



# Rose Petals



Short Rose-Related Info-Bits to Stay Connected

November 15, 2022 Edition

## Non-UGC Rose Spotlight: *Scepter'd Isle*

By Cathy Matsuzaki

**Scepter'd Isle** is a gorgeous light pink shrub rose with a very strong myrrh fragrance. The clusters of delicate medium-sized cupped double blooms are elegantly held above its semi-glossy dark green foliage, providing a perfect contrast in coloration. The lovely soft pink hue of **Scepter'd Isle's** petals shades to a paler pink on its outer petals, gently opening to reveal golden stamens. Each rose has about 45 petals and averages 3-1/2 inches in diameter.

**Scepter'd Isle** is an unusual name for such a beautiful rose and it stirred my curiosity of how this name came to be. **Scepter'd Isle** is a phrase describing England which appears in Shakespeare's play Richard II. The phrase appears at



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the beginning of a famous speech by the character John of Gaunt to King Richard as part of his dying speech in praise of England.

Fittingly bred by Englishman, David C. H. Austin in the United Kingdom

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## Important Notices:

**HRS Election Year**—If anyone is interested in running for any of the following 2023-2024 HRS Officer positions, please contact Cathy at [cathymatsuzaki@gmail.com](mailto:cathymatsuzaki@gmail.com) or (808) 375-8197 as soon as possible: **President; Vice President—Internal; Vice President—External; Treasurer; or Secretary.** See page 3 for a listing of officer duties.

**Annual General Membership Meeting:** Late November to December; date to be announced shortly.

**Save the Date:** Our annual HRS Holiday Celebration is finally returning to an in-person event! Please mark your calendars for brunch at the Hale Ikena—Ft.

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## UGC Rose Spotlight: *Fruity Petals*

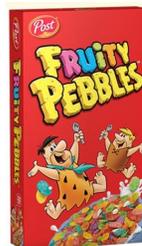


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**Editor's Note:** I wonder if the person who named this rose meant it to be a spin-off on Post brand, "Fruity Pebbles" cereal! Ha! The sweetened rice crispy flaked cereal covered with fruity flavors not only sounds like **Fruity Petals**, early

versions of Fruity Pebbles with only orange, yellow and red colored flakes even resembled the colors of this rose. Modern-day versions of the cereal now have purple, green and blue flakes added to it but one can only wonder if the cereal Fruity Pebbles inspired the naming of the **Fruity Petals** rose.



**Fruity Petals** is a vibrant colored climbing rose thriving under the Pergola in the middle of the UGC Rose Garden. Its beautiful coral-pink petals with delicate ruffled edges highlighting the bright yellow center is a perfect accent against the dark green Pergola. As the rose matures, the bright coral coloration fades to a slightly apricot hue.

Bred by William J. Radler (breeder of the Knock Out® rose) in the United States in 2005, **Fruity Petals** was introduced in the United States by Meiland-Star Roses, Inc. in 2017. **Fruity Petals** is another one of the of Star Roses and Plants' [Bloomables® collection](#).

We previously featured the *Tequilla Supreme* rose in the November 15, 2021 HRS Rose Petals Newsletter as part of the Bloomables® collection. Bloomables is a specially-selected collection of Star Roses' best flowering plants that are easy to grow and focuses mainly on the flowering aspect of the plants to bring color and beauty to the garden all season long.

Each **Fruity Petals** blossom

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in 1989, ***Scepter'd Isle*** was introduced in the United Kingdom by David Austin Roses Limited in 1997. The parentage of this variety is a cross between *Wife of Bath* - a pink blend shrub rose with a strong myrrh fragrance and *Heritage* - a light pink shrub rose with a strong lemon fragrance, both of which were also bred by David C. H. Austin.

***Scepter'd Isle*** has an upright habit reaching heights of 30 inches to six-feet and widths of two-feet to 42 inches. It is a prolific and continuous bloomer and has good resistance to disease. Like many David Austin English Roses,

***Scepter'd Isle*** does best in cooler weather. While it is true, some David Austin varieties such as *Abraham Darby*, *The Squire*, *Molineux*, and *Munstead Wood* do well in Hawaii, many others struggle in our high heat and humidity.

