

MINIATURE/MINI-FLORA HALL OF FAME 2009 HONOREES

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The Miniature/Mini-Flora Rose Hall of Fame has honored those miniatures and Mini-Floras that have stood the test of time in commerce for at least 20 years, recognizing excellence and longevity.



At the National Miniature Conference in Harrisburg, PA, on July 18, 2009, three 2009 Miniature/Mini-Flora Rose Hall of Fame honorees were announced: 'Gourmet Popcorn', 'Luis Desamero' and 'Tiffany Lynn'.

'Luis Desamero'

'Gourmet Popcorn' (WEOpop) is a pure white semi-double miniature sport of 'Popcorn' ('Katharina Zeimet' x 'Diamond Jewel') that was discovered by Luis Desamero and introduced by Wee Ones Miniature Roses in 1986.

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The plant has large, dark green, glossy foliage and has an upright bushy growth habit.

'Luis Desamero' (TINluis) is a light yellow miniature that was hybridized by Dee Bennett and introduced by Tiny Petals Nursery in 1988. Bennett's daughter Sue O'Brien initially intended to name the rose for her mother after her death, but when Harm Saville named a mini in Bennett's honor, she named the rose for Luis Desamero, a dear friend of the family. The approximately 28 petals are pastel yellow and form high centered blooms borne singly and in sprays of three to five with a slight fruity fragrance. The foliage is semi-glossy, medium green and of medium size. The plant growth habit is upright, bushy and tall. Parentage is ('Tiki' x 'Baby Katie').

'Tiffany Lynn' is a pink blend Mini-Flora hybridized by Nelson Jolly and introduced by Rosehill Farm in 1985. It was originally introduced as a miniature, but since the creation of the Mini-Flora class in 1999, it has been reclassified as a Mini-Flora and is the first Mini-Flora to be selected for the Hall of Fame. Its high-centered blooms are large and have about 21 petals that are light to medium pink at the edges blending to white in the center, borne singly on long stems. The plant has medium size, semi-glossy, medium



'Gourmet Popcorn'

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green foliage with red edges and an upright, bushy growth habit. Parentage is [(‘Tiki’ x seedling) x ‘Party Girl’].

Since its creation in 1999, the Miniature/Mini-Flora Rose Hall of Fame has honored those miniatures that have stood the test of time in commerce for at least 20 years, recognizing excellence and longevity. Each year a “Call for Nominations” is printed in *American Rose*, posted on the ARS website and



'Tiffany Lynn'

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distributed to district bulletin editors. This year, 615 nominations were received from 142 rosarians, and 61 different varieties were nominated. The three winners were named on more than 20 percent of the nomination forms.

The ARS Miniature/Mini-Flora Rose Committee determines the honoree(s) from the nominations submitted. Since 1998, 24 miniature and Mini-Flora roses have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.



MINIATURE HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Elected in 1999

'Starina', 1964, Meiland
'Beauty Secret', 1972, Moore
'Magic Carrousel', 1972, Moore
'Rise'n'Shine', 1977, Moore
'Party Girl', 1979, Saville

Elected in 2000

'Cinderella', 1953, deVink
'Mary Marshall', 1970, Moore

Elected in 2001

'Green Ice', 1971, Moore
'Jeanne Lajoie', 1976, Sima

Elected in 2002

'Cupcake', 1981, Spies

Elected in 2003

'Snow Bride', 1982, B. Jolly
'Little Jackie', 1982, Saville

Elected in 2004

'Minnie Pearl', 1982, Saville
'Red Cascade', 1976, Moore

Elected in 2005

'Jean Kenneally', 1986, Bennett
'Rainbow's End', 1986, Saville

Elected in 2006

'Giggles', 1987, King
'Black Jade', 1985, Benardella

Elected in 2007

'Pierrine', 1988, M. Williams

Elected in 2008

'Irresistible', 1989, Bennett
'Fairhope', 1989,
Pete & Kay Taylor

Elected in 2009

'Gourmet Popcorn', 1986,
Desamero
'Luis Desamero', 1988, Bennett
'Tiffany Lynn', 1985, N. Jolly