

TOURNAMENT OF ROSES

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This rose has been in my garden for 10 + years(now, 28 years!) and has been an outstanding performer. It has the shiny leaves that you are told to look for when looking for disease resistant varieties. It is a grandiflora and is classified medium pink but in my book, it is a lovely soft coral. It blooms constantly and is a nicely shaped full upright bush. I have it right next to the path and it never hangs out over the path in the way. The blooms are in full clusters and the color remains true, even in our heat. The buds are beautiful and then the full bloom stays full for a long, long time eventually getting a little bit lighter...not a faded look at all. The full bloom stays looking nice on the bush until you cut it off. It is disease resistant and even with my rose slug infestation this bush only had a couple of bottom leaves attacked. It has only one drawback which I tolerate.... no fragrance. In arrangements it is as long lasting as on the bush...never looking shoddy. In my book, this is a keeper.

We are on a hill of rock in Keswick, western Redding, 9 acres worth of rock and no soil. Gardening is a real challenge. I grow around 130 roses plus lots of other plants...I am a plantaholic...friends share great plants with me to add to my collection. I love to travel and visit gardens and share them with slides.