

# Roses in Review Roundup!

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What a response we had to Roses in Review for 2001! Our Pacific Southwest District contribution, while lower than in 2000, still contributed to the second largest response in the history of the RIR program. From the many rosarians in our district, we received reviews from a total of 130 reporters. It was especially inspiring to me to note those reviews that were diligently completed, in a timely manner, from growers with many years of experience. While some commented on as few as one or two varieties, many reporters gave good information on as high as 74 varieties. The Pacific Southwest District and American Rose Society, as well as the many hybridizers and commercial growers, express their appreciation to rose enthusiasts from around the country who have contributed to this annual project.

I give my special thanks to those who endeavored to get responses from their individual rose society members, many of whom would not normally even see the RIR list because they are not members of ARS. Hopefully for 2002 we can see a substantial increase in this support, along with ARS membership in our local societies!

From the list of almost 600 varieties rosarians were asked to comment on, one can see a significant increase in the number of varieties with fragrance and with good disease resistance. The national Top Ten roses for both large and small blooms, for garden and exhibition, have been listed in the *American Rose* magazine. For the Pacific Southwest District, the Top Ten results are somewhat different and are listed below. While we have many diverse growing conditions, it is important to compare our district results because of our generally more arid and alkaline southwestern United States.

Please note that the number of reports per variety varies widely. If the number of reporters increased by 50%, the statistics would have even more significant meaning. If even half of our 293 PSWD Consulting Rosarians contributed, as all are supposed to, that increase along with the other society members and general public who respond would provide the growth that is needed. Please be aware in the coming season that our organization is dedicated to promoting the love and care of the rose. To that end, we should take advantage of all opportunities to provide information that will educate, inform and inspire our fellow members and the public to grow the best roses that are available and to make them the best they can be!

Note: Roses must have a minimum of ten reviews for National Ratings, but I have included some with fewer here, where we know them to actually be more widely grown, are vary strong, and they deserve to be recognized.

## TOP TEN BIG ROSES – GARDEN RATINGS

Variety	Type	Color	Rpts	Rating
Fourth of July	LCI	rb	32	9.3
Gemini	HT	pb	50	9.0
Veteran's Honor	HT	dr	41	9.0
Blueberry Hill	FL	m	19	8.3
Signature	HT	dp	36	8.0
Flower Girl	S	lp	7	8.0
Rina Hugo	HT	dp	25	7.8
Fragrant Apricot	FL	ap	17	7.8
Mavrik	HT	wb	10	7.8
Knock Out	S	rb	7	7.5

## TOP TEN BIG ROSES – EXHIBITION RATINGS

Gemini	HT	pb	50	9.5
Veteran's Honor	HT	dr	41	9.5
Fourth of July	LCI	rb	32	9.5
Signature	HT	dp	36	9.0
Helen Naude	HT	w	14	8.5
Miss Ada	Fl	lp	3	8.3
Affirm	HT	mp	1	8.0
Flower Girl	S	lp	7	8.0
Diana POW	HT	pb	12	7.5
Mavrik	HT	pb	10	7.5

## TOP TEN+ MINIATURE & MINI-FLORA ROSES – GARDEN RTNGS

Petite Perfection	Min	rb	15	8.5
Amber Star	Min	yb	13	8.5
Autumn Splendor	MinFl	yb	14	8.3
Jilly Jewel	Min	pb	13	8.3
Mitchie's Gold	Min	dy	2	8.3
Gizmo	Min	ob	24	8.2
Soroptimist Intern't'l	Min	pb	9	8.2
Ralph Moore	Min	mr	8	8.0
Old Country Charm	Min	pb	3	7.8
Sweet Melody	Min	ab	9	7.7
Sweet Caroline	Min	rb	16	7.8

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Autumn Splendor	MinFl	yb	14	8.5
Sweet Melody	Min	ab	9	8.5
Ralph Moore	Min	mr	8	8.1
Amber Star	Min	ob	13	8.0
Mitchie's Gold	Min	dy	2	8.0
Jilly Jewel	Min	pb	13	7.8
Sweet Caroline	Min	rb	16	7.4
Rookie	Min	w	1	7.4
Petite Perfection	Min	rb	15	7.3