

## Rose of the Month 'Hannah Gordon'

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*[Ed. Note: Earlier this year, ARS determined that the rose called 'Nicole' is actually 'Hannah Gordon.' The two are similar, but 'Nicole' is not generally available.]*

Hannah Gordon is a multi-purpose rose. It is a consistent winner on the show table and is equally outstanding as a garden rose. The eye-catching white blooms are accented with shades of dark pink and red on the tip of all the petals. The large, semi-double flowers open quickly giving the bloom a flat form that shows off the beautiful yellow stems. The sprays typically have 6-15 florets and are stunning. Floribundas are a cross between polyanthas and hybrid tea roses. The purpose of this cross was to produce roses that give mass quantities of blooms. Hannah Gordon is an excellent example of this.

The plant can get tall so give it room—it will do best planted in the back of the garden. The bush is very disease resistant. In my organic garden that hasn't been touched by spray for six years, this rose is mildew and rust free. The foliage is a glossy dark green that really sets off the beautiful white and pink/red blooms. One thing to know is Hannah Gordon has

lots of thorns.

Hannah Gordon can be used for arrangements, as demonstrated by Sue Diller's entry at the 2005 District Convention by winning ARS Princess of Arrangements. (See photo below.)

Cutting a spray of Hannah Gordon will produce an instant bouquet of beautiful bi-color blooms that are long lasting. The bush is very free flowering and is quick to repeat giving an endless supply of lush, elegant blossoms. If you are looking for an easy-to-grow rose for the show table and the garden—Hannah Gordon would be an excellent choice.



Floribunda 'Hannah Gordon',  
shown by Sue Diller  
Photo by Glenn Fiery

### 'Hannah Gordon' Statsheet

- Type: Floribunda
- Color: Pink blend
- Petal Count: 30-35 petals
- Bloom Type: Decorative
- Height: Tall
- Parentage: seedling x Bordure Rose
- Fragrance: Slight
- Shade tolerant: Best in full sun
- Hybridizer: Kordes 1985
- Availability: Mail order

Winning spray of 'Hannah Gordon' shown at  
Seattle National Convention, 2006.

Photo by Dona Martin

