

Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden

"America's Best Rose Garden"

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Winter Pruning Seminar and Volunteer Day - Saturday, January 12th @ 9:00a.m.



Learn From the
PROs!



FREE ROSES!

It's that time of year again!

On January 12th, at 9am, we will have our 5th annual winter pruning of the Rose Garden. Over the years, we have refined our techniques to make it easier and more efficient for the volunteers.

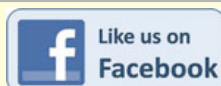
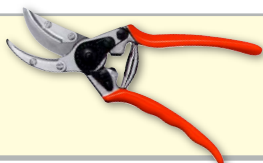
This is the biggest event of the year, attracting many visitors who want to learn how to prune their

roses for the winter. We have had over 1,500 different volunteers come through and help on this day since we began organizing the event.

The work done on this day lays the foundation for whole year. A properly pruned rose is a happy and healthy rose.



Please join us on January 12 to participate in this momentous event. As usual, there will be PLENTY of freebies. The first 250 volunteers will receive a FREE bare root rose, courtesy of Star Roses. Expect some other goodies as well!



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Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden
is a non-profit 501(c)(3) volunteer group
dedicated to preserving the Historic San Jose
Municipal Rose Garden

America's Best Rose Garden

Unlike “Dancing With the Stars” or “American Idol” which declares new winners each season, the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden will ALWAYS be “America’s Best Rose Garden”.



Why? Because the All-America Rose Selections will not be organizing another competition. It was a big endeavor, with over 130 gardens participating. The competition itself ran 3 months. The idea was to get accredited rose gardens across the country to “kick it up a notch”, improve their rose garden, in hopes of winning this

prestigious award. It worked, as many gardens put in programs to improve their condition. Would we win again? There is no doubt. Representatives at

the AARS had jokingly stated San Jose Municipal Rose Garden should not be eligible in future competitions as we were in a league of our own. That’s true. But for now, we will ALWAYS be America’s Best Rose Garden.



New Walkways



The Rose Garden is visited by many care givers, pushing their clients in wheelchairs or assisting them in walkers. They sit by the fountain, take in the fresh air, and enjoy the beauty around them. Sometimes, vans from elder care facilities pull up and a group of folks get out. We have heard time and time again how appreciative they are of the new cement walkways. The City recently replaced the decomposed granite walkways with cement. “Decomposed” is the operative word. These walkways had “pot holes” and were very uneven, proving difficult to navigate for those in wheelchairs or walkers. The walkways posed a safety hazard for the many visitors to the Garden. To be consistent

with the Garden’s Master Plan, bricks were put next to the fountain to keep in-line with the rest of the park. These walkways will last a lot longer than the loose granite, and are fully ADA compliant. The next time you visit, come and take a look at the new walkways!

Fountain Saved for Another Year!

Several years ago, the City eliminated funding of six decorative fountains in San Jose Parks. Initially, Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio requested and received budget extension for the Historic San Jose Municipal Rose Garden as the fountain generates income for the City with weddings and photo permits. It also allowed some time to develop a mechanism for private funding of the fountain. Private funding was obtained by grants submitted by Terry Reilly from Councilmember Oliverio, donations from Google Employees and matched by Google, and Kaiser Permanente. We are happy to announce Terry was able to secure funding for 2013 from these same sources. The fountain will continue to flow through 2013!



How to Plant a Bare Root Rose



Want to know how to plant a bare root rose? They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, a video is worth even more than that. Watch the bare root rose planting video at www.tinyurl.com/bareroot

ROSE GARDEN

Rose Pruning Seminar & Volunteer Day

Sat., January 12th - 9:00 a.m.!



Friends of the
San Jose



Rose Garden



The first 250 Volunteers will receive a FREE BARE ROOT ROSE courtesy of Star Roses!!!!



Come Join the FUN!!!!

Learn how to prune roses from the experts!

Many items to be given away!

Bring clipping shears, wear long sleeve & gloves.

Go to www.FriendsSJRosegarden.org for more info

BRING THE
WHOLE FAMILY!



Sat. January 12th 9:00 a.m., Naglee and Dana Ave., SJ

Sponsored by the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden and the City of San Jose's PRNS

Let's Hear it for Rose Hips!

