

# 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 & Volunteer Day - July 16, 8:00am.

After the first bloom cycle in the spring, we kept deadheading the roses to prepare them for their second bloom cycle. During the hot summer months, roses often start to show their age. Welcome to the "summer-doldrums".

We need to do everything we can to help them survive the hot summer months. Once we get into the cooler fall months, there will be another resurgence of blooms.

Our Summer Rose Care Seminar and Volunteer Day on July 16th, begins a bit earlier 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 key is to keep them healthy, watered, and stress free. Healthy roses repel diseases. Enough water is key, and 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. We will have ice cream for the volunteers afterwards. **Please note the earlier time - 8:00am!**



**The 2016 "Name this Rose"!**



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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





# Summer Disease

While many people celebrated the heavy rains, which were followed by a hot, dry spell, this type of weather can cause roses problems. This year, because of the weather, we have had more disease then ever before. For a couple weeks, many rose beds looked pretty sad. There are many types of diseases that roses get: blackspot, mildew (powdery and downy) and rust.

In the case of the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden, blackspot ran rampant, and well as pockets of rust; much more than we have ever seen. At the Garden, we do not spray chemicals to ward off disease. We rely on good rose care, and healthy plants to fight off blackspot.

The most prevalent issue we have this year was “leaf drop” caused by blackspot. You will see many rose bushes with the lower section of leaves which are completely defoliated.

We have taken steps to stop the spread of this by having the diseased fallen leaves raked up and once the bed is cleaned and the mulch is applied, the plants usually revive when the weather gets a bit cooler. The fall blooms should look spectacular.

Recently, we had about 60 employees of Deloitte come and help us with this effort. This is the 5th year they have chosen the Rose Garden for their community service.

This type of rose care will be reviewed at the event on July 16th!



Deloitte Volunteers





# SUMMER ROSE CARE

Free Hands-on Seminar

**SATURDAY, JULY 16TH**

**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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Rose Garden



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July 16th - 8:00 a.m., Naglee and Dana Ave.

For more information, go to [www.FriendsSJRoseGarden.org](http://www.FriendsSJRoseGarden.org)





## 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 your 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/](http://www.FriendsSJRoseGarden.org/master-volunteers/) We will let you know of the next training session.





# Master Volunteer Training!

Sign up today!

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# How are they doing?

This past Winter, we removed many beds of old, tired roses and replaced them with different varieties. Usually, roses take two years to get established, and we had more ideas this year. Let's take a look at how they are doing!



## Children's Hope

This polyantha rose is a low growing ground cover to be introduced in 2017. It's getting a pretty good start and has been able to stay healthy.



## Phloxy Baby

This polyantha rose is part of Star Roses & Plants "Look-a-Likes®" series of roses. Yes, it does look like Phlox! It is getting established well, and is disease free. Hybridized by Bill Radler of the "Knockout Rose" fame.





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## Melody Parfumeé

This year, we wanted to plant roses which were known to be quite fragrant. With a name like Melody Perfume we figured it fit the bill. Unfortunately, like many roses introduced in the 1990's, it was not very disease resistant, and has not held up well. and was slow to establish. It will be re-evaluated later in the year and may be under consideration for removal.



## Falling in Love

A hybrid tea, with a great name, and good fragrance, it's a bit slow to get established, and somewhat tolerant to the diseases we've had this year. We have hopes for this one.





# How are they doing?



## Limoncello

We grew this rose in the test beds and were quite pleased. This landscape rose is always on bloom with a profusion of light yellow blooms



## Pumpkin Patch

This floribunda is getting established. We planted this recent introduction by Christian Bédard because we wanted to bring some unusual color into the Garden. Yes, the blooms are the color of a pumpkin!



# How are they doing?



## Easy to Please

The names says it all. This floribunda by Christian Bédard should grow very well, without much care. It is getting established and has handled the heat well.



## Betty Boop

We tried once again with Betty Boop, a once great rose introduced in 1999. While the cartoon is timeless, this one is headed out next year.



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## Shelia's Perfume

This wonderful rose had a very bad start. Lots of rust and blackspot at the beginning of the year. Looked like it was a bad decision to plant. But it has recovered nicely and the fragrance is wonderful!



## Lasting Love

Part of this year's Love and Fragrance theme, Lasting Love is performing well for its type while getting established and the red is quite striking in color.