

Singularly Beautiful & Delightfully Sustainable – Script

From PA; classically trained trombonist (MM in performance); USAF – Robins in 1978; wife's family – Harrell's Greenhouses & Nursery; began growing roses in 1980; Adjunct Prof CGTC & Horticulturist for USDA research station in Byron, GA. Active performance & teaching studio

1982 first rose show – Dainty Bess; discovered a mentor in MGRS named Coleman Ray; at first single flowered roses were just an interest; until . . .

2004 liver transplant; use of pest, fung, & mitic needed to stop; took a number of years because I didn't think it could be done; now a no-spray rose grower; no spider mites; also had to take stock of how much work I could do & chose to focus on single flowered roses

Sustainability – IPM back in late 90's; combination of good hort practices – water, fertilizer, beneficial insects, companion plants with capacity to attract bene predators, & soil; informed selection, ruthless shovel pruning, adjusting to the notion that every bush & bloom does not have to look rose show perfect & now understanding that a monoculture is a formula for chaos (slowly becoming a mixed border gardener).

Modern Shrubs, Grandifloras, Floribundas, & LCI's

Oso Easy Urban Legend – Biltmore award winner, always in bloom! Prickles!!! Knock Out is pollen parent; Chris Warner began as amateur; mini climbers, followed up with work done by Harkness with Hulthemia

Peachy Keen - extreme resistance to BS, compact,

Campfire – low-growing for me, color transformation! Canadian Artist series; (Canadian Shield) must be dead headed to stay healthy

Candia Meilandecor/Oso Easy Cherry Pie – low growing, good container, bloom machine!! (some cercospera)

Lemon Fizz – Kordes Kolorscape series; bullet proof – amazing foliage, least fading of yellows

Pink Brick House – Sproul, electric pink, semi-double/cupped, small sprays; glossy foliage; a seedling out of Thrive named L-56 & Double Knock Out

Limoncello (not the vodka) – Meilland, large sprays, fades fast, needs dead-heading to stay healthy

Brick House – Meilland; dark red! edges darken, not very symmetrical, VERY healthy; small sprays, long-lasting on bush, heat tolerant

Honey Nectar – Radler Grandiflora; glossy foliage, good rebloom, some fade in heat, rudely healthy; Livin' Easy seed parent -pollen parent comes from Carefree Celebration/Coral Knock Out

All the Rage – Ping Lim – be on the lookout for his roses! Great blend of orange, pink, yellow; Easy Elegance series, cold hardiness;

Cocorico aka Birthday Girl – Meilland, not old Cocorico, cock-a-doodle-do!

Screaming Neon Red – Ping Lim – swept Biltmore Trials in 2017, no sign of disease, blooms come in flushes – dark edges; Easy Elegance series

Olivier Roellinger – Delbard, one-bloom-per-stem, occasional stripes, ruffled, named for famous French chef; striped seedling for me, prickles, Paul Zimmerman had a Delbard connection during his Ashdown days

Shining Moment – Radler, 2018 Biltmore winner, dark green foliage, semi-shade tolerant, purplish

Funny Face – Ping Lim; Easy Elegance, not easy to find, hand-painted in cooler weather, VERY healthy; Pink Meidiland is pollen parent

Basye's Blueberry – Robert Basye/David Byrne/Texas A&M/ prickle free, fragrant! fall foliage color; R. virginiana alba & R. Carolina; Commander Gillette & Belinda's Dream; prickle free; VERY healthy & semi-shade tolerant

Roemer's Hip Happy – Mike Shoup, light pink cup-shaped, must dead-head! Carefree Beauty & Iceberg in parentage; very healthy!! Low prickle count; part of Pioneer series – Dr. von Roemer sent to Texas to explore mineral wealth – made the first geological map of Texas

Miracle On The Hudson – Rippetoe – one of Ralph Moore's young disciples (along with Kim & Paul Barden) early work with R. banksiae, sent to RU years ago with a study name – patriarch of Eastern Orthodox – renamed by Pat Henry after emergency landing on Hudson River; dark red; Home Run in its parentage; VERY healthy

Pink Miracle – Rippetoe, brand new, glossy foliage – vibrant pink, semi-double; filaments!

Coral Miracle – Rippetoe, brand new, matte foliage

Sunset Horizon – Meilland variety has Ping Lim's Love & Peace as a parent; so far very black spot resistant

Top Gun – Tom Carruth; might be best of the single bright reds (Knock Out, Home Run) nice stems, vibrant color, UTenn studies suggest demonstrates some resistance to RRD; (Memorial Day - lav HT seed parent & Home Run pollen parent) MOTH still my favorite!

Deanna Krause – Ray Ponton, Texas rose rustler – Mike Shoup; love pink & white stripes/highly variable; Fourth of July x Carefree Beauty; healthy

Marinette – Austin!! First saw this in Sarasota in Connie Vierbicky's garden; delicate pink, briefly has a high center, very symmetrical; VERY healthy; Highly recommended!!

Eyes On Me/Raspberry Kiss – Chris Warner Hulthemia, intro by Weeks, Tom C personally recommended this rose to me years ago; might be the healthiest of the Hulthemia hybrids available to us in the US

Novelties

Smile - John Clements; tall! trip to Oregon, saw in test beds

Paul Ecke, Jr. – T Carruth, credited with making poinsettias a Christmas pot plant,

Jacob van Rusdale – J. Benjamin Williams (originally introduced as HT Amber Star)

Sparkleberry – M. Shoup; might have Dortmund??? Not registered

Miss Grace – my friend Al Whitcomb; amazing filaments, tall! Long stems!!

Funny Face – Ping Lim! Musical starring Barbra Streisand, Ron Wilkins playing in the show as we speak! Hand-painted look in cooler weather

Sutton Place – J. Benjamin Williams; sprays!! long story – Bill Kozemchak helped uncover

Liola – Italian, beautiful sprays

My seedlings

Lindsey's Laugh – named for college room-mates daughter

Take Five – out of Seashell Sands, Mike Athy rose sent to Paul Zimmerman back in Ashdown days; Dave Brubek

Mary Conway – Hyb Spinosissima/Scots Rose; out of Doorenbos Selection; compact/colonizing

“Stephanie Layne” won ARS seedling photo contest – Oso Easy Cherrie Pie x My Stars (R Moore prickly free)

Unnamed- won ARS seedling contest; out of Oso Easy Cherry Pie – hand-painted

“Col. Al Whitcomb” – 2020 seedling out of Seashell Sands

“Flamenco Sketches” – out of a strain I'm developing, was entered in Biltmore Trials when shut down; Miles Davis album *Kind of Blue*