

The 11th 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, Minister 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.



Le Printemps



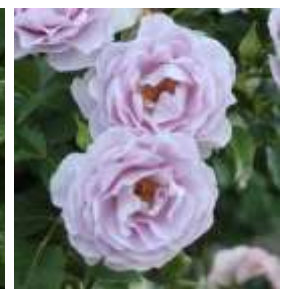
Flowerdecorater Nagashima



Meistersinger



Fantastic



Moonbow

<< Prize Winner Details and Judges' Comments >>

Judging Committee Chairman :

Yoshihiro Ueda, Principal of Gifu International Academy of Horticulture

We received 59 entries in the 11th International Fragrant Rose Trials in total, with 18 Hybrid Tea entries (including Grandiflora varieties), 25 Floribunda entries, 15 Shrub entries, and 1 entry in the Miniature category. Floribunda was the category with largest number of entries this year.

This year cloudy and wet weather persisted throughout Autumn and beyond, with limited sunshine. Despite these weather conditions, we were able to award three awards, a bronze, a silver and a gold, in each category excluding the Miniature category. This year the Nagaoka City Mayor's Award was awarded to a Floribunda rose.

Flowerdecorater Nagashima was the Gold Award winner in the Floribunda category and the recipient of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award. An exceptionally well-balanced variety with fine creamy yellow quartered rosette blooms that complement the bowl-shaped bush. It received high marks for all characteristics. It was awarded highest points for disease and pest resistance as well as hardiness.

Le Printemps, Gold Award winner in the Hybrid Tea category and winner of the Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award, has a bright pink bloom which transitions from a quartered bloom to a rosette bloom during flowering. It scored the highest points for strength and quality of fragrance.

Gold Award winner in the Shrub category, *Meistersinger*, has magenta rose-colored rounded cup blooms and is a vigorous variety.

Moonbow, Silver award winner in the Floribunda category, scored highly for its fragrance. It has a beautiful frilled bloom in a soft silver blue color.

The winner of the Nagaoka City Mayor's Award, *Fantastic* is a spectacular peony rose with dark yellow blooms that don't fade. Its eye-catching blooms likely made it a firm favorite among park visitors.

Judging Committee Deputy Chairman : Yuji Ichikawa, Perfumer

We received a total of 59 entries from Japan and overseas for the 11th International Fragrant Rose Trials. With intense heat in early spring followed by heavy rains in summer and throughout Autumn, this year the climate was particularly harsh on the trial roses. Despite these conditions, there were many roses with excellent fragrances this year and we were able to present three Gold Awards, three Silver Awards, three Bronze Awards, and the Nagaoka City Mayor's Award, to a total of 10 prizewinning varieties. The highest overall score was awarded to *Flowerdecorater Nagashima*, Gold Award winner in the Floribunda category and winner of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award. It has a modern damask fragrance described as “a damask fragrance with a hint of anise on a refreshing apple and hyacinth green base blended with a honey-like sweetness.”

Le Printemps was the Gold Award winner in the Hybrid Tea category and winner of the Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award. It scored the highest fragrance points for its classic damask fragrance, “a gentle sweet damask fragrance with the distinctive freshness of green apple and hyacinth.”

Meistersinger, Gold Award winner in the shrub category, has a modern damask fragrance described as “a gorgeous damask fragrance with the sweetness of honey and peach perfectly balanced with the fresh scent of green young leaves.”

Fantastic won the Nagaoka City Mayor's Award which is chosen by popular vote by visitors to the park and has a tea fragrance. It has “a gentle tea rose scent with distinctive accents of anise and hyacinth green.”

Category : HTs, Grandifloras

Gold Award

Special prize : Niigata Prefectural Governor's Award

Entry No.54

Variety : Le Printemps

Breeder : Takunori Kimura - Japan

Flower : A bright pink bloom with slightly white outer petals. Transitions from a quartered bloom to a rosette bloom during flowering.

Fragrance type : Damask-Classic

A gentle sweet damask fragrance with the distinctive freshness of green apple and hyacinth.



Silver Award

Entry No.8

Variety : AM-402-I

Breeder : Alain Meilland - France

Flower : A mulberry colored bloom with beautiful contrast between the front and back of its petals.

An open round bloom form with pointed outer petals.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A damask fragrance with a gorgeous honey-like sweetness blended with the enveloping fruity scent of cherries.



Bronze Award

Entry No.15

Variety : Amorose

Breeder : Tamotsu Tomokage - Japan

Flower : A high-centered bloom that transitions from salmon pink to apricot during flowering.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

An elegant and refreshing damask fragrance with distinctive notes of apple and spice.



