

Roses by many names smell sweet

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Allow me to introduce you to the 2007 all-America rose selections. But first, you ask: What makes a rose a winner?

A winning rose embodies all the characteristics consumers desire in a garden plant.

Every winning rose undergoes an extensive two-year trial program, where it is judged on everything from disease resistance to flower production to color to fragrance.

This extensive evaluation process guarantees that only the best of the crop make it into your garden.

The first winner is Moondance, a floribunda characterized by large clusters of creamy white, well-formed flowers contrasted by glossy, dark green foliage.

Upright and well branched, this rose is extremely vigorous and tall with stems that are typically 14 to 18 inches long.

Rose buds are pointed and oval-shaped in form leading to high-centered flowers, which open flat to about 3½ inches in diameter and consist of approximately 25 petals each.

Moondance has a delightful spicy fragrance for a white floribunda. In addition, its impressive long stems can also be arranged into an elegant bouquet for displaying in the home.

Winter hardy to Zone 5, Moondance is highly resistant to black spot, mildew and rust.

Moondance is hybridized by Keith Zary and introduced by Jackson & Perkins of Medford, Ore.

For a bushy and compact landscape shrub rose, it is hard to beat the Knock Out varieties.



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The Rainbow Knock Out fulfills its genetics by being even more floriferous and disease-resistant than its famous parent.

This rose has a bushy and compact shape with short stems bearing glossy, dark green leaves. Its blooms are single-form flowers, which begin as pointed buds and emerge abundantly throughout the growing season.

The delicate five-petaled flowers are 2 inches in diameter and are a deep coral-pink color with a yellow center finishing nicely to pale coral.

Rainbow Knock Out blooms late into the season for a lovely fall bloom with a delicate sweet-briar scent. Suitable for container growing in small spaces, this rose is the perfect accent to any garden.

It also is winter hardy to Zone 4 and is fully resistant to black spot, mildew and rust.

Rainbow Knock Out is hybridized by William Radler and is introduced by The Conard Pyle Co. of West Grove, Pa.

The third and final 2007 winner, Strike It Rich, resembles its famous ancestor, the classic 1950 award-winner Sutter's Gold, with a strong spicy fragrance and elegant buds of deep yellow-orange.

FEBRUARY GARDEN CALENDAR

Indoor plants and activities

- Check water levels daily in cut-flower vases.
- Repot houseplants as they out-grow current pots.
- Early blooms of spring-flowering bulbs can make good gifts for a sweetheart. Keep the plant in a bright, cool location for longer lasting blooms. Forced bulbs make poor garden flowers and should be discarded as blooms fade.

Lawns, woody ornamentals, landscape plants and fruit trees

- Check mulches, rodent shields, salt/wind screens, and other winter plant protections to make sure they are still in place.
- Prune landscape plants, except early spring bloomers, which should be pruned after flowers fade. Birches, maples, dogwoods, and other heavy sap bleed-

ers can be pruned in early summer to avoid the sap flow, although bleeding is not harmful to the tree.

- Prune fruit trees to control plant size and remove dead, damaged or weak limbs.

Flowers, vegetables and small fruits

- Prepare or repair lawn and garden tools for the upcoming season.
- Start seeds indoors for cool-season vegetables so they will be ready for transplanting to the garden early in the season. Broccoli, cauliflower and cabbage seeds should be started five to seven weeks prior to transplanting.
- Test leftover garden seed for germination. Place 10 seeds between moist paper toweling or cover with a thin layer of soil. Keep seeds warm and moist. If fewer than six seeds germinate, then fresh seed should be purchased.

This rose is winter hardy to Zone 5.

Strike It Rich is hybridized by Tom Carruth and introduced by Weeks Roses of Upland, Calif.

For information about growing roses, visit the Purdue Extension Johnson County Web site at ces.purdue.edu/Johnson/.

Scroll down to and click on the Purdue Extension Publications link. The rose publication is listed under "Horticulture."

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However this contemporary cultivar is much easier to grow due to its great disease-resistance and strong natural vigor. As a true grandiflora, this rose bears masses of long-stemmed blossoms offset by dark green leaves and unusual deep red stems.

A medium-tall upright bush, Strike It Rich boasts clusters of voluptuous double and informal flowers that are up to 5 inches in diameter with approximately 30 petals each.

The flowers are long-lived and retain their blend of gold, orange and red tones to the very end. The blooms are stunning in a bouquet or in the landscape.

Information: Toastmasters.org or 881-6727 Ext. 312

Meetings

Johnson County Ministerial Association will conduct the following meetings at 9 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Feb. 14: First Baptist Church, Franklin. The Indianapolis Center for Congregations will present the program.

March 13: Providence Christian Church, Bargersville

April 10: Americare Office, 1150 N. Main St., Franklin, across from Fifth

Indianapolis, will visit the church's monthly book club at 7:30 p.m. March 6 at Daylight Donuts, 1285 N. State Road, Greenwood.

Dodson's featured book, "Original Sin," is the first in the Colton Parker series and is set on the east side of Indianapolis. For more information about Dodson, visit brandtdodson.com.

Information: Indyhalls@sboglobal.net

• Weekly meetings of Toastmasters International are open to the public at 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 214.

Third Bank. The nominating committee will be appointed.

May 8: Franklin College Chapel lower-level Meditation Room. Officers will be elected.

The ministerial association also will sponsor a Good Friday worship service at 7 p.m. April 6 at First Christian Church, Bargersville.

Send information on church events in the form of news releases, not newsletters or bulletins, to the Daily Journal by e-mail at ajones@thejournalnet.com or by fax at 736-2766.

ON THE HORIZON

Events

Mount Pleasant Christian Church, 381 N. Bluff Road, has planned the following events for March:

- A one-day spiritual retreat, conducted by the women's ministry, will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 3. Cost is \$35 and includes a box lunch with chocolate fountains and several take-home gifts.

Registration is required by Feb. 21.

Information: 881-6727 or mount.org

- Christian fiction writer Brandt Dodson, born and raised in

IN THE MILITARY

José N. Nunez of Edinburg recently enlisted in the U.S. Army's Delayed Entry Program and will report for active duty July 5.

Army Spc. **Evan C. Hutson** has returned to the 40th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany, after being deployed to an overseas forward-operating location in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Hutson is a combat engineer with two years of military service.

He is the son of Christopher H. and Stephanie J. Hutson of Greenwood and a 2003 Center Grove High School graduate.

Air Force Airman **Christopher R. Lathrop** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

He is the son of Ryan Lathrop

of Edwards Air Force Base, Rosamond, Calif., and Candace Kohler of Franklin.

Army National Guard Pvt. **Joshua T. Lahne** graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

He is the son of Sherry Lahne of Mooresville and grandson of Ronald Lahne of Greenwood.

Lahne is a 2006 graduate of Greenwood Community High School.

Air Force Airman 1st Class **Brian S. Mason** has deployed to the Persian Gulf region as a member of the 379th Air Expeditionary Wing. He is regularly assigned to the 75th Civil Engineering Squadron, Hill Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah.

He is a 2003 graduate of Franklin Central High School in Indianapolis.

PET OF THE WEEK



Nick

Nick is a setter mix about 4 months old. He is friendly and nearly housebroken.

Nick and other animals in need of a home will be at Tractor Supply on U.S. 31 in Franklin from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, when the Humane Society of Johnson County conducts a weekly adoption event.

Call the Humane Society of Johnson County at 346-7001 for an adoption application.

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