

Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden

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"America's Best Rose Garden"

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Join us on Sept. 10 for a National Day of Service and Remembrance. The Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden is recognizing this with a day devoted to bringing the Rose Garden back to life!

As fall arrives, the roses need to be deadheaded and weeds need to be pulled. We will begin the day with a fall rose tutorial, showing you how to get the most out of your roses and you can practice at the Garden. We are desperately in need of help weeding and mulching the beds. WEED NEED YOU to help out.

OUR weeds are easy to pull up, by hand, thanks to the generous amount of mulch in the beds. You will see the benefits of mulch! So join us at 9:00 a.m. Sept. 10 at the Garden. Bring gloves and pruning shears if you have them.



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

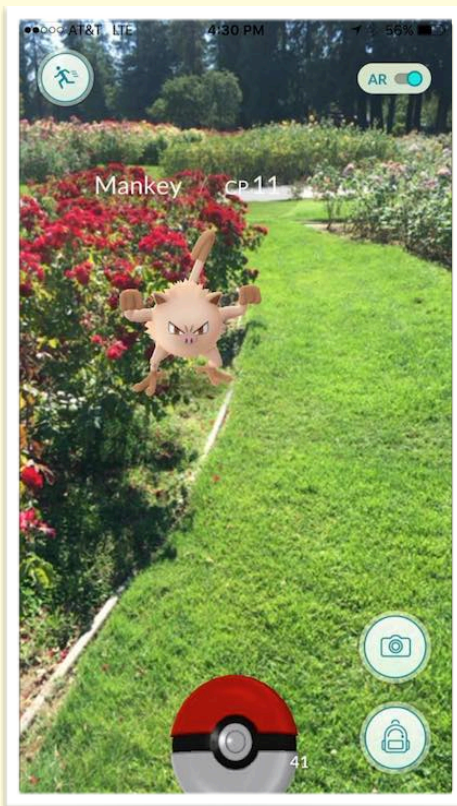


Found in the Rose Garden - Something old - Something new....

Were you a Camp Fire Girl in 1958? Maybe you had something to do with the planting of some of the Sequoia Sempervirens planted in the Rose Garden Park to commemorate the Golden Jubilee.

Camp Fire Girls was the first nonsectarian, multicultural organization for young women in America.

This “find” was recently unearthed in the western corner of the Garden. We’ve done our best to keep it clean and visible.



Have you seen them walking through the Garden, like zombies, with their noses to their phones, not enjoying the beauty of the roses?

You might see them aggressively begin to swipe at their phones, in a frantic manner.

Most likely they are catching all the Pokemon that have taken up residence in the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden. There seems to be plenty around. And why not? If you were a Pokemon, where would you hang out?

We are currently recruiting them to be trained as Master Volunteers. After all, if they are going to be spending so much time in the Garden they might as well help us deadhead!

Name that Rose

“Flamingo Fiesta”, “Roli Poli”, “Peppermint Swirl”, “Strawberry Milkshake”, these are just a few of the over 100 entries we have received in this year’s “Name that Rose” competition.

This beautiful, kinda stripped rose was hybridized by Christian Bédard of Weeks Roses and will be introduced to the public in 2018. He has allowed visitors to the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden to suggest names for the rose. Last year’s entry, a wonderful lavender floribunda was named “Violet’s Pride” and will be introduced next year, though our bed is in full bloom.

Come out and take a look at this rose, and suggest a name! It’s located near the main entrance of the Garden.



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introduced
in 2018!!

Julia, oh Julia!

I used to joke with Tom Carruth, the world renowned hybridizer previously of Weeks Roses, that he would name roses after people he wanted to meet. Dick Clark, Chris Evert, Betty Boop, just to name a few. But it was Julia Child that really got him excited. The story (or legend) goes something like this: Julia Child selected the yellow rose, from Tom's breeding program, to bear her name. However, soon after the decision was made, Julia passed away, and was not able to see how massively popular her rose would become when introduced in 2006. And Tom was not able to meet her.

This is one of my favorite rose beds in the Garden and has been used for many stunning pictures. The great thing is it has so many bloom cycles. I took this picture just last week of the hundreds of buds ready to bust out again.

Some fun facts about the Julia Child rose: It's known as "Soul Mate" in Australia, and named "Absolutely Fabulous" in the UK!



Weeds - Why So Bad?

We were warned after the very wet winter that weeds would be more prevalent this year than in the past. This prediction turned out to be true. While the roses have been well maintained by the volunteers, weeds, typically the responsibility of the City, have taken over many of the beds.

