

The 4th International Fragrant Rose Trial in Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka, Japan

Details of the result

The International Fragrant Rose Trials is held every year by inviting applications of new fragrant roses from rose breeders not only in Japan but all around the world. All the applied nursery plants are planted and brought up for two years under exactly the same condition in the snowy and cold region of Japan. Then, examination session is held twice every spring and autumn by the Judging Committee comprising of experts of roses and fragrances to decide the award winning varieties.

The winning prizes are Gold Award, Silver Award and Bronze Award each for the specified four criteria. In addition, as special awards, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award is presented to the highest score winner among the Gold Award Winners, Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award is presented to the highest score winner in the fragrance section among the winners of Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards, and Nagaoka City Mayor's Award is presented to the most popular variety among the general guests to the park.

<<Comments from Judging Committee Members>>

Judging Committee Chairman:

Mt. Yoshihiro Ueda, President of Gifu International Academy of Horticulture

The 4th International Fragrance Rose Trials welcomed 63 entries, which is a quite comfortable size for our examination.

After careful examination, we have come up with two gold award winners, three silver award winners, and four bronze award winners.

Overall impression is that the roses with excellent fragrance were found more in the Shrubs varieties than any other varieties, resulting in higher points in average. Although there were only three entries in the Miniature Roses variety, each of the three received high points in the fragrance criteria, resulting in two award winners.

“Strawberry Hill” that won the gold award had strong anise (myrrh) like fragrance, which is often notable among English roses. This variety received the highest points in the fragrance criteria among all the contestants, with high points within other judging criteria as well, reflecting its well balanced character.

“M-RIC-804-I” that became the leader in the Hybrid Tea Roses variety also received gold award, with gorgeous petal color and highly acclaimed fragrance.

Within the Floribunda category, “Charlottenburg™ Poulcas034[®]”, which won bronze award and Nagaoka City Mayor's Award had given deep emotional impact on judges with such features like large flowers, changing flower shape from cup-like shape to quarter rosette, as well as their impressive flower colors.

Judging Committee Vice Chairman:

Mr. Shoji Nakamura, President of International Fragrance and Culture Society

There were 63 applications to the 4th International Fragrance Trails from both in and out of Japan. At this Trials again, in general, the quality of fragrance was excellent. We have come up with two gold award winners, three silver award winners and four bronze award winners, the same number of award winners as that of the Trails last year. Among the winning roses, six were from overseas while three are applied domestically, indicating the international characteristics of the Trials. Regarding the points on fragrance criteria among the various types of roses, rather high points were awarded to Shrubs and Miniature Roses types while lower points were awarded to Floribunda type.

Among the award winners, “Strawberry Hill”, the winner of Gold Award, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award and Niigata Prefectural Governor’s Award had fragrance characteristic that is commonly seen among most of English Roses. In its review, Strawberry Hill received review that it has “very well coordinated harmony of damask roses and anise-like aroma of herbs. Indole has strengthened overall fragrance and has enhanced diffusion of aroma, making its fragrance gorgeous and sophisticated.”

“M-RIC-804-I”, the other gold award winner had “elegant bouquet with rather metallic feature having fruity and fresh green note”.

“Charlottenburg™ Poulcas034®”, which won Nagaoka Mayor’s award and bronze award received review that it has “fresh and friendly aroma with tea fragrance and green apple like fruity tone.”

Category : HT

Gold Award

Entry No.5

Variety : M-RIC-804- I

Breeder : Michèle Richardier France

Feature: Large flower with round petal and high center at the time of blossoming.

When it becomes full blossom, slightly rosette form appears. Its shaft stands upright with rather tall height.

Fragrance type : Fruity

Elegant bouquet with rather metallic feature having fruity and fresh green note



Silver Award

Entry No.8

Variety : FKS – 283

Breeder : Shunsuke Takeuchi Japan

Feature: Large flower with round petal and high center. Medium height.

Fragrance type : Tea

Rich aroma with tea like bouquet, strong sweetness of roses, freshness of citrus, and a touch of woody tone of liquid ink.



Bronze Award

Entry No.11

Variety : WS07 – 9

Breeder : Wataru Satoh Japan

Feature: Middle size flower with rosette type petal in the shape of open cup. Good blossom condition in a compact space.

Fragrance type : Damask-Classic

Strong tone of scent typical of Damask Classic Roses with a hint of powdery note. Aldehyde is working effectively in strengthening overall fragrance. Aroma is elegant and rich.



Category :F

Bronze Award (Special prize: Nagaoka City Mayor's Award)

Entry No.28

Variety : Charlottenburg™ Poulcas034®

Breeder : Pernille and Mogens N.Olesen Denmark

Feature: Large flower which transforms from cup shape to quarter blossom. Good blossom condition in a tassel like shape and within a compact space.

