

The Newest and the Best

ROSES FOR 1967

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One of the principal fascinations of rose culture is the growing of new and improved varieties which are introduced at the rate of about 150 per year. Not all of the new roses find a permanent place in the lists of best roses, but each year several outstanding new varieties are introduced.

As the average rose grower has neither the space nor the time to test even a fraction of the new roses, the following lists should be of value in selecting the few new varieties that can be planted in the home garden.

The selection is based on experience in growing and observing new varieties (made available for testing by some of the major breeders of roses in advance of sale to the public) and by observation in the growing fields, rose shows and gardens. Estimates of the value of new varieties are tentative and subject to change until five years' experience has made an accurate evaluation possible. This is the American Rose Society standard of rating.

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For those interested in roses, this College of Agriculture has just published Bulletin A-30, "Roses in Arizona," and Folder 103, "Rose Varieties for Arizona, 1967." Copies are available from your local county agricultural agent.

All-America Winners for 1967

The rose industry maintains 16 test gardens representing all climates in the United States where new varieties are tested before being sold to the public. From one to four outstanding new varieties are chosen each year by impartial experts. This year's choices are :

LUCKY LADY, Gr. A light, pastel pink with strong stems. Buds and flowers of good form, borne freely on a good vigorous bush.

ROMAN HOLIDAY Fl. A brilliant orange-red floribunda which is actually a bicolor with base of petals a rich yellow. The 2½ inch flowers are fully double. The bush is compact with dark green leathery foliage. Good for group plantings and borders for a mass of color.

Two others are being tested.

Best 1966 Varieties

SIMON BOLIVAR HT. Large Chinese red blooms produced freely all season on a vigorous bush with large, glossy, deep green foliage. Mildew resistant.

PALM SPRINGS Fl. A large-flowered floribunda blooming freely all season. Blooms many-petaled opening flat, oriental-red to light bronze, center yellowish-pink. Bush vigorous, upright, foliage bronzy.

GAYTIME Fl. Another large-flowered floribunda with almost hybrid tea blooms. Flowers open a cardinal-red and golden yellow, aging to raspberry pink. Continuous bloom all

season. Lightly fragrant. Bush medium height.

Best 1965 Varieties

JAMAICA, HT. Buds ovoid, flowers large, a glowing rose red. Keeps well. Foliage dark, glossy, leathery. Bush very vigorous; abundant bloom.

POLYNESIAN SUNSET, HT. Buds long, flowers large, high-centered, with a fruity fragrance; coral-orange. Free blooming. Foliage leathery. Bush vigorous, but less so than Tropicana.

APRICOT NECTAR, Fl. An all America ('66) floribunda with large, cupped blooms; pink-apricot on a golden base, best in cool weather. Foliage glossy. Plant bushy. Free blooming.

CAMELOT, 1965, Fl. Medium to large deep coral blooms produced in abundance on a sturdy, upright bush. Bloom has many wavy petals and is colorful when fully open.

WOBURN ABBEY, 1965, Fl. A new color combination, a glowing orange with cherry red shadings deepening as bloom opens fully. A free bloomer on a compact, spreading bush. Makes a good color accent.

MR. LINCOLN, 1965, HT. A very good red rose with a high center and good stems. A good bush with average vigor. Good foliage.

A Vibrant Color — Orange Red

OLE, 1964, Gr. A distinctive rose with fluorescent vermilion flowers with many wavy petals. Attractive when fully open. Blooms resist rain, heat and wind and last well when cut. Foliage glossy. Bush vigorous and free blooming.

TROPICANA, 1963, HT. A brilliant rose. Fluorescent orange-red non-fading blooms on long cutting stems lasting well as cut flowers. Bush very vigorous and is free-blooming. Growth tall — give it room.

HAWAII, 1960, HT. Glowing orange-coral blend. High centered blooms that fade very little, on long sturdy stems. The foliage is glossy and the bush very vigorous, growing to five or six feet. Blooms freely.

SARABANDE, 1960, Flor. Brilliant orange-scarlet single or semi-double blooms in clusters on low spreading bush. Continuous bloom. An excellent color accent. Taller (2 to 3 feet) as it gets older.

MALIBU, 1960, Flor. The large blooms open coral-orange red, finishing several shades lighter. Size and form of blooms more like a hybrid-tea than a floribunda. Very colorful. Bush vigorous, of moderate size.

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AZTEC, 1957, HT. Bright orange-red blooms of good form on a rather spreading bush. Moderate bloom.

SPARTAN, 1955, Flor. The first of the bright, relatively non-fading orange-red floribundas. Heavy and continuous bloom of medium sized flowers. Foliage is almost evergreen. Bush is tall and upright. A fine color accent.

FLORIADE, 1964, Gr. Has the form and bush of Montezuma, from which it is a sport, but the color is a deeper orange-scarlet, and it appears to fade less. Slight fragrance.

New Red Hybrid Teas

WORLD'S FAIR SALUTE, 1964, HT. Large, high centered deep crimson, fading to scarlet, blooms on good stems. Foliage leathery. Bush vigorous and upright.

HELEN SCHOEN, 1963, HT. Bud pointed; flower very large, many-petaled, high-centered, slightly fragrant, deep rose red, on long stems. A show rose. Bush vigorous and upright. Moderate bloom.

RED AMERICAN BEAUTY, 1964, HT. Dark, velvety red blooms of good form and fragrance. Good stems produced on a vigorous upright growing bush. Free blooming. A most promising variety.

