

Rose Petals

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Roses require a lot of water, much of it in the form of sweat.

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THIS AND THAT

Betsy Mead

As I was doing some clean-up around some rose bushes in the fall with a small hand rake I have, I was hoping others had found what a handy tool it is. I think I got it at Big Lots several years ago. It is made like a leaf rake but about 4-5" wide and only about 12-15" long. It is great for getting out those nasty diseased leaves that collect around the bushes.

I also thought I'd mention a rose that I am quite pleased with. I got *Mardi Gras (F)* 2 years ago and it did nicely in a pot, but died off over the winter. (It was a year when I left some things in pots because I could not get to them.) This past spring I got a new plant and put it in the ground and it did very well. It is called a *pink blend*; I think it has some flame colors in it. I tend to be attracted to these shades. The bush is very disease resistant and a good bloomer. I really look forward to seeing how it does next year.

I also put in 2 new floribunda bushes called *Easy Does It* (2010 AARS Winner). They seem to live up to all the advertising praise. Lots of color (orange, peach-pink, honey-apricot) and disease resistance.

In spite of our heat in the summer, my roses did very nicely this fall. What a long fall we had!



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Thank you.

Richmond Rose Society
Renewal Form and New Membership Application

Membership is open to all who wish to grow roses for pleasure or exhibition, and to learn from fellow rosarians. We meet at Children's Hospital at 2:00 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month except July, August, November, and December when we hold our annual awards brunch. Please join us for fellowship, refreshments and to learn more about roses.

Last Name: _____ First Name(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ email address: _____

- Fees: **One-time Application Fee \$3.00**
(New Members only) plus:
- Individual Annual Membership or Renewal \$12.00
(\$6.00 after July 1 for new members)
- Family Annual Membership or Renewal \$17.00
(\$8.50 after July 1 for new members)
- Name Tag \$10 each: Number _____
Date _____ Amount Enclosed _____

ATTENTION: Your dues are due in January each year and they are tax deductible. Dues are delinquent if not paid by March 31st.

Rose Petals, our newsletter, can be accessed on the website: www.richmondrosesociety.com If you prefer to receive a copy by regular mail check here _____

Are you a member of the American Rose Society (ARS)? No Yes for _____ years

Please list at least one way the Richmond Rose Society can assist you:

In 2011 please **sign up and support our major activities**. Your help is needed to make the year a success!

For New Members Only: How did you find out about our Rose Society? _____

Bring your check and application to our next meeting, or mail to:
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Questions: contact Lucie at (804) 457-4139 or parlezvous4@cs.com

How to build a Rose Bed (continued) ... The Roses

By Lynn Pappas

You will recall that I ended the previous article with the bed ready and the roses in shipment. The first eight rose bushes for the new bed started arriving at the end of March (3 “Veteran’s Honor”, 2 “Hot Cocoa”, 1 “Let Freedom Ring”, 1 “Gemini”, 1 “Crystalline”). But before they could be planted I had to dig the holes. You know the adage – dig a hundred dollar hole for a ten-dollar plant. Therefore, I lugged a lot more clay into the back yard, and put more garden soil in, so that the new roots would have room to spread. When the bushes arrived, I dipped them for several minutes in a bleach solution, and then let their roots soak overnight in buckets of water. When you are doing this, you have to be careful to keep the branches out of the water.

Planting went fairly quickly, after filling the holes with water to make sure that each hole had good drainage. After they were planted, I mounded up pine straw around each of them, to protect them from the cold wind (they looked like they were in teepees) and waited and waited for the first signs of new growth. Also, I put in water retention beads with everything that I planted.

By this time, the six mini floras (2 “Daddy Frank”, 2 “Buttercream”, 2 “Whirlaway”) that I ordered for the new bed had also arrived. Since these arrive in 2” pots, they needed to be started in 1 gal. pots on the patio where I could closely monitor them. Again, I had to cover them to protect them from late winter winds. At this time I also moved “Hot Tamale”(2) and “Loving Touch”(1) from my back yard, where they were dying because they weren’t getting enough sun, into the new bed. As you will see in the pictures (front of the bed, since they are miniatures) they have rebounded and are doing great.

There was something else that I was thinking about at this time: what to use to fill in the empty spaces while the roses are growing up. I chose snapdragon (antirrhum) for this because they grow well from seed and are a hardy annual, so I can expect them to last for several years. However, it does take some time and patience to start them, since they need to be started indoors using a grow light, and you need to start them about 10 weeks before you plant them outside (May 1st). I also put in a number of Amaryllis that I have collected over the years, with only an occasional rebloom, and two dozen Jacobean Lilies with the same problem. They apparently liked their new home, because I got some blooms on both of them, and the neighbors got to enjoy them too.

By late April all of my roses were showing a couple of inches of new growth, so I knew it was time to take down their teepees and start feeding them. I also planted “Fairhope”, “St. Patrick”, “Pristine”, “Pink Promise”, and last of all “Home Run” for a total of 22 roses. All of this was done by June 1st, so that the entire neighborhood and I could enjoy their bountiful blooms.

It’s mid November as I write this, and I am still enjoying them. What other perennials can you think of that bloom continuously from late April until the first heavy frost?



Let Freedom Ring and Hot Cocoa in back



Let Freedom Ring



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Loving Touch



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Hot Tamale in front; Home Run behind it

2010 Horticulture Competition

By Willie Mills

First, I would like to thank all of you, who put forth the time and energy to be a part of our in-house competition. We all are winners to be able to see the beauty of what our members grow and bring to share with us. And the conversation that it brings to the society is priceless. Our in-house competition has been around for over two decades. I am not sure whose idea it was to have this as a part of the regular program, but it was a GREAT ONE!!.

