



THE WFRS ROSE HALL OF FAME (MODERN ROSES)



1. «Peace» – 1976
2. «Queen Elizabeth» – 1979
3. «Fragrant Cloud» – 1981
4. «Iceberg» – 1983
5. «Double Delight» – 1985
6. «Papa Meilland» – 1988
7. «Pascali» – 1991
8. «Just Joey» – 1994
9. «New Dawn» – 1997
10. «Ingrid Bergman» – 2000
11. «Bonica» – 2003
12. «Pierre de Ronsard» – 2006
13. «Elina» – 2006
14. «Graham Thomas» – 2009
15. «Sally Holmes» – 2012





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Once every three years the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) nominates one rose for the Rose Hall of Fame. Only the most popular and famous varieties are inducted into it. Throughout the whole period, starting from 1976 the Rose Hall of Fame has accepted only 15 modern roses, selected on the voting results of more than 30 thousand existing varieties.

Undoubtedly, every lover and admirer of roses is eager at least to see all those roses not only in the photographs, but «in the flesh» in one place. But such places are few. One of such places has been created by the author of the book in the city of Yaroslavl.

The book comprises information about all 15 varieties inducted into the Rose Hall of Fame, together with personal experience of their cultivation. Basic characteristics of the varieties, their names' background, results of observations on them, as well as numerous photos of roses and still-lives, depicting their extraordinary beauty, are presented in the book.

The final chapters inform the reader about the varieties from the Rose Hall of Fame that are popular with the Russian amateur rose breeders and loved by them. The would-be candidates for 2015 to be inducted into the Rose Hall of Fame are examined in the book as well.

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Queen Elizabeth



Fragrant Cloud
(Duftwolke)

INTRODUCTION



In 1968 representatives of the national societies of rosarians from a number of countries (Australia, Belgium, Great Britain, Israel, New Zealand, Rumania, the USA, and Republic of South Africa) established the World Federation of Rose Societies (WFRS) in London. Later on other countries joined the Federation, and the overall number of its members reached 41, thus, bringing together more than 100000 lovers of roses. In 2007 Russia became a full-fledged member of the WFRS in the person of the Russian Association of Rose Breeders (ROR). The WFRS implements a broad spectrum activity in order to unite the efforts of the rosarians from all over the world, selecting and awarding the most meritorious rose varieties among other things.

At present we know over 30000 varieties of modern roses. The list is being constantly enlarged and updated. There are a lot of magnificent varieties among them that enjoy deserved love by rose-breeders all over the world. But only 15 varieties, the most loved and popular, were found worthy of being inducted into the Rose Hall of Fame of the World Federation of Rose Societies. It was founded in 1976; and once every three years on the results of voting at the WFRS meetings one rose was selected for inducting into the Rose Hall of Fame. Since 2007 a representative from Russia (ROR), has been participating in the process of selecting the best rose in the world.

Thanks to such system of voting only the rose, loved and popular all over the world rather than in certain countries and continents, can be inducted to the Hall of Fame. When the Hall of Fame was set up, the first rose to be initiated was the Peace Rose (Madame A.Meilland, Gloria Dei, Gioia), which was justly awarded the title the «Rose



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