

Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden

"America's Best Rose Garden"

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Summer in the Garden

Everything you wanted to know about Summer Rose Care

Rose Care Seminar - July 12, 8:00am.

After the first bloom cycle in the spring, the roses were deadheaded and were well prepared for their second bloom. Coming into the hot, summer months, the roses often start to show their age. They go into the "summer-doldrums".

Great care needs to be taken to make sure they have the strength to survive the hot summer months, and be prepared for the cooler fall months, when some real nice blooms come out.

Our Rose Care Seminar on July 12th, beginning at 8:00am will show you how to get the most out of your roses, and keep them blooming the rest of the season.


The main idea is to keep them healthy, and stress free. You want the health to fight off disease. Watering of course is key, but also removing non-performing plant material. Now is a good time to remove any yellow branches that have just not been able to keep up. We will show you everything at our upcoming seminar. Please join us.



Anna's Promise - a 2015 introduction



Free Pizza in the Garden!!??? Find out how you can join the next Pizza Party inside this issue!



**Summer Rose Care
Hands-on Seminar
July 12, 8:00 a.m.!**

Founders Beverly Rose
Hopper & Terry Reilly



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





Why Become a “Master Volunteer”?

Why become a Master Volunteer? There are many reasons. First and foremost is the flexibility. The flexibility to come and help at the garden on your own schedule. You can come to the garden ANYTIME and deadhead, rake, or weed - do anything that suits your fancy. Come after dinner on a beautiful summer night, or in the morning before the rest of the world wakes up, want to chat with visitors and answer questions, then the weekends are best. The flexibility is quite liberating.

Becoming a Master Volunteer is easy, it just takes about a 1.5 hour training session. After that, you are free to come as wish. After you put in 5 hours in the first month, you will become “vested” - meaning, you will get your own stylish vest, embroidered with you name. It identifies you as an official Master Volunteer while you work in the garden.

But wait, there’s more..... We often have exclusive events for Master Volunteers, such as pizza nights (courtesy of Rosie’s New York Pizza!), special training seminars, and social nights which have included concerts and hockey games in a luxury suite!



If you are interested in joining our ranks, please sign up at:

www.FriendsSJRoseGarden.org/master-volunteers/ We will let you know of the next training session.

SUMMER ROSE CARE

Free Hands-on Seminar

SATURDAY, JULY 12TH

8:00 AM,

**@ THE SJ MUNI ROSE GARDEN,
CORNER OF NAGLEE & DANA**



Learn how to get the most out of your Roses by the experts at America's Best Rose Garden! Instruction and hands-on practice will follow!



Bring gloves and garden clippers!

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San Jose



Rose Garden



Sponsored by the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden and the City of San Jose's Parks, Recreation & N'hood Services

July 12th - 8:00 a.m., Naglee and Dana Ave.

For more information, go to www.FriendsSJRoseGarden.org

Roses in San Jose

You may have seen the abundance of roses now growing in San Jose parks. This is due in great part by Star Roses and Plant, which have just received a City Commendation from Mayor Chuck Reed and Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio.

Not only has Star Roses supported our efforts in the Rose Garden, but over the past few years, Star Roses has donated over 1,000 low care, landscape roses to the City of San Jose. Most of these have been the “knockout” variety, known for their hardiness, disease resistance and drought tolerance. A few shining examples of where these have been planted is in Plaza de Cesar Chavez, right next to the Fountain.

As you can see from the photos, these roses are in bloom even at Christmas time! You will also see Knockout Roses in St. James Park, Ryland Park, and Parque De Los Pobladores aka Gore Park.

There are many colors available in the Knockout Roses series. You can learn more about these landscape roses at www.starrosesandplants.com



Knockout Roses in June



Knockout Roses in December!



