

Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden

“America’s Best Rose Garden”

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Winter Pruning Seminar and Volunteer Day - Saturday, January 11th - Registration @ 8:30am, event @ 9:00am

The Tradition Continues....

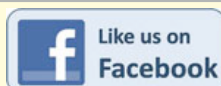
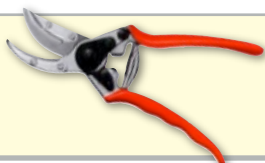
Our 7th annual Winter Pruning Seminar and Volunteer day will be held on January 11th. Star Roses will be gifting the first 300 Volunteers with a FREE BARE ROOT ROSE, like the just released Mercury Rising Hybrid Tea seen at the right! Pretty cool huh?

Volunteers should bring gloves and garden clippers if they have them PLEASE LEAVE YOUR LARGE LOPPERS AT HOME. Hand pruning shears are all that's needed. You will learn the proven techniques which has earned this Garden “America’s Best Rose Garden”.

But wait, there's more.... At about 11:30, 5 Gourmet Food Trucks will pull up, including my current favorite “Porky’s SJ”. I hope you can make it. For more info, go to www.FriendsSJRoseGarden.org



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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

In this edition, we will review the history and milestones of the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden since its formation in 2007. Many volunteers are new to helping in the Garden and do not know the shape the Garden was in before we formed the partnership with the City of San Jose, and they allowed volunteers to help with the maintenance of the historic Municipal Rose Garden.

You will see the transformation and come to better appreciate the accomplishments of this partnership.



Winter

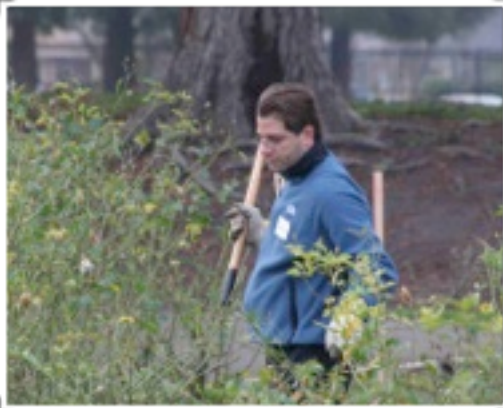


Summer



About 125 people
showed up for the first
“Free the Roses”
event in 2007.





First Rose Pruning by
Volunteers - 2008
New Techniques
Implemented





Installation of Weed Cloth and Mulch in Winter 2008



First “Master Volunteer”
Training April 2008. Many are
still very active!





First Bloom Cycle 2008



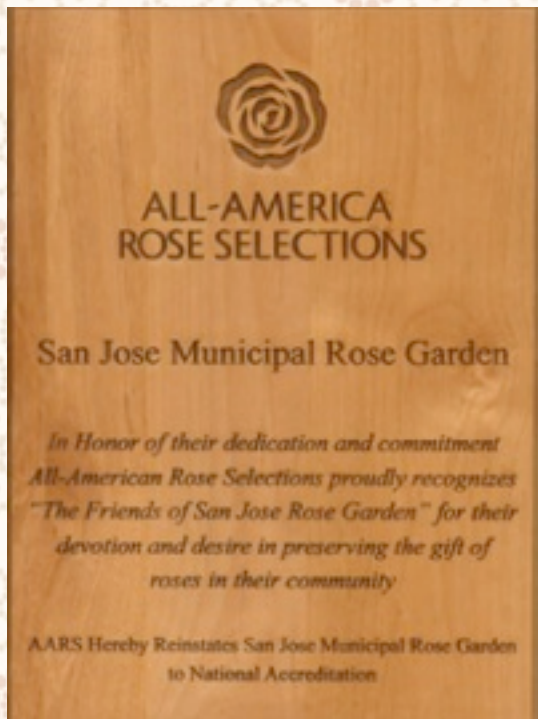
First Deadheading Day 2008





2008 Rose Garden
Movie Night to
honor Volunteers
sponsored by
Councilmember
Pierluigi Oliverio





Late 2008 - 2009
Rose Garden gets
National Accreditation
restored, receives a City
Award, and becomes a
All-America Rose
Selection Test Garden



National honor for Rose Garden

By Holly Hayes
Mercury News

San Jose's recently rehabilitated Municipal Rose Garden has been chosen as a test site for All-America Rose Selections, the organization that determines which new roses will get all the buzz at your local nursery.

