Hybridizing for Fun

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Parents

I can't stress enough how important it is to initially pick parents that have a proven track record. Many roses set hips readily, but the seeds do not germinate. For the beginner, it is easy to get discouraged when you have poor results, so it is advisable to pick seed parents that other hybridizers have had luck with.



Picking pollen parents is not as critical, as many more roses will have potent pollen. In the following list, only some of the offspring are listed.

Seed Parents

Angel Face – seed parent of Royal Amethyst Blue Nile – seed parent of Ernie, Front Page, Lagerfeld, Stainless Steel

Blueberry Hill - seed parent of Memorial Day Carefree Beauty – seed parent of Knock Out Cardinal Hume

Crystalline – seed parent of Blueberry Hill, Cajun Sunrise, Park Place, Pop Warner, Raspberry Swirls,

Chipmunk – seed parent of Sam Trivitt, This is the Day

Fairhope – seed parent of Anna Marie, Baby Claire, Becky Adams, Fairqueen, Madeleine

Fourth of July

Fragrant Plum

Gemini – seed parent of Johnny Becnel, Mu Lan, Tabatha

Helen Naude

Hot Tamale – seed parent of Baldo, Best Friends, Ingrid

Joycie – seed parent of Baby Austin, Tangerine Jewel, Thanks to Sue



Little Darling – parent of over 150 roses, including Angel Pink, Hi Ho, Magic Carrousel, Millie Walters, Rejoice, Rise 'n' Shine, Sheri Anne Lynn Anderson – seed parent of Better Homes and Gardens Diamond Jubilee, Foolish Pleasure Nicole / Hannah Gordon Olympiad – seed parent of Cesar E. Chavez, Mother's Rose, Opening Night

Party Girl – seed parent of Soroptimist
International, Purple Dawn, Sis, Winsome
Playboy – seed parent of Betty Boop, Flutterbye,
Playgirl, Playtime, Rainbow Sorbet, Scentimental
Pristine – seed parent of Barbara Bush, Sheer
Elegance

Queen Elizabeth – seed parent of many roses including Pascali

Rise 'n' Shine – parent of over 145 roses including Crazy Dottie, Figurine, Old Glory, Olympic Gold, Party Girl, Rainbow's End, Rubies 'n' Pearls, Solar Flair



Sam Trivitt – seed parent of Class of '73, Jerry Lynn, Luscious Lucy

Sequoia Ruby

Sexy Rexy – parent of over 36 roses including Lime Sublime, Moody Blues, Mount Hood, Rock 'n' Roll, Singin' in the Rain, Stretch Johnson

Sheri Anne – parent of over 70 roses including Baby Katie, Black Jade

Solitare – seed parent of over 16 roses including Whisper

Stainless Steel – seed parent of Honey Dijon Tuscany Superb

Pollen Parents

Altissimo – pollen parent of Crazy for You, Dublin Bay, Fourth of July

Baby Love

Blue Nile – pollen parent of Blue Ribbon, Moody Blues, Neptune, Plum Crazy, and Winter Magic

Cardinal Hume



Fairhope – pollen parent of Butter Cream, Grace Amazing, Peter Cottontail Fourth of July – pollen parent of Soaring Spirits Gold Medal – pollen parent of Limelight, Lynn Anderson, St. Patrick

Home Run

Hot Cocoa – pollen parent of About Face Hot Tamale – pollen parent of Baby Claire, Disneyland Rose, Heather Sproul, Life Lines Kristin – pollen parent of Arcanum, Baby Boomer, Charismatic, Conundrum, Dancing Flame, Hilde, Miss Flippins, Ruby

Little Chief – pollen parent of Don Marshall, Dreamglo

Little Darling

Lynn Anderson – pollen parent of Lady E'owyn Marilyn Monroe – pollen parent of Falling in Love Olympiad – pollen parent of In the Mood Party Girl – pollen parent of Chelsea Belle, Child's Play, Jean Kenneally, Minnie Pearl, Pierrine, Yantai Scarlet Moss Sequoia Ruby Stainless Steel The Squire – pollen parent of L.D. Braithwaite, Fisherman's Friend, Othello Tuscany Superb

A discussion of parents would not be complete without noting the amazing ability of Baby Love to pass on powdery mildew resistance to at least 75% of its offspring. Also, many hybridizers are using Home Run extensively, as it is a cross of [City of San Francisco x Baby Love] x Knock Out, and therefore could pass on both powdery mildew and black spot resistance.