

Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden

"America's Best Rose Garden"

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One Last Bloom!!!

Fall begins on September 22nd, and this is the perfect time to set the roses up for one last bloom cycle, and then let them shut down for the winter.

We have scheduled our last community volunteer day on September 28 to do just that. Your help is needed to deadhead, clean up and mulch the beds. You will learn the special techniques to get the most out of your roses at this time of year. Who doesn't want a nice bouquet of roses on your Thanksgiving table? We can show you how to do just that. Join us September 28th, at 9 a.m. Please bring gloves and garden clippers, and a few friends!



Good as Gold



Myles Tobin and Councilmember Oliverio



Love Song

Sept. 28th
9 a.m.
One Last Bloom!
Learn how to get Fall Blooms
Rose Care Seminar and
Volunteer Day



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



Queen Elizabeth still Reigns

The rose Queen Elizabeth was introduced to the world rose market in 1954, a year after Her Royal Highness' coronation. Naming a rose after a popular monarch is sure to increase its sales and sentimental nature. This rose has been grown in many of our grandparents gardens, and the rose is still popular today. The longevity and popularity of this rose, as well as Her Royal Highness, has no equal.



The Queen Elizabeth roses in the Garden are nearly 20 years old, and like the Queen herself, have seen better days. This past year, the rose was disease ridden, and in poor health. There were calls of "off with her head!" as she was not living up to expectations. She was given a stern warning. A shovel was placed in her bed to let her know our intentions if she didn't shape up.

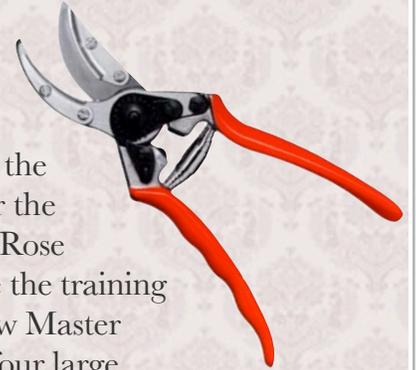


But now, she is in very good health, and has been given a Royal Pardon. Why? It could only be because a Master Volunteer took it upon herself to adopt the bed, and nurse it back to health. Pilar, whom I refer to as "Her lady in Waiting", has doted over Queen Elizabeth this past year, clearing out unhealthy growth, making sure she receives the best care possible. And the results speak for themselves. Much like Mr. Lincoln, Peace, and Double Delight, Queen Elizabeth is a rose that has captured many people's hearts, and its location is often asked about in the Garden. Thanks to Pilar, Queen Elizabeth still reigns.

Our Master Volunteers answer many questions from Garden visitors!



New Master Volunteers



As mentioned earlier in the year, the major focus for the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden was going to be the training and development of new Master Volunteers. While the four large community events provide a big “shot in the arm” for the Garden, the Master Volunteers, with their ability to help in the Garden at any time, is what keeps the Garden in tip-top shape.

Master Volunteers submit their hours on the OurVolts system (www.OurVolts.com) and I'm happy to say, our emphasis on Master Volunteers has paid off. Our volunteer hours are up nearly 30% from this time last year. Could it be because of the stylish vests, the cool t-shirts, or the free pizza parties that attract and retain Master Volunteers? Maybe, but I've been told new Master Volunteers feel so welcomed by the “old timers”, they enjoy the camaraderie and like being part of an organization that gets results. We will still be training Master Volunteers throughout the year. Our next training is on Sept. 25, at 5:45pm. I hope you will consider becoming part of the team.

New Master Volunteer T-Shirts

If you are a Master Volunteer, you are an integral part of the success of the San José Municipal Rose Garden. You have received specific training, and have a demonstrated commitment to the Garden. You are identified by your stylish green vests, many adorned with service pins and patches.

I have great news! Thanks to [Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio](#), Master Volunteers have another opportunity to "show their colors" with a limited edition long sleeve t-shirt, created by [Graphi-X-Stitch](#) to commemorate the Garden being inducted into the Rose Garden Hall of Fame by the Great Rosarians of the World. The Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden have received a grant from Councilmember Oliverio and we chose to use it to subsidize uniform T-Shirts for our Master Volunteers.



The shirt is designed to protect Master Volunteers from the sun, with the long sleeves, and keep them cool with the white color. The front is bare, but on the back it is adorned with the classic Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden logo, the "America's Best Rose Garden" logo on the right shoulder, the Great Rosarians of the World logo on the left sleeve, and VOLUNTEER up the left sleeve. Thanks to Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio for his continued support of the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden and our efforts to keep the Rose Garden beautiful for all to enjoy!

ONE MORE BLOOM!!!

Hands-on Fall Rose Care Seminar & Volunteer Day

Sat., Sept 28th - 9:00 AM!

@ the SJ Muni Rose Garden



Friends of the San Jose



Rose Garden



Want a Bouquet of Roses on your Thanksgiving Table? We can show you how to get one last bloom from your Roses!

Join us to help maintain this City Landmark, and learn a rose trick as well!

Invite the whole Family!

