

ROSE PARADE FAVORITES FOR 2004

PINK BLEND (PB)

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HYGRID TEA:

Brigadoon A beautiful blend of pink, cream and strawberry red, with deeper shades marked towards the petal tips. The petals slowly reflex to show a spiral center that slowly subsides as the blooms gradually open out. A spicy fragrance is a plus however, often the stems are not long enough for cutting. The bush is tall and bushy with deep green glossy leaves.

First Prize The blooms are very large, double, high centered and come in rose pink shading toward ivory at the center. The color tends to bleach quickly, particularly on hot days. There is a good fragrance and the foliage is dark, large and leathery. It has good disease resistance, but the stems are covered with large thorns. This rose also comes as a climber.

Gemini This new rose in 2000 has had instant popularity. Color is rich cream blushing to a deep coral. Large double blooms on long stems. A great cutting rose.

Secret This rose has large high centered light pink blooms edged with deep pink borne singly on strong, straight stems. The blooms are attractive at all stages. The blooms are suitable for cutting or exhibition and has a seductively super fragrance. The bush is tall and prolific with medium to dark green semi-glossy foliage.

Tiffany The blooms are large and full combining rose pink and rosy salmon shades, with hints of gold at the petal base and are carried on long firm stems, sometimes singly and sometimes in clusters. They have good fragrance and are excellent for cutting. The plant grows vigorously and upright to above average height and has deep green glossy foliage.

FLORIBUNDA:

Our Lady of Guadalupe Light pink with deeper pink reverse. Bush is usually covered with multiple sprays. "I took two sprays to a rose show. Entered one and put the other back in my car. The temperature was in the 90's. When I got home 6 hours later, the spray was as fresh looking as when I arrived at the show. It sure impressed me."

Nicole See White floribunda

Regensberg The rose has a 4" semi-double blooms of pink edged white with a white center and a reverse of white. Produces masses of blooms on a very short bushy plant. This rose makes a great showing as a border rose, as it will stay within 2' high and wide.

Sweet Vivien This is a very sweet, delicate looking semi-double clear pink bloom, shading to yellow at the center. The compact bushy growth makes it suitable for a low border or edging. It looks great in a "cottage garden" landscape.

CLIMBER:

Berries 'n' Cream This climber produces an abundance of semi-double (25 petals) striped pink & white blooms and is one of the first to bloom in the garden. It doesn't blow like many single varieties. Can be seen at MV Library garden.

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Candy Cane This rose will astound you with long sprays of 15-20 almost single blooms, deep pink dramatically striped with white. Literature says this mini climber gets 4-8'; however, if only deadheaded, and not pruned back, after it gets established it will continue to well over 12' with beautifully arched branches just covered with elegant, dainty fairy like blooms.

Eden (Pierre de Ronsard) This is a very vigorous rose, climbing to over 20 feet horizontally each way if you let it. Horizontal canes will produce a multitude of strong branching shoots, each blooming profusely. The blooms are large on strong stems and shaped like big cabbages, looking a little like an English rose. The color can vary with temperature. The creamy white bloom, lightly suffused with light pink close to the edges repeat well and it does not shatter on the bush. A great cutting rose that lasts several days.

MINIATURE & MINI-FLORA:

Alisha This is on the top of my favorite list, primarily because of the tiny white edge on each of the light pink petals. There is also a tiny point in the middle of the outside edge of each petal. It's a great cutting rose and blends well with other roses in a bouquet. Looks great along with a darker rose '*Marriotta*' with the same markings.

Astra A very delicate looking pink petals blended with white. It stays small, no over 12" and is used as an under planting for a tree roses.

Child's Play Charming white blooms are framed with a delicate pink edge. The florets with more than 20 petals come singly or in small clusters of 3-6 blooms. High centered with moderate stem length. Bushy plant is vigorous and blooms production is very fast.

Figure: The bloom is ivory white, tinged with pink, on a medium, upright dense plant. In the heat, it may be pink all over. Blooms are borne one to a long stem, making this maybe the best cutting rose of all the mini's.

Minnie Pearl Long elegant buds produce beautifully shaped, light pink blooms with much darker undersides and the ideal high-centered form everyone likes. Blooms are borne singly or in large clusters, always on strong, straight stems. The foliage is semi-glossy and mid green on a vigorous, upright plant. Blooms keep their color and form better if given some relief from intense heat.

Mother's Love Double blooms of pastel pink, with soft yellow bases. Has a distinct fruity fragrance. Blooms occur singly or in small sprays. In hot weather the color can fade quite quickly. This medium-sized plant is a remarkably beautiful variety that adds grace and charm to the garden.

Peaches 'N' Cream Buds open to creamy, peach-pink, fragrant flowers with lots of petals of good exhibition form. Needs warmth to open properly. A nice cutting rose.

Pink Petticoat Full double creamy white flowers edged with coral-pink are abundant on this very tall mini. The blooms tend to be larger than the normal miniature size, and this rose perhaps should be classified as a mini-flora or Patio rose. The blooms hold their form and color well, even in the heat. The color combination is even more spectacular when the blooms are fully open. Foliage is dark green, glossy and disease resistant. The tall, strong straight stems makes this rose excellent for cutting.

Seattle Scentsation The flowers are a delightful mixture of yellow, apricot and pink. The double florets are very fragrant, and are borne both singly and in small clusters. It's tall, upright vigorous and has no prickles. The blooms don't like a lot of heat, and some fading to washed pink will occur when the temperature climbs. Strong stems makes this a great cutting rose.