Fragrance type : Tea

Fresh and friendly aroma with tea fragrance and green apple like fruity tone.



Category : Min

Silver Award

Entry No.39

Variety : Dream Lover

Breeder : Colin A. Pearce England

Feature: Flowers with Small petals in flat blossom mingle with others to form tassel of flowers. Good blossom tendency within a compact space.

Fragrance type : Damask-Classic

Rich aroma of roses typical of Damask Classic with a touch of flowery scent of astragalus. Elegant and rich aroma.



Bronze Award

Entry No.38

Variety : Akane

Breeder : Takashi Kawai Japan

Feature: Small flower with sword shaped petals and high centers mingle with others to form tassel of flowers. Good blossom tendency within a compact space.

Fragrance type : Spicy

Sweet and rich aroma with strong hint of clove in addition to the fragrance tone of Damask roses.



Category : S

Gold Award (Special prize : Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award)
(Special prize : Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award)

Entry No.43

Variety : Strawberry Hill

Breeder : David C.H. Austin England

Feature: Middle sized flower with rather cup shaped rosette. Good blossom condition. Rather tall stature.

Fragrance type : Anis(Myrrh)

Extremely good harmony of damask roses and anise like scent tone of herb. Indole has strengthened overall fragrance and has enhanced diffusion of aroma, making its fragrance gorgeous and sophisticated.



Silver Award

Entry No.42

Variety : Gartenträume RT97281

Breeder : Rosen Tantau Germany

Feature: Middle sized flower with cup shape rosette with petals in frill. Good blossom condition. Middle height.

Fragrance type : Damask-Classic

Gorgeous bouquet mixed with rich fragrance of roses typical of Damask Classic with a hint of honey and Switzerland clove and rose oxide.



Bronze Award

Entry No.41

Variety : Lady Emma Hamilton

Breeder : David C.H. Austin England

Feature: Middle sized flower with round petal in a cup shape. Several flowers constitute tassel of flowers. Good blossom condition and within a compact space.

Fragrance type : Tea

Well balanced elegant fragrance with scent of tea, essence of geranium and orange peel, and powdery note. Diffusion of fragrance is notable.



Please note that the above features are based on the growth environment of Trial Ground situated within National Echigo Hillside Park.

The 4th International Fragrant Rose Trial in Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka, Japan

◆Guidelines for Applications

1. Eligibility for Applications : Breeders both professional and amateur, in Japan and overseas.
2. Acceptable Rose Varieties:
 - (1) Varieties which have never been on the market, or were made available for sale on or after the first of January, 2003.
 - (2) Categories of Acceptable Rose Varieties:
 - Part 1: Large-flowered Roses (HTs, Grandifloras)
 - Part 2: Floribunda Roses (F)
 - Part 3: Shrubs(S)
 - Part 4: Miniature Roses, Mini-floras, Patio Roses, and Polyanthas(Min)Climbers are excluded from any of the above categories.
 - (3) The Number of Entries: There is no limitation on the number of varieties the breeder can enter into the trial.
 - (4) The Number of Trees per Variety:
For each variety, four 2-to-3-year-old bare-root trees, either budded, grafted, or self-rooted.
3. Entry Fee : Free of charge

◆The Periods of Judging: June and October, 2010

◆Judging and Commendation:

- Yoshihiro Ueda (President of Gifu International Academy of Horticulture)
- Shoji Nakamura (President of International Fragrance and Culture Society)
- Naoki Ishikawa (President of Niigata Rose Society)
- Kinichi Moriai (Perfumer)
- Kazuko Nomura (Vice President of Rose Culture Institute)
- Naoharu Watanabe (Professor at Graduate School of Science and Technology Shizuoka University)
- Yuki Mikanagi (Senior Researcher at Natural History Museum and Institute, Chiba)
- Yutaka Abe (Honorary President of Saitama Rose Society)
- Hideko Ishiguro (Rose researcher, Director of Ishiguro Music Academy)
- Ayako Takagi (Gardening Lecturer for Japan Broadcasting Corporation)
- Minobu Maekawa (Garden Designer)
- Naomi Okubo (Senior Researcher at National Institute of Floricultural Science, National Agriculture and Food Research Organization)

◆Prizes: Gold, silver, and bronze prizes for each category.

◆Special prizes: Minister of Land, Infrastructure Transport and Tourism Award (Top Award)

Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award

Nagaoka City Mayor's Award

◇Exhibitors : 27 exhibitors

◇The number of varieties : 63 Varieties (HT-33, FL-14, S-13, Min-3)

◇Participating nation : JAPAN, U.K, Denmark, France, Germany, U.S.A, China