Bring garden shears, wear long sleeves & gloves.
Go to www.FriendsSJRoseGarden.org for more info

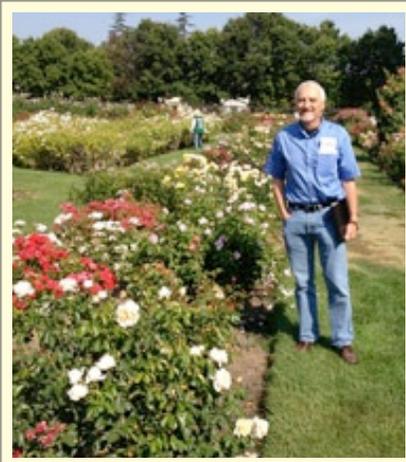


Sat. Sept. 28th 9:00 AM., Naglee and Dana Ave.

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

Test Roses

Jacques Ferare, Vice President of License and Product Development at The Conard-Pyle Co. & Star Roses, stops by the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden recently to check out the test roses.



To Add or Replace?



A rose bed under consideration for adding roses or replacing

One of the most tragic things I know about human nature is that all of us tend to put off living. We are all dreaming of some magical rose garden over the horizon instead of enjoying the roses that are blooming outside our windows today. - Dale Carnegie

Every year, new roses are planted in the Garden. Over the years, its ranged from over 1,000 new bushes to just a couple hundred. But how are these decisions made?

First, these decisions are not taken lightly. Every bed replacement requires a great deal of work and organization between the City and FSJRG. Beds need to be identified, agreed to, and new roses selected.

As an example, consider a bed designed for 12 rose bushes that was planted 15 years ago. The bed may have 8 healthy roses, and 4 dead or missing roses. If the other roses are healthy, we ask is the rose still in commerce, meaning, can we still purchase new ones? If so, we consider just adding the new roses of the same variety. We have done this with many beds. If it is still in commerce, but if the existing roses are disease prone and in poor health, we consider removing the whole bed and replacing it with a



Another bed in discussion

variety that is more disease resistant, typically a “pre-release” new variety. If the rose is no longer in commerce, then our decision is easy. We cannot fill out the bed with the same variety, so it is considered for replacement.

This is one way the Garden promotes the growing of roses at home. Visitors see a variety they like, that is in good health, and they can purchase it at their local nursery for their home. Visitors take notes on which varieties they like.

Hulthemia Roses

What are Hulthemia Roses? Well, there's not enough room to describe them in depth here in this newsletter, but I would suggest you do a search on the web. That said, the Hulthemia Roses are hybridized by Dr. Jim Sproul after decades of research. They are introduced under the "Eyeconic®" series by Star Roses.

These roses are known for their "splotch" in the center of the bloom. The first to be introduced was "Eyeconic Lemonade". We have a full bed of Eyeconic Lemonade and a large test bed, which includes Eyeconic Pink Lemonade, Eyeconic Melon Lemonade, Eyeconic Pomegranate Lemonade, and Eyeconic Lychee Lemonade. These will be introduced to the public soon. Come out to the Garden and see the newest type of roses - the "Eyeconic Series." For more on these types of roses, visit: <http://sproulrosesbydesign.com/HulthemiaRosesandtheRedBlotch.htm>

and <http://conardpyle.wordpress.com/tag/hulthemia/> You can also visit Dr. Sproul's informative blog at <http://sproulroses.blogspot.com/>



Eyeconic® Lemonade



Eyeconic® Pink Lemonade



Eyeconic® Pomegranate
Lemonade



Eyeconic® Lychee
Lemonade



Eyeconic® Melon
Lemonade

Test Beds

For several years, the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden has been test garden for the leading Rose Breeders. We grow and evaluate these varieties for two years, then rip them out and DESTROY them. It usually takes two to three more years before any of these new varieties are available to the public, and only about 20% of the test roses make the cut.

With the season coming to an end, now is your last opportunity to see any of these potential new varieties before they are ripped out. But fear not. We expect to get 30-40 new varieties to replace them in the January/February timeframe. Then, when May 2014 comes around, we will get to see the new test varieties. It will be like Christmas came early!

Rose on a Stick

There is much confusion about tree roses. Are they special varieties? How do they grow that tall? Are they special hybrids? Do you prune/deadhead them differently? In a short description, they are basically “Roses on a Stick”.

Many rose varieties are “budded” onto root stock. Meaning, a vigorous growing rose (usually Dr. Huey or Fortuniana) is rooted and grown. The “new” rose variety is budded onto the healthy root stock. Once the bud takes, the top of the root stock is cut off, leaving the new variety. A good video on this technique can be seen at this link www.tinyurl.com/rosebudding.