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## UGC Rose: *Fruity Petals*



*Fruity Petals* in full bloom at the UGC Rose Garden  
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gracefully unfurls from an ovoid bud to a medium, semi-double cupped bloom form averaging 3-1/4

inches in diameter with up to 18 petals. ***Fruity Petals*** can grow to heights of up to 6 feet with a width of up to 3 feet. It tends to have a bushy growth habit with medium green semi-glossy foliage and has good disease resistance to Black Spot and Powdery Mildew. ***Fruity Petals*** has a mild fragrance and is a good bloomer.

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## Important Notices

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Shafter on Sunday, January 15, 2023.

**Available Volunteer Positions:** We are looking for a person who can go to the UGC Rose Garden to spray the roses with fungicide every two weeks.

Please contact Marsha Yokomichi at [myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com) or (808) 386-5533 to inquire.

We are also looking for a person who can help lead our weekly Wednesday (or any other day of the week) Maintenance Days. We are currently only doing maintenance in the UGC Rose Garden on the first Saturday of every month and one Wednesday in mid-month due to scheduling conflicts.

Please contact Cathy Matsuzaki [cathymatsuzaki@gmail.com](mailto:cathymatsuzaki@gmail.com) or (808) 375-8197 to inquire.

**Request for Photos**—Have you visited any noteworthy Rose Gardens in your travels around the world? Please share your photos for our Armchair Traveler column! If you'd like to do a write up to include with your photos, great! If not, Marsha will be happy to write something up for you.

Please submit your digital photos to Marsha Yokomichi at [myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com).

The HRS Rose Petals newsletter is published on a monthly basis. If you would like to submit an article and or photos, please email to:

[myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com](mailto:myokomichi@hawaii.rr.com) for possible inclusion in a future edition.

HRS Rose Petals Newsletter  
Marsha Yokomichi, Editor

The **President** shall preside at all general meetings of the Society and of the Executive Committee. The President may call general meetings and Executive Committee meetings at any time and the President may appoint all Directors and/or Committee Chairs as necessary, not otherwise provided for in the Bylaws.

The **Vice President - Internal Activities** shall provide value-added services and activities benefiting existing members. The focus of the Vice President - Internal Activities will be to promote membership retention and increase member participation. This position shall appoint all Committee Chairs to help carry out the necessary duties not otherwise provided for in the Bylaws.

The **Vice President - External Activities** shall coordinate various activities and events in the community to increase new member recruitment and/or charitable financial support for the HRS. The Vice President External Activities shall appoint all Committee Chairs to help carry out the necessary duties, not otherwise provided for in the Bylaws.

Either Vice President shall preside when the President is absent or otherwise unable to act.

The **Secretary** shall keep minutes and record all votes of all general meetings and Executive Committee meetings of the Society.

The **Treasurer** shall receive and account for all funds of the Society,

paying all bills by check, and keeping funds of deposit in a bank approved by the Executive Committee. All checks will be co-signed by the President and Treasurer of the Society. A statement of account prepared by the Treasurer shall be submitted to the Executive Committee at every Executive Committee Meeting or within one month after the close of every quarter.

If anyone is interested in volunteering for any of these positions for the 2023-2024 term, please contact Cathy at [cathymatsuzaki@gmail.com](mailto:cathymatsuzaki@gmail.com) or (808) 375-8197 by **November 30, 2022**.

## Rugosa Roses

By Marsha Yokomichi  
HRS Master Rosarian

This species rose, called “Rosa Rugosa Alba” is native to Northern Asia, Eastern Siberia, Western Alaska, and Northeast North America. Rugosas were introduced to Western gardens in the late



Rosa Rugosa Alba  
Photo by Myrna Cariaga

1700s by Western explorers who discovered the parent plant (R. Rugosa) in Japan and Western Asia in 1796.

Considering their native habitat, it should come as no surprise that Rugosa roses are very winter hardy (to zone 3 and occasionally to zone 2) and sometimes struggle in our zone 11, Hawaii climate. There are, however, some varieties that do well

in Hawaii. The two Rugosa varieties that I have experience growing in my garden are *Pink Grootendorst* and *Rosa Rugosa Alba*.

These roses are typically single-petaled (one row of five petals) and are further characterized by their dark green, leathery, wrinkled leaves. The word “rugosa,” in fact, translates to “wrinkled” in Latin. Like their single-petaled relatives, Hybrid Rugosas which have many layers of numerous petals, are known for their strong fragrance. Most Rugosa varieties have numerous prickles on their canes and come in a variety of colors from reds, whites, pinks, and a few purples. Yellows also appear but are quite uncommon.

