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Welcome to our first ever rose special. In this section we put the spotlight on the awards made following the recent National Rose Trials in Adelaide and showcase the new crop of rose releases for 2016 from growers and introducers in Perth, Adelaide and Victoria.

Roses are the most popular flower around the world and it seems their popularity is not diminishing in 2016. As rose grower Daniel Knight tells us, the recent hot and dry conditions and water restrictions experienced by gardeners around Australia have just accentuated how good roses can be.

Rose breeders too have turned their attention to two important areas: disease resistance and perfume. The new-generation roses show better disease resistance than older varieties and most are strongly scented. It's a win for gardeners everywhere! I hope you enjoy our rose roundup for 2016.



Jennifer Stackhouse
Editor

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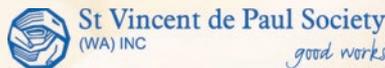
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New for 2016

City of Perth (spenash)™

An intriguing bloom with a subtle blend of yellow, apricot and peachy red. When fully open the bloom displays pointed petals much like a multi pointed star. A repeat flowering H.T. rose bush growing to 1.5m in height. This is a fund raising rose in support of the St Vincent de Paul Society WA and their charitable work within the City of Perth.



With all my Heart (luckystar)™

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Kaila's Wish (spotlight)™

A compact H.T. shrub growing to 1.2m. Produces many medium sized bright golden blooms with fiery red reverse on the petals and edges. Ideal show and vase specimen. A charity fund raising rose in support of Crohn's & Colitis Australia. "Kaila who has been living with Crohn's disease since the age of 15 is the instigator and inspiration behind the release of this rose. Part proceeds from each rose sold is donated to Crohn's & Colitis Australia. Thank you for your support."



A Daughter's Gift (Spelenyr)™

A beautifully proportioned rose with large blooms of deep velvety red with white reverse. The blooms are either borne singly or in clusters. This vigorous H.T. bush grows to approx 1.5m in height. The blooms have a delicate sweet fragrance. A charity fund raising rose for the "Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Leukaemia and Lymphoma Fund" supporting research into leukaemia.



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National Rose Trial Garden of Australia 2015 awards



After two years of intensive and exhausting trials, a new crop of roses has received awards and accolades. Kelvin Trimper explains how the roses are put through their paces and reports on the medal winners.
Photos: Les Johnson and Melanie Trimper.

Rose trial gardens exist throughout the world. At least 25 are acknowledged by the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS). The National Rose Trial Garden Australia (NRTGA) was established in 1996 in Adelaide to trial roses not yet commercially released, bred locally or internationally.

The purpose of the trial garden is to identify and promote those roses best suited to Australian growing conditions, to promote Australian rose breeding, to provide information on roses to the public and to provide feedback to rose breeders, growers and retailers.

The trial garden is located within the Adelaide Botanic Gardens. A team of 10 independent assessors judge each rose 14 times during the two-year trial.

The judges include garden designers and advisers, gardeners from domestic and public gardens and retailers. Each of the roses are identified by number only so their identity remains unknown to the assessors throughout the trial.

The assessment criteria used involves judging the 'General Impression' (30 per cent of score), 'Flowering and Flower Quality' (30 per cent of score), 'Pest and Disease Resistance' (30 per cent of score) and 'Fragrance' (10 per cent of score).



Gold Medal and Best Rose of the Trial W586-1

Winners

The awards presentation in late 2015, revealed some exciting newcomers. The multi-award-winning 'Best Rose of the Trial' was a Shrub Rose bred by Christian Bedard of Weeks Roses, USA, which will be released by Swane's Nurseries in the future.

A second Gold Medal was awarded to a Shrub Rose bred by Chris Warner, UK, to be released

by Roses and Friends Australia. This rose, code-named CHEWSUMSIGNS, is one of the new group of roses with an 'eye' in the centre of the flower, which are fragrant and free-flowering. Representing a generational change in roses, their development resulted from 40 years of hard work and good judgment to produce a wonderful new rose plant. This winning rose is one of a series of roses using the rare *Hultbemia*

And the winners are...

People's Choice

Corporate Roses Australia for 5686-99-7, a pale pink Hybrid Tea Rose (Meilland International, France).

Gold Medal and Best Rose of the Trial

Swane's Nurseries Australia for W586-1, orange-pink Shrub Rose (Christian Bedard, Weeks Roses US). This rose also received the Marion de Boehme Memorial Award and The Gerald Meylan Perpetual Trophy.

Gold Medal

Roses and Friends Australia for CHEWSUMSIGNS, pink single Shrub Rose with red eye (Chris Warner, UK).

Silver Medal

S Brundrett & Sons Australia for BRUNALLEN, apricot pink and yellow Hybrid Tea Rose (Bruce Brundrett, Australia).

Silver Medal and Best Floribunda

Corporate Roses Australia for KOKAND, a bright pink Floribunda Rose (Meilland International, France). This rose also received The Rose Hill Perpetual Challenge Bowl (USA) for Best Floribunda.

Bronze Medal

Corporate Roses Australia for rose 3/05/5266, a soft yellow Floribunda Rose (Meilland International, France).

