

# ROSE PARADE FAVORITES FOR 2004

## PINK: LIGHT (LP), MEDIUM (MP) & DARK (DP)

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### **HYBRID TEA & GRANDIFLORA:**

**Andrea Stelzer** (LP) Blooms are large, being made up of many wide petals, and succeeding in holding their high centers as they open. The bush is tall, and the blooms are good for cutting. Good repeat bloom.

**Bewitched** (MP) Blooms are very large medium pink that hold their color well even in hot weather. It has a very pleasing fragrance. Long stems make this an excellent cutting rose. Bush has good vigor; however, it is not as disease resistant as some. Performs best in a warm climate. See at MV. Lib. Rose garden.

**Electron** (DP) This rose is pure splendor in a bouquet. Glowing, deep hot pink very double blooms that hold their color well, will show off like spotlights around your garden. Flowers are fragrant and are produced on long stems for cutting. Good disease resistance.

**Elizabeth Taylor** (DP) A dark pink rose that has been around for almost 20 years, and is still "everyone's" favorite. Nice high centered exhibition type blooms that have great substance and are great for cutting as well as in the landscape. Disease resistant.

**New Zealand** (LP) This rose has large, soft warm light pink blooms with excellent shape and form that are borne one to a stem on strong straight stems. Blooms have a strong honeysuckle fragrance. Foliage is glossy, dark green, disease resistant on a vigorous, upright bush. It prefers consistent temperatures on the warm side to be at its best. It's slow to get established, but your patience will be rewarded.

**Tournament of Roses** (MP) A Stalwart grandiflora with big clusters of flowers on firm stems are very noticeable in the garden. The blooms show contrasting tones of pink as the petals unfold, deep pink on their outer surfaces, and creamy pink within. The color is enhanced in the warmer weather. It's upright and vigorous growth is above average height.

**Yves Piaget** (DP) This rose has double, sweetly scented large deep pink peony shaped blooms. Lasts very well in a bouquet. Produces prodigious amounts of blooms for the size of bush, which likes to spread width-wise. Great repeat and good disease resistance in warm dry climates. Prone to black spot in cool, damp weather.

### **FLORIBUNDA & POLYANTHA:**

**Gene Boerner** (MP) This rose has been a favorite for over 30 years. The pink flowers of exceptional size and quality come in a cluster. In the depths of the flower deeper pink tones are seen. This is a good cutting rose as well as a good variety for the landscape.

**Gruss an Aachen** (LP) This rose bears large clusters of medium sized pearly blush to cream blooms. It is a small to medium sized bush, and will look more white than light blush pink in the heat. There is a mild pleasing scent. A very nice addition to the landscape.

**Mrs. R.M. Finch** (MP) A Polyantha that's a well shaped landscape plant as well as a great addition to a bouquet. Flowers last well, and it is quite disease resistant.

**Neon Lights** (DP) The color of this rose is really attractive. Flowers are hot magenta pink, moderately full, large blooms borne in small clusters. They have a pleasing fragrance.

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**Playgirl** (MP) A shocking pink single bloom. Unfortunately Weeks Roses has stopped growing this fabulous rose.

**Poulsen's Pearl** (LP) Blooms on this rose are a most unusual fairy like bloom. They light up the garden with magnificent single flowers that float on airy umbels. Blooms last well. A good landscape plants that grow to at least 5' tall.

**Sexy Rexy** (MP) Blooms are medium to light pink borne on very strong straight stems in large clusters. The flower opens flat with a nice colorful finish. The trusses last for weeks and the repeat cycle is fast. The foliage is small, mid-green on a compact, healthy, disease resistant bush. A great cutting rose as well as excellent in the landscape. Can be seen at the M. V. Lib. Rose Garden.

**The Fairy** (LP) This Polyantha is a truly remarkable rose. The bush is smaller but sturdy with large clusters of small 1" blooms. It starts blooming a little later than most, but once it starts, it provides a prolific show for weeks on end. The rosette-shaped flowers are made up of scores of tiny petals, and are carried in dainty sprays all over the bush in an even tone of light rose pink. If kept pruned it will stay quite dwarf or it can achieve the stature of a small shrub by being allowed to grow unchecked. It is also excellent in a hanging basket or as a weeping standard, as seen at the MV. Library Rose Garden.