At our Holiday Brunch I was very happy to award the 2010 Horticulture Competition Plaque to **Marion Brown and John Donelson**. Congratulations to both of you. Marion and John were the 2009 winners as well. Let's see who if anyone will upset them in the 2011 competition.



(Willie Mills - left)

My 10 Favorite Roses of All

By: Rick Brown

Lamarque ' - Noisette from 1830. Very vigorous grower to 20'. White petals with a lemon zest yellow center. Very fragrant bloom. Totally immune to disease and pests. The very last rose to drop it's leaves. Excellent repeat in the fall.

Peace - Hybrid Tea. Huge yellow blend blooms on long stems. Fragrant. Sometimes difficult to find a good bush. Mine is very good grower with good repeat.

Tropicana-Hybrid Tea. Very large orange blooms that stand out in the garden. My hearty growing bush gets 8' tall by fall. This rose is planted so I can see it in bloom from the dining table.

Louise Estes - Hybrid Tea. This is my favorite HT. The Blooms on this rose can be huge. Pink blend. I have found this rose does very well on Multiflora rootstock. Her form is fantastic. Love this rose.

Baronne Prevost - Hybrid Perpetual. Deep pink blooms on a 10' bush. Fragrance is unbelievable. The spring bloom cycle makes this one worth growing alone.

Sunsprite - Floribunda. Deep yellow open blooms that are very, very fragrant. This rose has been around a while. However, I love this rose because it is like a neon sign when in bloom.

Poulsens' Pearl - Floribunda. Light Pink single. The only single that I have fell in love with. The rose has pink petals with burgundy stamens. I can never seem to walk past this rose without stopping to admire it. Thanks Connie.

Yolande de Aragon - Portland. Deep pink blooms on a very large bush to 12'. One very well known nurseryman said he considered it to be the most fragrant rose he had ever smelled. Beautiful in spring. I have won more show trophies with this rose than any other rose.

Foolish Pleasure - Miniflora. Pink blend blooms on a very vigorous growing bush. The blooms almost always have pinpoint centers. This is the one Miniflora that I gauge all the others by.

Fairhope - Mini. Light yellow bloom on a tall growing bush. This rose is a great rose to exhibit. Beautiful form. Won my first blue ribbon with this rose.

MME. Isaac Perierre - Bourbon. Pink blooms on a very large bush to 10'. Fragrance is fantastic. This rose is covered with large blooms in spring. My neighbor once said when looking at her in bloom was like having an out of body experience. Need I say more.

This is simply a list of my favorite roses. I have made no attempt to group them nor place them in any particular order. One could say this is a very eclectic group of roses, of which I would agree. But after growing roses going on 25 years I would think we all have some favorites.

RRS 2011 MEETINGS AND EVENTS

All regular meetings are held in the Voss Auditorium at Children's Hospital. Refreshments begin at 2:00 followed by a meeting and program. Guests are always welcome to attend.

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| Jan. 23 Regular meeting
Program: <i>Drip Irrigation</i>
Speaker: Al Minutolo | Sept. 23- Fall District Meeting and Show
South Charleston, WV |
| Feb. 26 Pruning at Children's Hospital
1:30 - 3:00 p.m. | Sept. 25 Regular meeting
Horticulture competition |
| Mar. 25- Pre-Spring Meeting
26 Staunton, VA | Oct. 23 Regular meeting
Horticulture competition |
| Mar. 27 Regular meeting | Dec. 4 Holiday Brunch |
| Apr. 17 Regular meeting | |
| May 22 Regular meeting
Horticulture competition | |
| May 28 - Richmond Rose Show
29 Lewis Ginter | |
| June 4 Picnic and Garden Tour | |
| June 26 Regular meeting
Horticulture competition | |

The 2011 Roses In Review Competition!

Diana Klassy, District RIR Coordinator

Thank you to everyone who took part in *Roses in Review* in 2010. I found last year's statistics very interesting. Even though there were less reporters than 2009 (52, down by 17), they reviewed more varieties (135, up by 25) for a total of far more reports (373, up by 52)! Of the varieties reported on, 34 were hybrid teas, 34 minifloras, and only 15 miniature varieties. The remaining varieties were floribundas, shrubs, climbers, etc.

Even though 2010's reporters did such a great job, I would like to see a large increase in the number participants in 2011's Roses in Review. In order to accomplish this goal, everyone needs to get started NOW!

Since the RIR list consists of those roses that are in their second, third, and fourth years in commerce, the first step is acquire a few of the newer varieties. Check out Edmund's Roses, Rosemania, and other rose retailers to see what's new this year. If you lack space in your garden, some varieties will grow well in containers for awhile.

The next step is to observe these roses as they grow. Are they disease resistance, are they generous with blooms, fragrant, or have any other note worthy characteristics?

The final step is to share your experiences with these new varieties through Roses in Review reporting. The reporting can be completed online at ars.org or with the paper form in the July/August American Rose magazine. The deadline for the reporting is always September 26th of each year.

This year, I would like to have some friendly RIR competition between societies. In the district we currently have 16 local societies. At the pre-spring meeting, I plan to pair off societies for the challenge of which society can have the greatest percentage of members send RIR reports. (You don't have to be an ARS member to participate in RIR). The winning society, in addition to bragging rights, will have an ice cream party financed by the losing society, not to exceed \$25. To assist in winning this award, I recommend that societies set aside part of the August meeting as time to instruct and encourage members in completing these reports. If your society wants to pick a certain society to challenge, let me know your preference. (diana_n_roses@netzero.com)

Keep in mind that the purpose of Roses in Review is to help rose growers, especially new growers, to pick roses that are likely to do well for them. The averaged *garden ratings* from these reviews are published annually in the ARS Handbook for Selecting Roses. So buy a new rose variety this year and participate in 2011 Roses in Review!