Rose Hips are a natural part of the rose bush's life cycle. Hips form when the bloom is not cut and when it becomes pollinated. It signals the plant to shut down, and store energy for the winter. You should not see rose hips on roses in July. This means the roses have not been "deadheaded" and new blooms will not form. According to Wikipedia, rose hips have many interesting uses. "Rose hips have recently become popular as a healthy treat for pet chinchillas and guinea pigs. These small rodents are unable to manufacture their own vitamin C and are unable to digest many vitamin-C rich foods. Rose hips provide a sugarless way to increase vitamin C intake. Rose hips are fed to horses to improve coat condition and promote new hoof growth. The fine hairs found inside rose hips are used in itching powder. Rose hips can be used to make Palinka, a traditional Hungarian alcoholic beverage. They are also the central ingredient of Cockta, the national soft drink of Slovenia."

Typically, Rose Hips are used for jam, jelly, syrup, teas, lotions and other traditional products.



In the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden, we try to stop deadheading after October to encourage hip growth, and signal the plants to prepare for winter. Many of the varieties produce decorative hips, and provide an educational opportunity for Garden visitors who ask our volunteers about these red or orange balls on the rose bush. Recently, we held a seminar on hips for our Master Volunteers. It included a tasting of Rose Hip Jelly. Three jars of homemade Rose Hip Jelly were given away to a few lucky participants. To learn how to make Rose Hip Jelly, go to our website at **www.FriendsSJRoseGarden.org** and look for the article at the bottom of the page.

Snails, snails, snails

Like two superpowers, the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden and the snails have come to a mutual agreement based of non-destructiveness. They don't destroy the roses, and we don't destroy them.

Volunteers working on beds have noticed an abundance of snails in and around the rose plants and wonder what to do. Some Volunteers crush them, some leave them alone, and one has suggested taking them home and making escargot! What to do? As I mentioned, the snails have not caused us a great deal of problems in the Garden, so no aggressive program to eradicate them is necessary. However, several years ago, snails began to eat the first bloom growth,



causing long stems to fall over before they could bloom. At that point, we had to act. We began to spread "Sluggo" an organic snail killer. It really worked, there were piles upon piles of empty shells in a short amount of time. The destruction of the roses stopped, and at that point it seemed like the snails made a decision to leave the blooms alone.

After this winter's pruning, an application of Sluggo may be dispersed, as a preventative measure, and to show the snails we are still in charge. Until then, here's a link on how to make your own escargot from garden snails: www.tinyurl.com/EatSnails

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AMERICAS WEDDINGS
BEST
GARDEN
PRUNING
BUDEYE
BAREROOT

New, Interactive Web Site

The new, interactive web site has received a great response. It has many of the features that were quite popular, but missing on the previous site. These include tutorial videos, library of newsletters, newspaper articles and a Facebook feed.

In addition, there are pictures and in-depth descriptions of every rose variety grown in the garden, and articles on rose culture. It's easy to find out what is happening at the garden with the "Upcoming Events" area. You can sign-up for Master Volunteer Classes on-line or send us a note.

Check it out -

www.FriendsSJRoseGarden.org

New Facebook Page



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All Levels of Abilities
are welcome at our events. We have trained volunteers that can assist the young and the old in learning about how to care for roses.

America's Best Rose Garden

The San Jose Municipal Rose Garden beat out over 100 accredited rose gardens throughout the United States to win the prestigious "America's Best Rose Garden". In just a few years' time, the garden went from probation to America's Best. This was possible through an innovative public/private partnership between the City of San Jose and the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden. The All-America Rose Selections, the 70 year old nonprofit association dedicated to the introduction and promotion ... [Read More>>>](#)

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Pruning Video!

[YouTube](#)

Upcoming Events

DEC 13 Wed	10:00 am Master Volunteer Training @ San Jose Municipal Rose Garden
JAN 2 Wed	12:00 pm Winter Pruning Training @ San Jose Municipal Rose Garden
JAN 12 Sat	9:00 am Winter Pruning @ San Jose Municipal Rose Garden

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Latest news

Rose Hip Jam Recipe

As winter approaches, we stop deadheading to let the roses slow down and store their energy. Many roses form hips, and some are quite decorative. They are full of vitamin C and it is not uncommon to see Rose Hip Tea in the stores. But you can also make rose Hip Jam and Jelly. At [...]

How Roses are Created

The process to create a new rose variety can take over a decade of work. As one of a few Test Garden's in the US, we get to see the new roses before anyone else. But to get to the test rose stage, it takes years of work. There are a few great videos featuring Ping [...]