Rugosas are very disease-resistant (likely because spores are unable to latch on to their extremely textured leaf surface) and grow well in a variety of conditions from garden to seaside to highway median strips.

It’s important to note that Rugosas do not like to be sprayed with fungicides, pesticides, or even less toxic alternatives such as soap-based sprays. To my dismay, I quickly found out that spraying

with these types of treatments can defoliate an entire plant within a few days. The plants are hardy, however, and they bounced back quickly.

Blooms on Rugosa roses repeat with deadheading but you may wish to forego pruning and wait for red or orange rose hips to form. The growth habits of these plants can be described as “spready.” Tiny seedlings can quickly grow to 5 - 6 feet across because of their tendency to throw out sucker growth. Alternatively, growth can be controlled more effectively when planting in a container instead of directly in the ground.

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An unidentified Rugosa Rose at a scenic lookout at Cannon Beach, Oregon.

Photo by Myrna Cariaga



## Armchair Traveler: Nakanoshima Rose Garden Kita—Osaka, Japan

By Marsha Yokomichi  
HRS Master Rosarian

The beautiful **Nakanoshima Rose Garden** was built on a sandbank between the Dojima and Tosabori rivers in Kita-ku, Osaka, Japan. *Nakanoshima*, which literally means *island in the middle* in Japanese, is part of the 26+ acre Nakanoshima



Park which was the first public park built in Osaka. The **Nakanoshima Rose Garden** is a long and slim rose garden featuring about 3,700 rose plants in over 300 varieties.

Although there are always some roses continuously blooming in the garden throughout the growing season from May through October, there are two featured periods for the best blooms: mid-to-late May and early-to-mid October. A visit there during those two times of the year is sure to delight you as you will be able to see and smell thousands of blooms while strolling throughout the garden.

Myrna and I had an opportunity to visit the **Nakanoshima Rose Garden** in May 2006 as part of a



*Nakanoshima Rose Garden, 2006*  
Photo by Marsha Yokomichi



Current *Nakanoshima Rose Garden*  
Photo source: <https://www.ritzcarlton.com/en/hotels/japan/osaka/area-activities/guest-activities/nakanoshima-park-walking-tour>

tour with the World Federation of Rose Societies convention in Osaka that year. At that time, the garden was already impressive as it was very apparent that the garden was meticulously maintained and cared for. Since that time, the **Nakanoshima Rose Garden** underwent a major renovation in 2007 and it reopened in its present



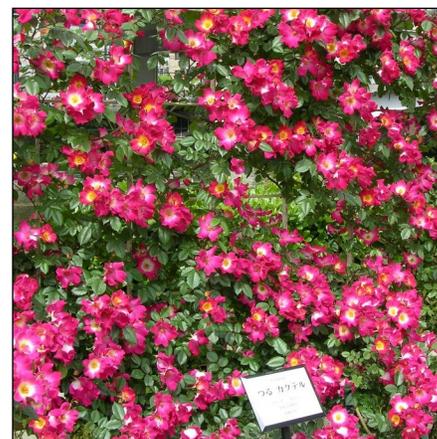
*"La France"*  
Photo by Myrna Cariaga

form in 2010. One of the most memorable experiences while visiting the **Nakanoshima Rose Garden** was seeing the historical rose variety, *La France* growing live for the first time.

As you may know, *La France* is a significant rose in history as it is the defining rose variety hybridized in the year 1867. Any rose varieties bred before 1867 are considered Old

Garden Roses "OGRs" and any rose varieties bred after 1867 are considered modern roses.

I also remember the stunning rose climbers growing in rose bed after rose bed along a fence next to the river.



Rose climber, "*Cocktail*"  
Photo by Marsha Yokomichi

The **Nakanoshima Rose Garden** is managed by the Ogimachi Park Office and maintained by Osaka City government maintenance workers who keep the garden always looking its best. The garden is located at 1 Chome-1 Nakanoshima, Kita Ward, Osaka, 530-0005, Japan. Free admission; always open. Certainly worth a visit if you're in the area!

Source: <https://we-love-osaka-en.com/wp/nakanoshima-rose-garden/>

Map source: <https://matcha-jp.com/en/place-master/5646>



Roses growing on trellises.  
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