If you are a rose aficionado, the news — being announced this morning in the garden — is a very big deal. No other horticultural fan base so covets knowing about and obtaining the newest of the new each year. And until now, there's only been one other rose test garden in California, and it's in San Diego County.

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COURTESY OF TERRY KELLY

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED

Today's event, "Rediscover the Rose Garden," introducing the 2010 AARS winner and officially announcing the Municipal Rose Garden's status as an AARS test garden, begins at 11:30 a.m. The 5.5-acre garden is at Naglee and Dana avenues in San Jose's Rose Garden neighborhood. It is open daily from 8 a.m. to a half-hour after sunset. Details: www.friends.sjrosegarden.org, where you can find a new interactive garden map as well as information on volunteering opportunities.

The new 2010 rose

Find out the name of the All-American Rose Selection's 2010 winner

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2009 Rose Garden Renovation Project - Preparation



2009 Rose Garden Renovation Project - Planting

Over 1,200 new roses donated and planted





2009 - 76 Years after it was suggested in an Editorial, street signs pointing the way to the Rose Garden is installed by Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio

Editorial Analysis

By A. M. M. 9/20/33

SHOW 'EM WAY TO ROSE GARDEN

San Jose, remarked a visitor who came to our office yesterday, is overlooking a splendid opportunity for interesting tourists and possible residents in our city in not "advertising" our municipal rose garden.

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It was only by chance that she drove past the rose garden, and, intrigued by the colorful beauty, stopped to admire the fragrant beds of velvety blooms.

Many strangers, she said, would enjoy the gorgeous display if only it were brought to their attention. Why doesn't the city place markers along the highway, she suggested, pointing out the route to this beauty spot?

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We pass the lady's suggestion on to the city officials with our approval. The small amount needed for markers would be more than repaid in the advertising the municipal rose garden would receive, and the good impression this civic beauty spot would make on possible new residents.

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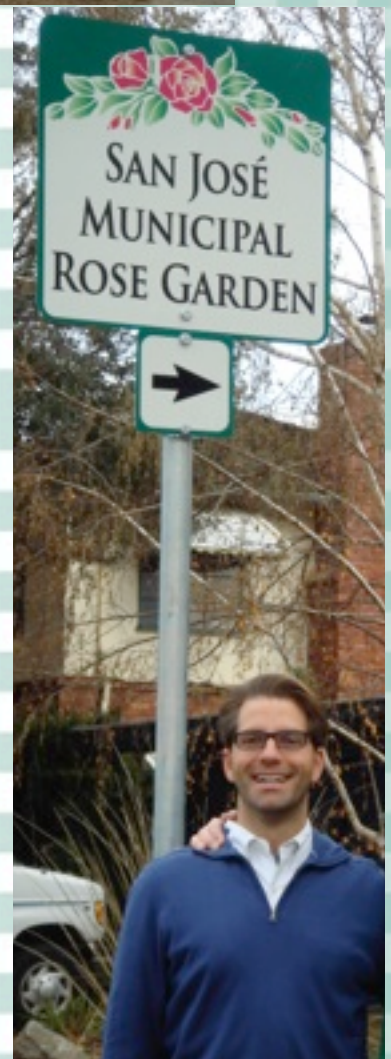
INDUSTRY