AVON, 1961, HT. A large medium red rose of exceptional form and fragrance borne on long sturdy stems. Bush vigorous and foliage very good. Free blooming.

AMERICANA, 1961, HT. Large medium red blooms of very good form and texture and good fragrance. Very vigorous bush and excellent foliage. Free blooming and non-fading.

CHRISTIAN DIOR, 1962, HT. Large crimson-red blooms with scarlet shadings, hold color well. Some fragrance. Good bush and foliage of average size.

JOHN S. ARMSTRONG, 1962, Gr. Medium sized dark red flowers of satiny texture and mild fragrance. Keep well as cut flowers. Vigorous bush with good foliage.

Good Pink Hybrid Teas

GRANADA, 1964, HT. This 1964 All-America winner has urn-shaped buds and blooms of varying shades of scarlet, nasturtium red and deep yellow, and a spicy fragrance. The vigorous upright plant blooms throughout the season.

ROYAL HIGHNESS, 1962, HT. Another show rose which was All America in 1963. Bud large and pointed; flower large, many-petaled,

opening slowly, soft pale pink (fades almost white in heat). Very fragrant. Stems strong and straight. Foliage glossy, leathery, dark. Bush vigorous and upright. Free bloom. Quick re-growth.

COLUMBUS QUEEN, 1962, HT. Soft orchid-pink blooms of "show rose" form borne singly on long stems; excellent for cutting. Darker pink in cool weather. Bush very vigorous and free blooming, up to 4 to 6 feet. Foliage very good.

SOUTH SEAS, 1963, HT. Deep pink buds which open to a luminescent coral-pink exceptionally large bloom with wavy petals. Blooms finish with some darker overtones. Bush very vigorous to five to six feet.

DUET, 1960, HT. A very free blooming two-tone pink (light pink with deep pink reverse). Produces an abundance of well formed flowers, very good for cutting. The vigorous bush has handsome foliage. Blooms are good even in heat.

A Good New White

SINCERA, 1963, HT. Good white roses are hard to find as they are very susceptible to damage by thrips and weather. Sincera is a medium-sized, pure white show rose with a vase-shaped bud that opens slowly. Stems are long and foliage is good. Moderate bloom.

Yellow Hybrid Teas

KING'S RANSOM, 1962, HT. Brilliant golden yellow, showing a minimum of fading. Flower of good form and substance on good stems. Bush vigorous.

SUMMER SUNSHINE, 1962, HT. Another brilliant golden yellow of good size on a vigorous bush with good foliage. Form and substance good.

The "Peace" Family

There have been many sports and hybrids of the very popular Peace rose. The following have performed best in this climate

CHICAGO PEACE, 1963, HT. A deep phlox-pink with base of petals yellow (in cool weather). Otherwise both flower and bush very much like Peace.

LUCKY PIECE, 1962, HT. Deep pink and orange blended in petals (in cool weather). Otherwise both flower and bush very much like Peace.

PERSONALITY, 1960, HT. Deep yellow with strong pink suffusion (in cool weather). High centered bud and opening bloom very attractive. Open bloom not as good as Peace. Glossy Peace foliage on a stronger bush.

Good New Floribundas

CIRCUS PARADE, 1964, Fl. Similar to Circus but with considerably more cherry red shading of petals. Free blooming. Bush compact like Circus.

SARATOGA, 1963, Fl. Pure white gardenia-like flowers, long lasting on plant and when cut. Old rose fragrance. Compact grower of medium height with glossy green leaves. Free-bloomer.

LILLI MARLEEN, 1961, Fl. A brilliant dark cherry-red floribunda with long lasting flowers and unchanging color. Bushy plant well covered with semi-glossy foliage. Free blooming. A bright spot of color. Mildewed this fall.

HEAT WAVE, 1958, Fl. Fiery Chinese red blooms produced in great profusion on a vigorous bush. Bud short and pointed, flower form good. One of the brightest. Growth upright, compact and well foliated.

RUBY LIPS, 1958, Fl. Free blooming semi-doubled bright red which holds its color. Bush compact and moderately vigorous. Good foliage.

Some Excellent Climbers

SIERRA SUNSET, 1961, L.Cl. Bud pointed; flowers large, high-centered, very fragrant, blend of yellow, peach, orange and red, borne in clusters. Very vigorous; only moderate bloom.

DON JUAN, 1957, Cl. Dark velvety red flowers produced freely on a pillar (short climber, 6 to 8 feet). Fragrant. Repeats well for a climber.

SHOWERS, 1957, Cl. Clear medium yellow flowers with wavy petals produced all season (rare in a climber grown in our climate). Vigorous growth to 8 to 10 feet.

CL. CHRYSLER IMPERIAL, 1956, Cl. HT. Crimson-red blooms like the bush produced on a vigorous climber.

CL. SUTTER'S GOLD, 1950, Cl. HT. Slender buds shaded and veined with red open to high centered blooms on good stems. Very fragrant. Good repeat bloom. Vigorous bush to 8 to 10 feet.

CL. PEACE, 1950, Cl. HT. Flowers just like the bush, produced freely on a very vigorous climber, growth 12 to 18 feet. Some repeat in summer; considerable in fall. This one needs room!

A Good "Fence Rose"

RED GLORY (HYBRID 311), 1963, Fl. Grows rapidly from small plants to 4 to 6 feet. Everblooming 2-inch single bright red flowers. Handsome glossy foliage. Plant 24 inches apart for a dense hedge. By far the most attractive of the "fence roses."