## **OLD GARDEN ROSES (OGR)**

**Enfant de France** (LP) A Hybrid Perpetual (1860) that really pumps out the blooms once it gets established. Bush stays moderate size.

**Souvenir de la Malmaison** (LP) This is a luscious antique rose with intricate petal formation. A great landscape plant that stays compact medium size. Excellent repeat bloom. Flowers are long lasting in the garden making it a good cutting rose. This is one of the most popular OGR's that continues to win everyone's heart.

## **SHRUB:**

**Bonica** (MP) Every garden should have this delightful rose. It bears sprays of clear rose pink flowers at different levels on a neat, spreading plant of modest size, covered in abundant rich green foliage. Once it starts blooming, there is hardly any time when the plant is out of bloom until the winter prune. The flowers are full of small petals and are cupped in form. The longer canes can be pegged for propagation purposes. This rose can be seen at the MV. Library Rose Garden.

**Gertrude Jekyll** (MP) A fantastic garden variety if you have the room. You can treat it as a climber because it has a 15 foot spread. An unbelievable display of blooms in the first cycle.

**Heritage** (LP) A David Austin rose with absolute beautiful porcelain-like blooms. Very poetic looking and good repeat. Flowers do not last long yet bush produces so many blooms, it makes up for the short bloom life. A wonderful landscape plant. Responds well to 'pegging' in the garden.

## **CLIMBERS:**

**Chickadee** (MP) This mini has clear, soft pink blooms with occasional white stripes.

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This is not classed as a climber, but Denise says it's a wonderful weeper when grafted on a tree rose.

**Jeanne LaJoie** (MP) This is considered the very best mini climber. The ARS rating of 9.2 says it all. Long pointed buds open to medium pink, exhibition hybrid tea form. Perfectly formed double blooms do not fade. It's disease resistant and the bloom production is staggering if the canes are trained horizontally along a fence or trellis.

**New Dawn** (LP) This rose has no faults and some great attributes that make it an all-time favorite. Large double, fragrant, cameo pink flowers fade to a flesh-toned white on a bush that climbs to around 20 feet. Blooms are borne in small clusters and one bloom per stem whatever the climate. It's disease resistant and the sweet scent of the blooms is another plus.

**Zephyrine Drouhin** (MP) This is an OGR thorn less climber and great along a walkway. The fragrant, medium-sized flowers are semi-double and loose petaled. They are cerise-pink with a white base and almost look iridescent. This vigorous plant makes a real statement.

## **MINIATURE & MINI-FLORA**

**Candy Sunblaze** (DP) This has a medium-sized, very full bloom. The foliage is medium sized, dark green and glossy. It has an upright growth habit and grows tall. Its compact nature provides an abundance of attractive blooms with a fast recycle time, making an excellent landscape rose.

**Cupcake** (MP) This very full, small blooms of about 60 petals have high centers produced in small clusters of 1-5 blooms. The blooms are so full and abundant, you can hardly see the disease resistant dark green foliage.

**Giggles** (MP) The flowers of this rose are large for a miniature, formed with high centers and usually borne singly, sometimes in small sprays. They are a pretty combination of rose pink shades, being deeper on the outside of their 18 or so petals, fading to creamy pink as they age. It grows vigorously to above average height.

**Jessica Rose** (LP) A new rose by Ralph Moore. Baby pink delicate double flowers which grow in small clusters. Compact bushy plant. Color and flower form are so "just like a rose".

**Just For You** (DP) Beautiful deep pink to light red flowers. Large blooms for a mini borne singly or in small clusters. Stays medium low, but is slow to repeat.

**Live wire** (DP) This micro-mini has deep cardinal red-pink, reverse darker blooms that lighten with age. The semi-double cupped, loose, small, profuse blooms borne usually singly, is perfectly balanced with small, medium green, semi-glossy foliage. A wonderful border rose that will stay within 12" high and wide, but will get considerably wider if not divided about every 3 years.

**Pink Porcelain** (LP) Light shell pink with softer tones on the outer petals. Turns almost white in the heat. Perfect high centered exhibition form blooms on nice long stems makes it a great cutting rose. A very prolific bloomer getting between 2-3' tall. It makes a great showing in the landscape. ARS rates 7.2, but I give it an 8.0 at least.

**Real Charmer** (LP) This is a 'Pixie Treasures' Mini, with full large blooms borne in small clusters. The foliage is also large. It's a heavy bloomer with excellent form, and should probably be classified as a mini-flora.