Category : F

Gold Award

Special prize : Minister of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Award

Entry No.35

Variety : Flowerdecorater Nagashima

Breeder : Teizo Yoshiike - Japan

Flower : Fine creamy yellow quartered rosette blooms. An exceptionally well-balanced variety with blooms that complement the bowl-shaped bush.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A damask fragrance with a hint of anise on a refreshing apple and hyacinth green base blended with a honey-like sweetness.



Silver Award

Entry No.57

Variety : Moonbow

Breeder : Hiroтоми Yamakawa - Japan

Flower : A modern soft silver blue colored bloom with a visible center and ruffled and frilled petals.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A fresh damask fragrance with fruity notes of apple and peach blended with the herbal scent of geranium and a honey-like sweetness.



Bronze Award

Entry No.23

Variety : Sucre

Breeder : Junko Kawamoto - Japan

Flower : Transitions from a rounded cup bloom to an open cup bloom with a pink center. As flowering progress from bud to full bloom the color contrast changes too.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A crisp clean damask fragrance with an elegant tea rose scent on fruity lychee base.



Special prize : Nagaoka City Mayor's Award

Entry No.37

Variety : Fantastic

Breeder : Satoru Sato - Japan

Flower : A strong peony bloom form with a dark yellow bloom center that doesn't fade.

Fragrance type : Tea

A gentle tea rose scent with distinctive accents of anise and hyacinth green.



Category : S

Gold Award

Entry No.48

Variety : Meistersinger

Breeder : Fuminori Nukariya - Japan

Flower : A magenta colored rose with rounded cup blooms. A feature of this rose is its drooping blooms.

Fragrance type : Damask-Modern

A gorgeous damask fragrance with the sweetness of honey and peach perfectly balanced with the fresh scent of green young leaves.



Silver Award

Entry No.44

Variety : L'hiver

Breeder : Takunori Kimura - Japan

Flower : A white bloom with streaks of light salmon pink and a beautiful yellow center. Has ruffled petals that open into a rounded flat bloom.

Fragrance type : Tea

An expansive tea fragrance with a rich tropical fruit scent and notes of anise.



Bronze Award

Entry No.39

Variety : RT12339

Breeder : Rosen Tantau – Germany

Flower : A shocking pink rose with rounded cup blooms. The blooms contrast beautifully with the red flower stems.

Fragrance type : Damask-Classic

A well-balanced damask fragrance that blends the refreshing aroma of fresh hyacinth with a creamy tea rose scent.



Category : Min

There is no prizewinner

The 11th International Fragrant Rose Trial in Echigo Hillside Park, Nagaoka, Japan (Echigo-IFRT)

◆Guidelines for Applications

1. Eligibility for Applications : Breeders both professional and amateur, in Japan and overseas.
2. Acceptable Rose Varieties:
 - (1) Varieties that have never been on the market within or outside Japan, or varieties that were first made available for sale on or after January 1, 2012.
 - (2) Categories of Acceptable Rose Varieties:
 - Part 1: Large-flowered Roses (HTs, Grandifloras)
 - Part 2: Floribunda Roses (F) (to be the family of "cluster-flowered roses")
 - 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: Limited to a total of four varieties per single breeder.
 - (4) The Number of Trees per Variety:
For each variety, three 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, 2017

◆Judging and Commendation:

Chairman: Yoshihiro Ueda (Principal of Gifu International Academy of Horticulture)

Deputy: Yuji Ichikawa (Perfumer)

Naoki Ishikawa (President of Niigata Rose Society)

Naoharu Watanabe (Specially Appointed Professor, at Graduate School of Science and Technology Shizuoka University)

Yuki Mikanagi (Curator of Herbarium, Natural History Museum and Institute, Chiba)

Kazuko Nomura (Director of Rose Culture Institute)

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 (Leader, Quality Control Unit at Institute of Vegetable and Floriculture Science, NARO)

Junko Nagano (Takasago International Corporation Fragrance Creation Center Senior Perfumer)

Johji Nishio (WFRS International Judges Committee / President of Machida Rose Society)

Yushi Terazima (Perfumer)

Minoru Tsuchida (Director of Echigo Hillside National Government Park Office)

◆Prizes: Gold, Silver, and Bronze Award 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

◇Breeders : 27 breeders

◇The number of varieties : 59 varieties (HTs-18, F-25, S-15, Min-1)

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