <https://www.japantimes.co.jp/satoyama-consortium/2022/03/10/satoyama-consortium/fukuyama-city-roses-host-world-convention-expo/>

Aug. 8, 1945. In the mid-1950s, when the city still had not fully recovered from the wounds inflicted by the war, some residents working hard to rebuild the city started to say, "Let's plant flowers — enrich

the devastated city and restore people's peace of mind." They planted about a thousand rose seedlings in the place that is now **Bara Koen** (rose park). Today, **Bara Koen** contains about 5,500 roses in 280 different varieties. The garden is located at 1-chōme-5 Hanazonochō, Fukuyama, Hiroshima 720-0803, Japan. Free admission.

Meet us in Fukuyama! Several HRS members and guests are planning to attend! With the US\$ strong in Japan right now, it's a great time to go!

Source: <https://dive-hiroshima.com/en/explore/1595/>

Check out the Fukuyama Rose Convention website for more information:
<https://en.wrc2025fukuyama.jp/>

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potting and planting rose plants and how to properly check your rose plant to see if it needs to be watered.

Each student received a miniature Kordana rose plant which they will be caring for throughout this Rose School as their homework and bringing back to each workshop. We moved outside to the covered, open-air patio area where **Myrna** demonstrated how to pot a rose plant.

Now it was time for the hands-on portion where participants had a chance to repot their own miniature rose plant into a larger 8" plastic pot using the amended soil mixture which was provided to them. Then to the dismay of everyone, **Myrna** explained the importance of sacrificing and removing all blooms and buds in order to give the plant more energy to grow stronger and bigger. The students begrudgingly followed **Myrna's** instructions with sighs and moans being heard aloud,

but they knew it was for the betterment of their plant.

Everyone returned to the classroom to hear **Myrna** review the "Keys to Success." Thank you to **Myrna** and HRS Treasurer, Master Rosarian and Rose School Chairperson **Marsha Yokomichi** and Consulting Rosarian **Frank Dumlao** for bringing their beautiful and fragrant home-grown roses which were given away as door prizes to some lucky student recipients to enjoy. Participants took home their newly potted roses with a new-found knowledge about planting and potting roses.

Thank you to **Myrna** for serving as our speaker and to **Marsha** for their hard work and dedication in coordinating Rose School and for sharing their wealth of knowledge about the essential elements involved in successfully growing roses as shown in the excellent Power Point presentation and handout materials.

Mahalo to our excellent and

dedicated Group Leaders for their support and guidance given to their students in their respective groups: **Glenn Fukuda, Linda Kauhane, Lynn Koba, Mary Ann Recaido, Aileen Schroffner** and **Brandon Tavares**. Also to **Frank Dumalo** who will be serving as our "floating" Group Leader throughout Rose School and who will be teaching Workshop #2 in May on "Fertilizing Roses" along with **Bob Speer**. Thank you to **Marsha** for baking and sharing her delicious baked mochi and to others for bringing snack items. Special thanks to **Steve** and **Lianne** and **Dorothy Kawamoto** of AUMC for coming early to open up the church and help with setting up, directing our students on where to park and for staying late to assist with cleaning up. Thank you also to Consulting Rosarians **Bob Speer** and **Glenn Fukuda** for helping to mix the soil amendments on the Friday before class. Mahalo also to **Ryan Matsuzaki** for working behind the scenes in preparation for Rose School and for assisting with setting up, parking and cleaning up.