Bronze Medal and Most Fragrant Rose of the Trial

Graham and Diane Sargent for 'Gra's Blue', a blue-mauve Mini Flora Rose (G and D Sargent, Australia). This rose also received The Governor of Gifu Award (Japan) for the Most Fragrant Rose of the Trial.

Certificate of Merit

S Brundrett & Sons Australia for 4098, creamy yellow flushed with pink Floribunda Rose (Bruce Brundrett, Australia).

Certificate of Merit

Knights Roses Australia for TAN02100, an old-fashioned pink Shrub Rose (Rosen Tantau, Germany).

Certificate of Merit

Leigh Seibler Australia for AUSkitchen, an old-fashioned pink Shrub Rose (David Austin Roses, UK).

Certificate of Merit

Paul Hains Australia for HAI moogol, a Floribunda Rose with bright-pink petals and white reverse (Paul Hains, Australia).



Gold Medal winner Code CHEWSUMSIGNS



Best Australian Bred Rose Code BRUNALLEN

persica (syn. *Rosa persica*) resulting in the eye at the base of each flower, reminiscent of oriental poppies and tree peonies.

It was also pleasing to see an Australian rose, bred by Bruce Brundrett, collect three trophies and a Silver Medal for the Best Hybrid Tea rose, BRUNALLEN. In addition, Bruce received \$1000 in sponsorship from the National Rose Society of Australia to assist with marketing and promotion of his Australian-bred rose.

People's choice

In addition to the formal awards, there is an annual People's Choice Award. Each year, over one weekend, the public is invited to select its favourite roses in the trial. The 2015 award went to Corporate Roses Australia for a beautiful pink Hybrid Tea Rose with strong fragrance and an old-fashioned many-petaled flower. It was bred in France by rose growers Meilland International.

Visit the website www.nationalrosesrialgarden.net.au for more information.



WFRS People's Choice Award to Corporate Roses Code 5686-99-7

Kelvin Trimper is Chairman, National Rose Trial Garden of Australia and recently became President of the World Federation of Rose Societies.



Silver Medal and Best Floribunda KOKAND



The rose trial grounds in Adelaide

Pick of the autumn rose crop

Autumn and winter are the time of peak rose sales for home gardens. Here is a taste of the new rose releases for 2016 from Australia's leading growers. With a focus on disease resistance and fragrance, many of the season's new release roses are award winners from rose trials staged around the world.

Knight's celebrates more than 50 years of selling roses

Roses are as popular as ever says Daniel Knight from Knight's Roses in South Australia. Roses grow well in our hot Australian climate says Daniel, who adds it is one of the reasons why rose sales have been very strong in recent years.

Knight's is a family rose business established in the 1950s by George Knight and his brothers Julius (Daniel's father) and Ian. The business was not registered until the 1960s.

"The brothers often burnt the midnight oil while packing roses into wooden crates lined with sawdust in preparation for the early morning carrier," says Daniel. Initially they were selling to retail outlets in South Australia but it was not long before the nursery had expanded its operations into the eastern states.

Daniel planted his first rose crop at the age of 18. "I recall that in 1969 a standard rose sold for 85 cents and a bush rose was 42 cents wholesale."

Around 1970, land was purchased at Willaston, north of Gawler, and the business supplied a staggering 250,000 roses to nurseries across Australia. In the mid-1970s the three brothers went their separate ways. Julius remained in the industry, taking the Knight's Roses brand to Mannum on the Murray River where he and his wife downsized

Daniel Knight in his rose nursery in South Australia.

the company to retail 60,000 roses annually.

In 1985 Daniel became the second generation of the Knight family to help run the business. The father and son team returned to Gawler in 1992 because of a guaranteed water supply, the availability of enough land to enable rotation of crops and for expansion, each year producing an ever-greater range of rose varieties.

Daniel continues to look at new ways to grow the business and says would like to take the business in new directions.

"There is always significant risk in constantly growing the business but the bottom line is self-belief and hard work," he says. "I have a vision for the future, it will be interesting to see which of my three children takes it on," he adds proudly.

New for 2016

Knight's Roses has a long list of new-release roses for 2016 which range from a rose to commemorate the fallen soldiers of World War 1 to a rose with an award-winning scent. 'We Will Remember Them' is a Hybrid Tea Rose with large, high-centred blooms that are rich yellow edged with bright orange. Growing to 1.7m x 1.2m, this variety repeat flowers in flushes throughout the growing season. It has long, straight stems and a fresh, sweet rose fragrance. The bush is upright, vigorous and hardy with good disease resistance.

'Per-Fyoom Perfume' didn't get an award for its



'Pink Moon' is a sport of the ever-popular 'Blue Moon' with a good perfume.

whacky name but it did get many for its perfume, including awards in Japan, Germany, Italy and Switzerland. The scent is described as myrrh, apple blossom and classic rose. The scented flowers are old-fashioned-style soft pink that pick well. The bush grows to around 1.4m high and 1m wide and has disease-resistant mid-green leaves.