Iceberg Tree Rose



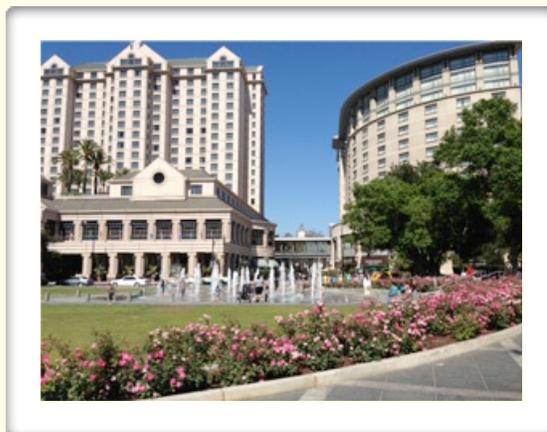
A “Twofers™” Tree Rose

So how are Tree Roses made? Simply by budding the new variety on a tall stalk of root stock, usually 36” from the ground. The stalk has been “de-budded” so that it doesn’t grow the original variety. You can see these scars along the trunk. Some growers, like Weeks Roses, have budded TWO different, complementary varieties on the stalk! They call these “Twofers™”

How do you deadhead and winter prune tree roses? Just like the variety if it were on the ground. You treat them no differently; it’s just that you won’t get a back-ache bending over! The best varieties for tree roses are shrubs and floribundas that have a rounded habit. Though it might be tempting, a hybrid tea budded as a tree rose is not all that appealing.

Roses in San Jose

There are many places in San Jose where roses are used in the landscape. The City of San Jose has recognized there are many low care, easy growing roses that can not only add beauty, but cut down on the maintenance and costs of traditional annuals. One example is Plaza de Cesar Chavez in downtown San Jose. This signature park is home to many events throughout the year,



from art shows, to music festivals. It is right across the street from the Fairmont Hotel, and is home to the popular water fountain. Two hundred “Pink Knockout” roses were planted by the arched walkway. They were donated to the City by Star Roses, and facilitated by the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden. We are actively looking for other locations throughout San Jose that could use some mass plantings of roses. If you would like to suggest a location, please let us know!

5-15-37
**Rose Garden
Dedication Is
Set For Today**

**John McLaren To Be
Principal Speaker At
Ceremony.**

Official dedication of the San Jose municipal rose garden will be held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the 5 1/2-acre west side community beauty spot.

With City Councilman Charles Bishop as master of ceremonies, the program will open with a concert by the Herbert Hoover junior high school under the direction of L. A. Jenkins.

The invocation will be given by Dr. Mark Rifenshark, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, followed by a talk by Mrs. Walter M. Williams, president of the Santa Clara County Rose society.

INTRODUCE PATRONS.

The following persons, who have been actively associated with the project, will be introduced: Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Adams; Mrs. Marquita McClure, representing her mother, Mrs. Charles C. Derby; Mrs. Dorothy Farrington, representing her mother, Mrs. William Bogen; Dan Gray, Al Meyer, Ernest N. Curtis, Mrs. Ella Reed, Dr. George Wisner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Borchers, Thomas J. Ryan, Mrs. Fremont Older, Ray D. Hartman, Joseph McKinnon, Clyde Stocking, Ferdinand Halla, Archie Foree, foreman of the garden; Michael Antonacci, city planning engineer; Lloyd Maynard, city park superintendent; Mrs. Andrew Christeson and Miss Louise Fleming.

The introductions will be followed by a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. George Hege rich. Vocal selections will be given by the Madrigal club under the direction of L. B. Cain.

NOTED SPEAKERS.

The principal speakers of the day will be John McLaren, superintendent of San Francisco Golden Gate park, and Dr. Emmett Rixford Sr., who has donated many roses to the garden. McLaren made the original plan for the garden and turned the first soil there.

The Rev. George A. Gilbert, J., will pronounce the benediction. A plaque, donated by Mrs. Andrew Christeson in memory of her husband, will be placed at the garden entrance to close the dedication. The ceremonies are open to the public.

At the suggestion of Mrs. Charles C. Derby, the first president of the rose society, and Mrs. Fremont Older, the city council set aside 5 1/2 acres of an 11-acre tract at Naglee and Dana avenues for a municipal rose garden. On April 7, 1931, ground was broken during appropriate exercises by Dr. J. Horace McFarland, president of the American Rose society, and John McLaren.

City Staff

There have been some recent changes in City Staff at the Rose Garden. Long time Gardener Lance Loveday, who was instrumental in the resurrection of the Garden - from probation to "America's Best" has moved to other park responsibilities. Lance was a presence in the Garden and it will not be the same without him.



Elton Rodriguez

Taking his place is Elton Rodriguez, who has been with the City of San Jose for 19 years. He is excited about the challenge of such a large responsibility and looks forward to actively working with the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden. If you see Elton around, be sure to give him a warm welcome.

Elton reports to Duane Lindsey, who as a Senior Maintenance Worker, oversees several facilities, which include the Rose Garden. Fairly new to the Rose Garden, Duane has already made his mark in just a few months.

Brandon Casper, as Parks Facility Supervisor, has a big responsibility, overseeing lots of staff and many prominent parks, including the Rose Garden, Guadalupe River Park, Arena Green and Plaza de Cesar Chavez. Brandon has worked with the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden since the very beginning (2007), and has a deep knowledge of its history. He is an integral part of the transformation, we are pleased to have his continued support and guidance.



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