

# Buck Roses

The Best Roses You've Never Heard Of  
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# The Buck Roses You Know

# Carefree Beauty



# Distant Drums



# Carefree Beauty



- Introduced in 1977
- Buck's second plant patent
- Named 2006 Earth Kind Rose of the Year
- Moderate fragrance
- 5'x5'
- Hardy to zone 4
- Good repeat

# Distant Drums



- Introduced in 1985
- Considered to be one of the most unique coloring in the rose world
- Moderate myrrh fragrance
- Large, fully double 4” blooms
- 3’x3’
- Hardy to zone 5

# Griffith Buck

## 1915-1991



- 1936-Joins American Rose Society
- 1949-Joins Iowa State horticulture extension staff & restarts rose breeding program
- 1953-Earns his Ph.D in horticulture
- 1962-Registers 4 rose cultivars with the ARS

# Griffith Buck Timeline

- 1963-76-Registers 28 rose cultivars
- 1977-Registers Carefree Beauty at the US Patent office
- 1978-1984-Registers 50 rose cultivars
- 1985-Retires from Iowa State
- 1991-Dies in Ames, Iowa

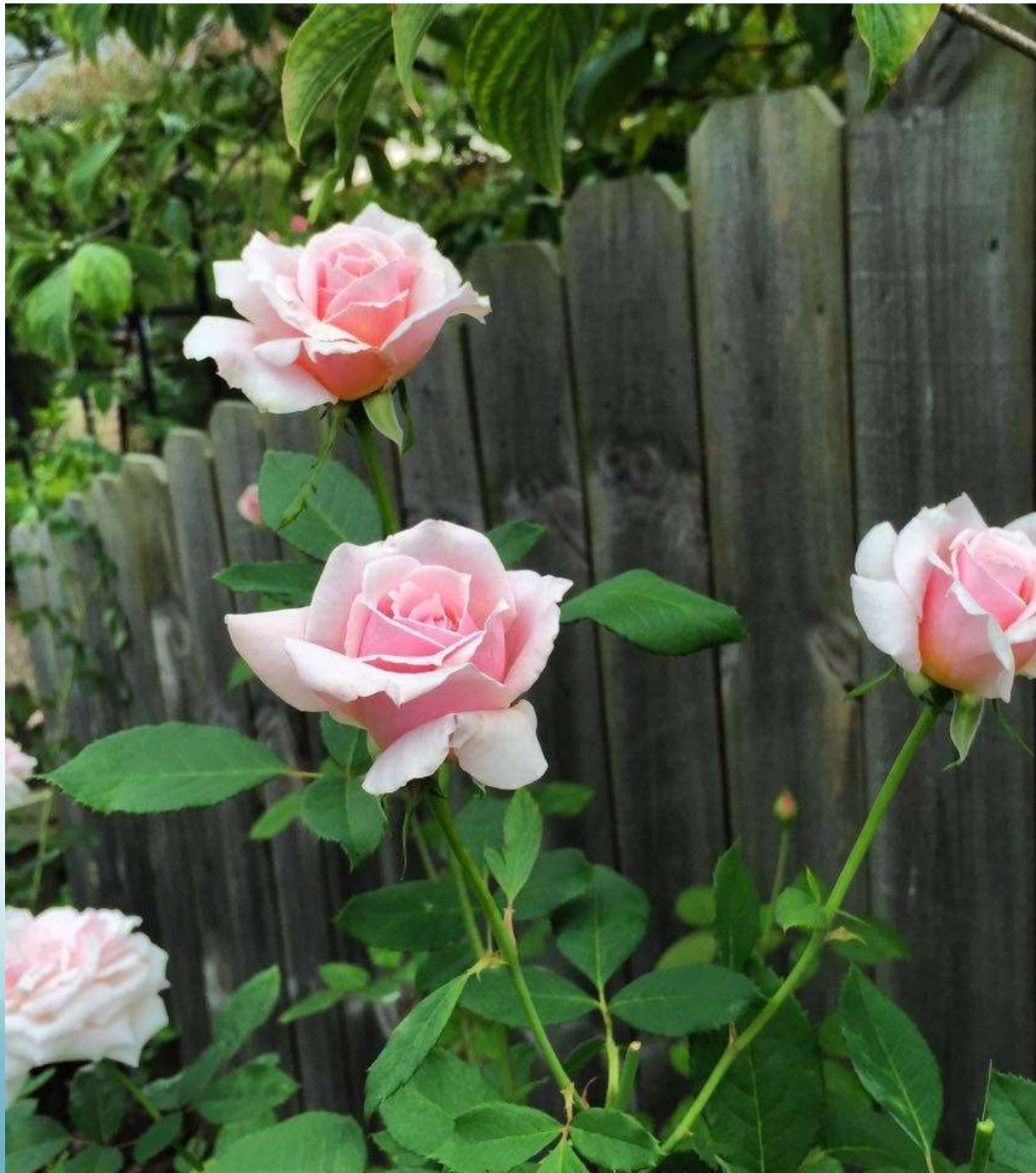


courtesy of Mrs. Ruby Buck and the Iowa State University Research Foundation



# Polonaise





**Quietness**

# Polonaise



- Introduced in 1984
- Cherry red
- Blooms in clusters
- Light fragrance
- 3'x3'
- Hardy to zone 4

# Quietness



- Introduced in 2003
- Soft pink with Hybrid Tea-like blooms
- Strong fragrance
- 5'x4'
- Hardy to zone 5
- Shade tolerant

Photos courtesy of Teresa Byington

# Shade Tolerant Roses

# Wanderin' Winds



- Introduced in 1973
- Strong old rose fragrance
- Hybrid tea like blooms
- 3'X3'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Mavourneen



- Introduced in 1984
- Red with white reverse
- Mild fragrance
- Hardy to zone 6b
- Dedicated to wife as Mavorneen means “my darling” in Gaelic
- Shade Tolerant

# Country Dancer



- Introduced in 1973
- Large rich pink blooms
- Blooms in clusters
- Mild to strong fragrance
- 5'x3'
- Hardy to zone 5b
- Shade Tolerant



# Hermina



- Introduced in 1997