Knockout Blooms

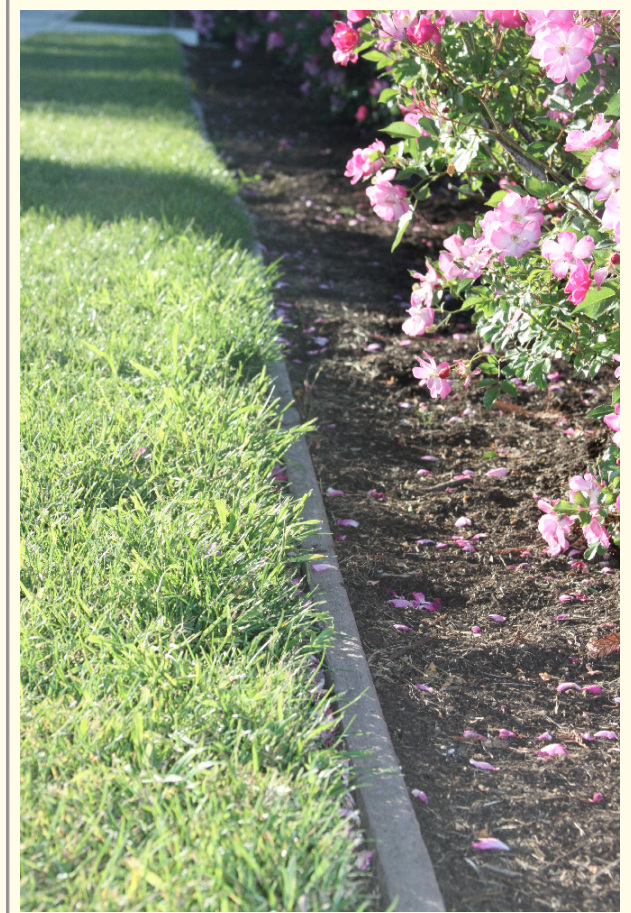


Official Commendation

Eagle Scout Project in Rose Garden

Paolo Calia, a Boy Scout, has decided on doing his Eagle Scout Project at the Rose Garden. He has decided to replace the rotting borders around the outside climbers with new, environmentally friendly materials. He has raised enough funds for the project, with much help from our Rose Garden supporters.

He will need many volunteers to help complete his project, which is scheduled for Aug. 1, 2, 3. More details to come as the date gets closer!



Save the Date!!!

Paolo's Eagle Scout Project! Help get rid of the rotting wood!

Friday, August 1st

Saturday August 2nd

Sunday August 3rd

(back-up date) Sat. August 9th

More details to come!



Ladybugs in the Garden

(There has been great interest in the lady bugs seen in the garden, so we are reprinting this from several years ago...)

As you know, the Rose Garden tries to be organic as possible. We will soon to be releasing a couple thousand lady bugs in the Garden to eat any aphids that may be present. This type of organic control is quite cost effective. You can get 2,000 ladybugs shipped to your house for \$20! We get ours from High Sierra Ladybugs, a family run business. You can check out their web site at www.highsierraladybugs.com

Their website also contains a great deal of information about ladybugs. For example, did you know:

— A Ladybug can lay up to 1000 eggs in its lifetime.

— Not all Ladybugs have spots.

— Ladybugs will clean themselves after a meal.

— Ladybugs come in many colors like pink, yellow, white, orange and black.

— Over 300 types of Ladybugs live in North America.

— Ladybugs make a chemical that smells and tastes bad so predators won't eat them.

— Ladybugs hibernate in large groups in cold weather.

— Many countries consider a ladybug to be a sign of good luck.

— Ladybugs are actually beetles, so sometimes are called LadyBeetles.

— The bright colors of Ladybugs warn birds that they don't taste good.

— The spots on a Ladybug fade as they get older.

So if you need an inexpensive and organic way to get rid of your garden pests, contact High Sierra Ladybugs. Some advice, it's fun to play with the ladybugs before you release them! Having a hundred ladybugs crawling in your hands can't be beat!



Classic ladybug



Yellow ladybug!



Black ladybug with red spots?



Ladybug Polo!

Quick FAQ's

How many roses are in the Garden? -
~3,500

How many varieties?
~250

How big is the Garden?
2.6 acres of roses

How old is the Garden?
74 Years old. Opening day was in '37

What is the oldest rose?
Miss All American Beauty, 1968

When was the Arbor built?
In 1988.

How many bushes are on the Arbor?
Eight.

When was FSJRG formed?
Officially in Nov. 2007

How do I get rid of Aphids?
Buy and release ladybugs.

Why rake the leaves and spent petals below the plant?
Dead leaves can harbor disease. It is best to keep the plant free of dead leaves.

What to do if leaves turn yellow and brown?
It is preferred to remove dead and diseased leaves from the bush.

Should I use a "systemic Fertilizer, like Bayer 3 in 1?"
No, you are putting poison in the soil. Use organic fertilizer.

How can I organize a group to help in the garden?
Send a-mail to Terry.Reilly@FriendsSJRoseGarden.org

Good Garden Happenings!



The ducks are back!



**New brick walkways through arbors -
Thanks Elton!**



**Several Company Volunteer Days
- Thanks Google, Deloitte and
nvidia, and Elton**



**New tan bark and rock borders! -
Thanks Elton!**