Every rose lover knows the classic highly perfumed 'Blue Moon' and it now has a pink sport called aptly 'Pink Moon'. It is identical to its parent in every way except for its colour. It grows upright and tall, up to 2m, and produces slender, pointed buds that open into large pink blooms. The strong, lengthy stems make it ideal for cutting. With its strong seductive fragrance and vivid colour this rose is destined to be as popular as its parent predicts Daniel Knight. ➤



Rose grower withdraws roses for healthier options

Twenty years ago German rose breeder Kordes stopped the use of fungicides on their trial grounds, where new varieties are evaluated before their introduction on the market. This meant it was possible to select the truly healthy varieties among those thousands of seedlings on trial. Kordes has now withdrawn more than 100 of its older varieties from their catalogue, which in their opinion, were no longer competitive. This has made way for new, better and healthier varieties say Kordes.

Treloar Roses at Portland in Victoria represent Kordes, who is well-known as the breeder that developed 'Iceberg', one of the world's most popular roses. To mark Kordes' 125 years of rose breeding, Kordes has named a bicolour rose 'Kordes Jubilee'. It has jasmine-scented yellow flowers each petal tipped with red.

With an accent on fragrance, Treloar is releasing 'Dark Desire', a Hybrid Tea Rose from Kordes' Parfuma collection. The red rose has a fragrance described as lemon and rose geranium. It has vigorous growth, is disease tolerant and grows to around 1m high and 60cm wide. Also part of the Parfuma collection is 'First Crush' a pastel-pink Floribunda Rose with a fruity fragrance and healthy foliage. It grows to around 1m tall and 80cm wide.



'Kordes Jubilee' is celebrating 125 years of rose breeding by the German company.

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Entries close April 15, 2016

Prize pack We have five sets to give away (each comprised of a Yates Thrive Roses & Flowers Liquid Plant Food, Yates Rose Gun Advanced and a copy of the valued at \$50.)



Climbing rose suits small spaces

Climbing Max is a new group of climbing roses to look out for and is especially well suited to gardeners with a small but sunny vertical space. 'Florentina' is robust with gorgeous double red blooms of a nostalgic appearance. It grows approximately 2m high x 1m wide and will bloom repeatedly throughout the flowering months, putting on a spectacular display against a background of lush, disease-free foliage. Climbing Max roses are bred by Kordes and available from Treloar Roses.



'Florentina' is a new compact climbing rose that's ideal for a small, sunny spot.



'A Daughter's Gift' is a charity rose with striking flowers.

New from Landsdale

Charity roses play a big role in rose new releases. This year sees the release of a new rose to raise funds for the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital Leukaemia Fund. It is called 'A Daughter's Gift' and was named for Karen, who became ill with a rare form of leukaemia at the age of 26. The Fund was established at the instigation of her mother Jane more than a decade ago. 'A Daughter's Gift' is Karen's continued legacy. It is a Hybrid Tea with a sweet fragrance. Its petals are deep velvety red with a white reverse. The rose was chosen because the colouring is representative of white and red blood cells.

Also new this year from Landsdale Rose Gardens are 'Kaila's Wish' (yellow and orange Hybrid Tea) and 'With All My Heart' (a deep crimson Hybrid Tea with ruffled petals), both of which rose introducer Peter Nosow recommends as top

choices for picking or as a show specimen. Kaila's wish is that a cure will be found for the debilitating Crohn's disease. She has suffered from this disease since the age of 15. Funds raised from the sale of this rose support Crohn's and Colitis Australia, the peak national body supporting Australians diagnosed with the disease.

Landsdale is also releasing 'City of Perth' which is a yellow, apricot and peachy red Hybrid Tea Rose, which raises funds for the St Vincent de Paul Society WA to support their charitable work within the City of Perth.

The new roses have been bred by Spek Roses (Jan Spek Rozen) at Boskoop in The Netherlands, well known for the release of 'Spek's Yellow'. This leading rose breeder has not been represented in Australia for some years. Peter Nosow is exhibiting his new roses at MIFGS in March. ➔



Sales of 'City of Perth' raise funds for the homeless in Perth.



'Wollerton Old Hall' (left) and 'Tranquillity' are new in Australia from David Austin in the UK.

Starring at MIFGS

Two new roses from David Austin Roses will be on show at the Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show (March 16–20 in the Royal Exhibition Building)

as part of the Rose Introducers of Australia stand. 'Wollerton Old Hall' can be grown as a shrub or a climber to 3m. It has few thorns, a myrrh scent and a chalice-shaped soft apricot to cream

flower. 'Tranquillity' produces flowers that form a perfect rosette of petals. It opens with a tinge of yellow but becomes pure white. It too is almost thornless, fragrant and has healthy foliage. 🌹

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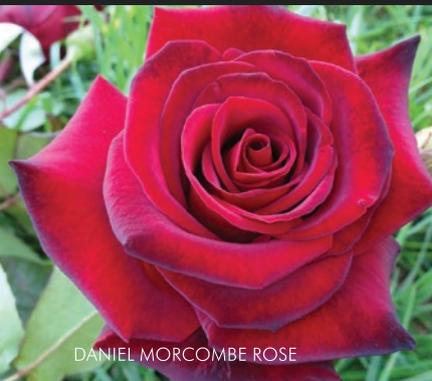
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