- Pink blend with white reverse
- Mild fragrance
- Hardy to 5b
- Shade tolerant

# Applejack



- Introduced in 1973
- Rose/pink
- Strong fruity fragrance
- Single/semi-double with 5-12 petals
- May be grown as a short climber
- 5'-10' x 5'-7'
- Hardy to zone 4b
- Shade tolerant

# Earth Song



# Earth Song



- Introduced in 1975
- Grandiflora
- Strong fragrance
- Great repeat
- 5'x5'
- Hardy to zone 4b
- Shade tolerant

# Barn Dance



# Barn Dance



- Introduced in 1975
- Pink blend
- Mild fragrance
- Blooms in clusters
- 3'x3'
- Hardy to zone 4b



# Prairie Harvest

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- Introduced in 1985
- Soft yellow with a touch of pink around the edges/fades to white
- Strong fragrance
- Good repeat
- 5'x3'
- Hardy to zone 4b



# Hawkeye Belle



# Hawkeye belle



- Introduced in 1975
- Light to medium pink
- Large 5" blooms
- Strong fragrance
- 5'x4'
- Hardy to zone 4b
- Great for cutting & arrangements

# April Moon



- Introduced in 1984
- Lemon yellow with reddish tints
- Sweet fragrance
- Blooms in clusters
- Good repeat
- 3'x4'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Golden Unicorn



- Introduced in 1985
- Golden apricot
- Sweet honey fragrance
- Large, double blooms
- 3-4'x4'
- Hardy to zone 5
- Named for Dr. Buck's WWII paratrooper unit

# Honey Sweet



- Introduced in 1984
- Lovely orange/pink blend
- Sweet honey fragrance
- Compact bush
- 3'x3'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Amiga Mia



- Introduced in 1978
- Shell pink
- Strong fragrance
- Vigorous, upright & bushy
- Good repeat
- 4'x4'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Prairie Star



- Introduced in 1975
- White with pink undertones
- Moderate fragrance
- High centered, fully double  
4" blooms
- 4'x4
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Spanish Rhapsody



- Introduced in 1984
- Pink & yellow blend
- Stippled effect
- Fruity fragrance
- Large 4-5" blooms
- 4'x4'
- Hardy to zone 4b