Bloom Cycles

Bloom Cycles – what are they? Well everyone knows how beautiful the first flush of blooms are in April and May. The roses have stored up lot of energy over the winter and push out new growth in the spring. What results is the best blooms of the season. But at the Rose Garden, [...]

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Volunteers from the local Autism Center showing off their spiffy new "San Jose Rose Garden" hats! They come weekly, and do a great job helping in the Garden!

100 people like Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden.

John, Matt, Donna, Cecile, Sandra, Sandeep, Ed, Marti, Donna, James

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Did you Know?

There have been over 2,500 volunteers that have helped in the Rose Garden over the past 5 years.

The FSJRG have contributed over \$1 Million Dollars in volunteer time and services to the City of San Jose.

There are about 3,500 roses in the Rose Garden.

The Garden was conceived in the late 1920's and opened in the early 1930's.

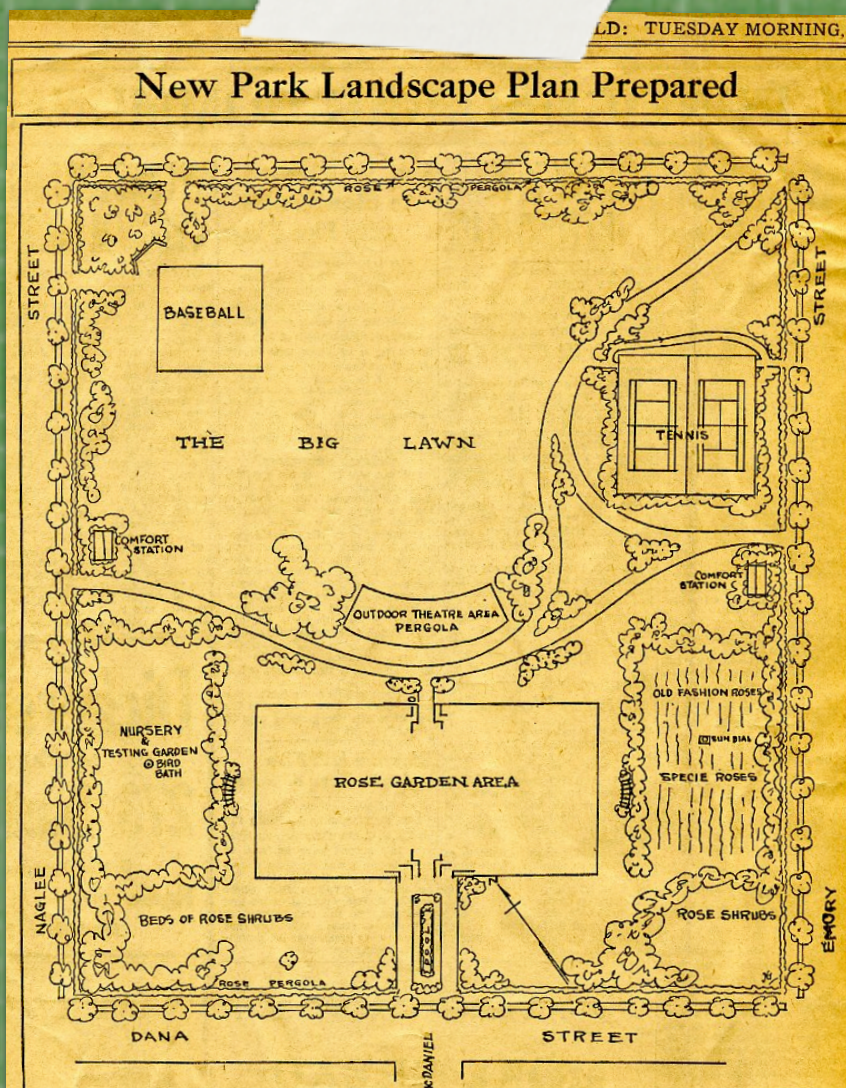
The first plans in 1920's called for a baseball diamond and tennis courts in the Rose Garden Park

The Neighborhood called 'The Rose Garden' was developed many years after the development of the Rose Garden Park.

The Rose Garden is a City of San Jose Historic Landmark.

The Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden now a 501c3 non-profit and your contributions may be tax deductible.

Some of the City workers at the Rose Garden have been there for decades?.



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