

The 5th 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:

Yoshihiro UEDA, Principal, Gifu International Academy of Horticulture

We received 51 entries for the 5th International Fragrant Rose Trials. Although there was only one entry in the miniature category, all of the other categories were well represented with 21 hybrid tea entries, 16 floribunda entries, and 13 shrub entries.

Judging was very difficult this year as blossoming was delayed due to the unseasonably wet spring weather. However despite these difficulties, we were able to conduct a fair and deliberate examination twice, once in spring and once in autumn. We awarded a bronze, silver and gold award for each category, excluding Miniatures, so overall there were three gold, three silver, and three bronze award winners.

The highest overall score was awarded to "Mayo", the Gold Award winner in the Floribunda category. Its fragrance displays excellent strength and quality, so it also received the highest overall points for fragrance. It was also awarded the highest marks for novelty due to the originality of not only the fragrance, but also the color of the bloom and shape of the plant. The Gold Award in the Hybrid Tea category was awarded to "Kick Off" a well-balanced variety that scored highly for all characteristics including its bright red coloring and high-centered bloom form. "Mi Cerezo" was the Gold Award winner in the Shrub category and was placed second overall. It was awarded the highest marks for floriferousness and beauty, and scored highly for its vibrance. The Nagaoka City Mayor's Award was awarded to 'Bradford' for leaving the greatest impression on park visitors with its vibrant orange to reddish colored petals and soft cup-shaped flowers.

**Judging Committee Deputy Chairman:
Shoji NAKAMURA, President of the International Fragrance and Culture Society**

We received a total of 51 entries from Japan and overseas for the 5th International Fragrant Rose Trials. Overall the fragrance quality was high again this year despite the bad weather. We have selected three gold award winners, three silver award winners and three bronze award winners from among the entries. The number of winners is the same as the previous two trials. International entries received two awards and Japanese entries received seven awards, indicating an increase in the number of successful local entrants. With regard to the fragrance scores for each variety of rose, highest points were awarded to the Shrub categories, followed by the Hybrid Tea, Floribunda, and Miniature categories in that order.

Among the award winning roses, the Floribunda category "Mayo" was the winner of a Gold Award and a double special award winner receiving the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award and the Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award. "Mayo" earned high points for both the strength and the quality of its fragrance. Its fragrance type is Damask-Modern which is described as "a colorful rich fragrance with a crisp fruitiness, a powdery honey-like sweetness, and a rich aroma of cloves blended with a rose-like fragrance" The Gold Award winner in the Hybrid Tea category was "Kick Off". This variety has a Damask-Classic fragrance which is described as "a cool, clear, sophisticated fragrance with a blend of fruity and rose-like aromas on top of the freshness of hyacinth."

The Gold Award winner in the Shrub category was "Mi Cerezo". This variety has a Tea fragrance which is described as "a well-balanced elegant fresh fragrance with a tea-rose fragrance incorporating the freshness of lemon and the fruity aromas of apple and pear."

Category : HT

Gold Award

Entry No.11

Variety : Kick Off

Breeder : Kikuo Teranishi Japan

Fragrance type : Damask-Classic

A cool, clear, sophisticated fragrance with a blend of fruity and rose-like aromas on top of the freshness of hyacinth



Silver Award

Entry No.1

Variety : Mister Kei

Breeder : Keiichi Mikami Japan

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A well-balanced fragrance with a sweet fruity aroma and metallic green hints



Bronze Award

Entry No.45

Variety : La Mariée

Breeder : Junko Kawamoto Japan

Fragrance type : Damask-Classic

A fresh fragrance with the aroma of honey and refreshing lemon-peel in tea



Category : F

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

Entry No.29

Variety : Mayo

Breeder : Takashi Kawai Japan

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A colorful rich fragrance with a crisp fruitiness, a powdery honey-like sweetness, and a rich aroma of cloves blended with a rose-like fragrance



Silver Award

Entry No.28

Variety : FKS-304

Breeder : Shunsuke Takeuchi Japan

Fragrance type : Tea

A finely balanced fragrance with the sweetness of honey and geranium in a tea fragrance.
Has subtle anise accents



Bronze Award

Entry No.23

Variety : Hana Bonbori

Breeder : Shunsuke Takeuchi Japan

Fragrance type : Tea

A bright and charming fragrance with a variety of accents including honey, powder, and spice, in a tea fragrance.



Category : S

Gold Award

Entry No.44

Variety : Mi Cerezo

Breeder : Tamotsu Tomokage Japan

Fragrance type : Tea

A well-balanced elegant fresh fragrance with a tea-rose fragrance incorporating the freshness of lemon and the fruity aromas of apple and pear



Silver Award

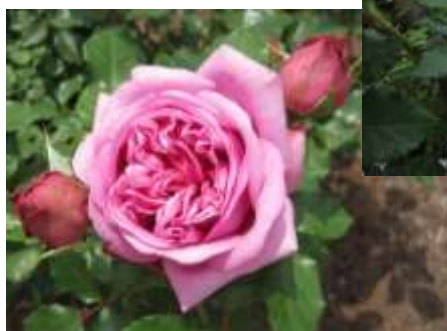
Entry No.48

Variety : Rose Pompadour

Breeder : Arnaud Delbard France

Fragrance type : Damask-Classic

A luxurious fragrance with bright fruity, lemon, and green leaf aromas blended in a vibrant rose fragrance



Bronze Award

Entry No.41

Variety : Windermere

Breeder : David C.H. Austin U.K

Fragrance type : Tea

An elegant harmonious fragrance with sweet juicy fruit notes and honey in a tea fragrance



Category : Min

There is no prizewinner

Special prize

Nagaoka City Mayor's Award

Entry No. 32

Category : F

Variety : Bradfoad™ Poulcas040®

Breeder : Pernille and Mogens N. Olesen Denmark

Fragrance type : Tea

A clean fragrance with apple and metallic green in a tea fragrance. Relatively weak scent.



The 5th 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, 2004.
 - (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, 2011

◆ Judging and Commendation:

Yoshihiro Ueda (Principal, 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)
Junko Nagano (Senior Perfumer at Fragrance Creation Center, Corporate Research & Development Division, Takasago International Corporation)
Yuji Ichikawa (Perfumer)
Yoshiharu Ichimura (Director of Echigo Hillside National Government Park Office)

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

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

Given to the gold-award entry with the highest score.

Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award

Given to the gold, silver or bronze-award entry with highest fragrance score.

Nagaoka City Mayor's Award

Given to the entry with the highest vote from the general public.

◇Exhibitors : 20 exhibitors

◇The number of varieties : 51 Varieties (HT-21, FL-16, S-13, Min-1)

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