# Bright Melody



- Introduced in 1984
- Ruby red, Hybrid Tea-like blooms
- Mild fragrance
- Blooms in clusters
- 4'x3'
- Hardy to zone 5

# Wild Ginger



- Introduced in 1976
- Grandiflora
- Deep apricot orange
- Fruity fragrance
- 4'x3'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Blue Skies



- Introduced in 1983
- Hybrid Tea
- Mauve blend with 4-5'' blooms
- Strong fragrance
- 4'x 3'
- Hardy to zone 5

# Silver Shadows



- Introduced in 1985
- Hybrid Tea
- Pale lavender
- Blooms in clusters
- Strong citrus fragrance
- 4'x4'
- Hardy to zone 5b

# National Earth Kind Brigade

# Folksinger



- Introduced in 1985
- Yellow/peach blend
- Moderate sweet fragrance
- Blooms in clusters
- Compact 4'x3'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Pearlie Mae



- Introduced in 1982
- Grandiflora
- Apricot blend
- Mild fragrance
- 5'x4'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Prairie Breeze



- Introduced in 1978
- Mauve blend
- Moderate spicy fragrance
- Large, double 4-5" blooms
- 4'x4'
- Hardy to zone 5



# Prairie Princess



- Introduced in 1972
- Coral pink
- Mild fragrance
- Grows in clusters
- May be trained as a climber
- 5-8' x 5-6'
- Hardy to zone 5

# Square Dancer



- Introduced in 1973
- Deep hot pink
- Strong clove fragrance
- Blooms in clusters
- 4'x 4'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Summer Wind



- Introduced in 1975
- Orange/pink
- Single 5-7 petals
- Moderate clove fragrance
- Continual bloom
- 5'x 3'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Winter Sunset



- Introduced in 1998
- Amber orange
- Light fruity fragrance
- Upright compact habit
- 4'x 4'
- Hardy to zone 5b

# Other Buck Roses You Need In Your Garden

# Paloma Blanca



- Introduced in 1984
- Near white or white blend
- Mild fragrance
- Blooms in clusters
- 5'x 3'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Freckles



- Introduced in 1976
- Pink blend with stippled effect
- Mild fragrance
- Hybrid tea-like form
- 3'x 4'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Enchanted Autumn



- Introduced in 1976
- Orange blend Grandiflora
- Strong sweet fragrance
- Blooms in clusters
- 5'x 5'
- Hardy to zone 5b



# Iobelle



- Introduced in 1962
- White/pink blend
- Hybrid Tea
- Moderate fruity fragrance
- Almost thornless
- 5'x 4'
- Hardy to zone 5

# Queen Bee



- Introduced in 1984
- Velvety dark red
- Moderate old rose fragrance
- 5" blooms
- 4' x 3'
- Hardy to zone 5b

# Gentle Persuasion



- Introduced in 1984
- Apricot blend
- Moderate sweet fragrance
- 4'x 3'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Aunt Honey



- Introduced in 1984
- Rose pink
- Moderate damask fragrance
- Large 4-5" high centered blooms
- Blooms in clusters
- 4-5' x 3-4'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Butterfly Magic



- Introduced in 1991
- Salmon/pink
- Semi double
- 4'x 4'
- Hardy to zone 4

# Gee Whiz



- Introduced in 1984
- Yellow/orange blend with stippled effect
- Moderate sweet fragrance
- 4' x 4'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Chorale



- Introduced in 1978
- Soft peachy pink
- Strong fragrance
- Fully double high centered bloom form
- 4'x 3'
- Hardy to zone 4b

# Where Can You Buy Buck Roses

## **Heirloom Roses**

1-800-820-0465

[www.heirloomroses.com](http://www.heirloomroses.com)

## **Roses Unlimited**

1-864-682-7673

[www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.com](http://www.rosesunlimiteddownroot.com)

## **High Country Roses**

1800-555-2082

[www.highcountryroses.com](http://www.highcountryroses.com)

## **Angel Gardens**

1-352-359-1133

[www.angelgardens.com](http://www.angelgardens.com)



*“In reflecting back on my achievements in rose breeding, I am quite satisfied. The only thing that would make me happier is that more people would learn how easy they are to grow”*

*Dr. Griffith Buck*