While the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden have some volunteers that do like to weed, it is very hard work, and is not to be left for volunteers - it has always been the role of the City to have an abatement plan, whether it's bus crews or other means of removal and maintenance.

The leadership of the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden recently met with City staff to

review the state of the weeds, and to develop a plan of attack. In the spirit of cooperation which has kept the organization on good footing with the City, we have agreed to help them in this endeavor, and will coordinate and assist the City on their eradication plans. But it will take time. One thought was to do a bulk amount of the work after the January pruning - removing topsoil and replacing it with clean soil.

One thing is certain, it will take some time, but know that the City Staff is looking at ways to address it, and come up with a plan that we can all work together to implement. In the meantime, *just stop and smell the roses* - and overlook the weeds or you can join us on September 10th and help us tackle the weeds!



**SAVE THE DATE:
SEPT. 10TH
9:00 A.M.**

So Good, it Deserves Another....

Every year, about this time, key Master Volunteers walk the Garden and evaluate the roses beds to determine if some beds should be renovated.

Usually this means ripping out the older, not very well performing roses, and replacing it with a new variety.

Often, the new variety has been grown in our test beds, so we know how well it performs in the San Jose environment.

This year, we may be doing things a little differently. We will be selecting roses that do exceptionally well in the Garden. There are several prominent beds that are real head turners. Julia Child is one of them, as described on an earlier page.

Pink Promise, Good as Gold, Wild Blue Yonder, Strike it Rich, Grande Dame and Sugar Moon are a few varieties that are being considered for second beds. If you have a favorite, let us know!



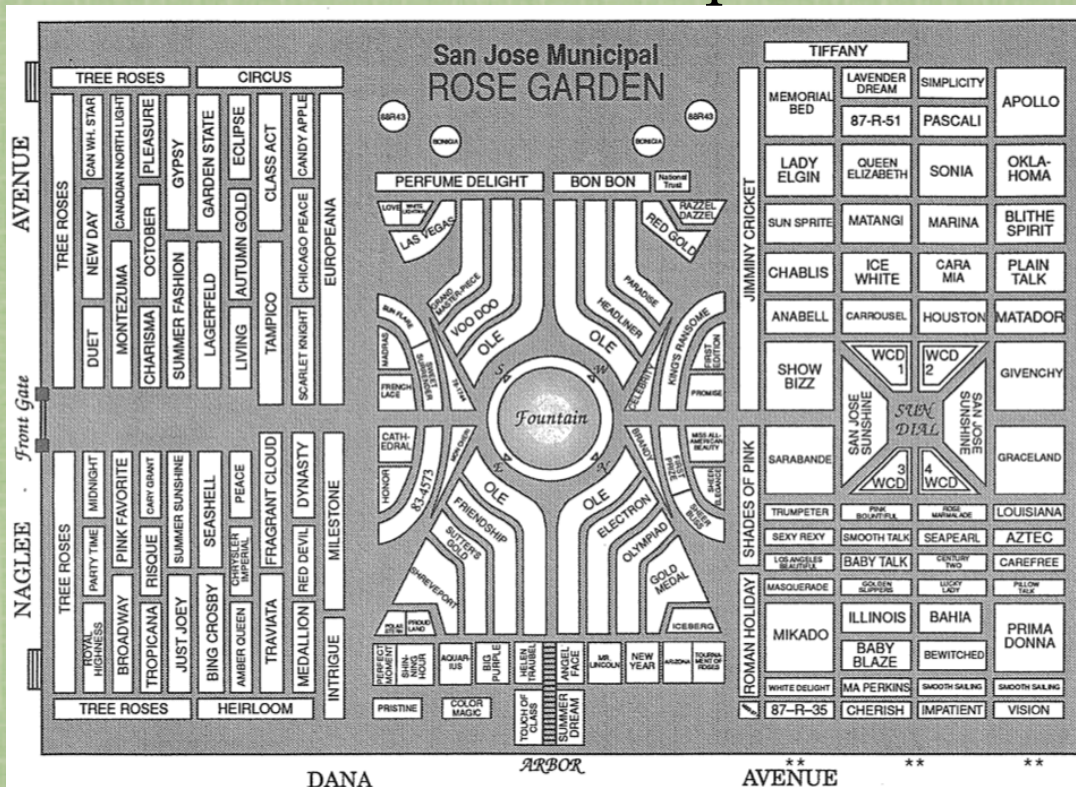
Bloom Cycles



Old Postcards



1990's Map



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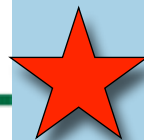
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