“Favorite Flowers of the Chesapeake Master Gardeners”

Rosa 'KORladcher’ – ‘Fiji’ by Pat Starling

Cultivar: Fiji
Common name: hybrid tea rose
Family: Rosaceae

My first purchased house was from an elderly widow who had beautiful roses the entire length of the yard. She asked that I care for her roses as much as she had. I have loved roses ever since then. This rose was locally purchased one year ago because it is beautiful and resistant to black spot and mildew. This cherry red rose with frilled outer petals is lovely two feet away from another peach-toned rose bush. It grows 4 feet tall and 3 feet wide in zones 4-10. Additionally, it has a lovely light fragrance and long-lasting blooms. This rose gets fertilized in early spring and then in early summer. In late winter it is pruned to about 3 feet in height. It is helpful to add 2 inches of organic mulch underneath and/or a foot-high edging of liriope. This rose will like one inch of water every 2-3 days in the summer mornings.

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