San Jose Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio



Julie Edmonds-Mares
San Jose's PRNS



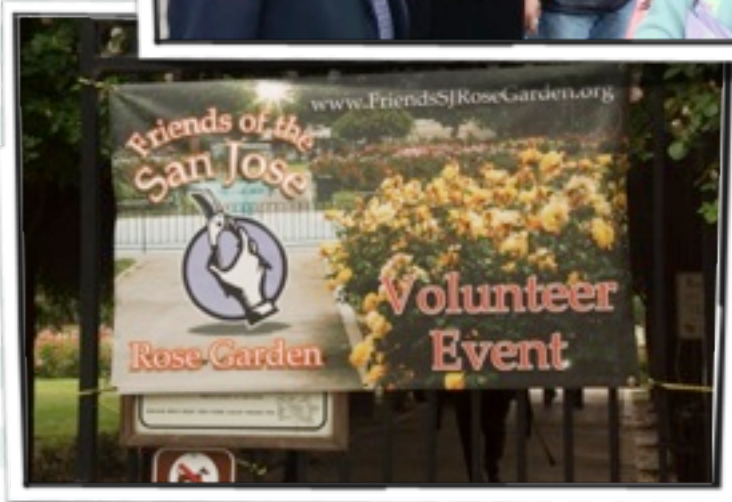


2009 - Community Volunteers such as the Kiwanis put down weed cloth and mulch to help control weeds.





2009 - Re-dedication of the Rose Garden with Mayor Chuck Reed, Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio, and World Famous Rose Hybridizer Tom Carruth.



2010 - Digging new beds for the test roses.





2010 -
900+ Volunteers
Prune Garden in
~ 90 minutes.



2010 - America's Best Rose Garden Competition



iPad Voting in Garden



2010 - We Win “America’s Best Rose Garden”



Mayor Reed and Councilmember Oliverio congratulate the Volunteers



2010 - 2013, Blooming Successes!



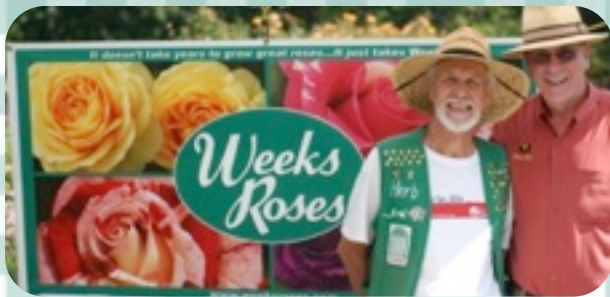
More Volunteers,
More Visitors,
More Events,
More Awards,
More BLOOMS!



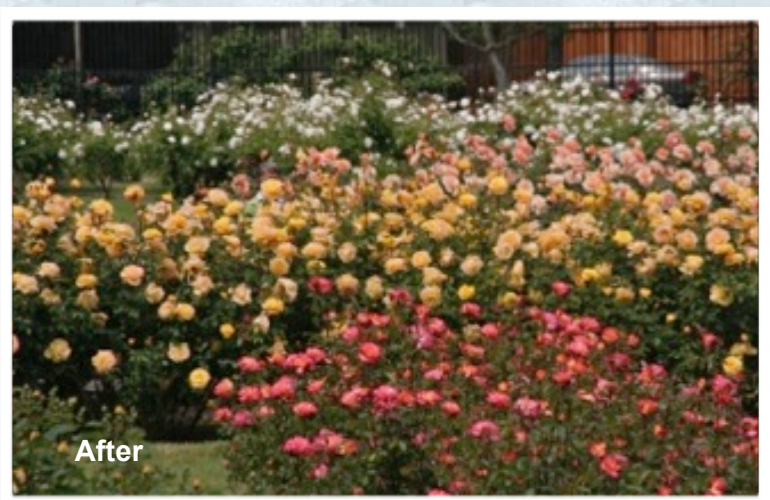
Rose Garden Hall of Fame Award 2013



Photo from 1933



Spanish philosopher George Santayana once wrote, *"Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it"*. It is with this in mind that we share the history of the partnership between the City of San Jose and The Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden. A lot has been accomplished in the past 7 years, and the future looks bright. I hope you will join us on this journey.



FREE ROSES!!! ★

First 300 Volunteers will receive a
FREE BARE ROOT ROSE courtesy of Star Roses!!!!

ROSE GARDEN

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Sat., January 11th
8:30AM Registration, 9:00AM Event!
With a Food Truck Festival @ Noon!



**LEARN
FROM THE
EXPERTS!!!**



Come Join the FUN!!!!

Learn how to prune roses from the experts!

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

**BRING THE
WHOLE FAMILY!**



Sat. January 11th 8:30 a.m., Naglee and Dana Ave., SJ

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