

Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden

Issue 34

“America’s Best Rose Garden”

Jan. 2017

10th Annual Pruning Seminar and Volunteer Day
- January 7, Registration @ 8:30am, event @ 9am.



It's that time of year again!

On January 7th we will have our 10th Annual Winter Pruning of the Rose Garden. Registration begins at 8:30am, and the event begins at 9:00am.

Last Year 551 volunteers were trained and pruned the 4,000 roses in 70 minutes - a new record!

Over the years, we have refined our techniques to make it easier and more efficient for the volunteers. We will be entering in the Dana Ave entrance, and the **first 400 volunteers will receive a free bare root rose from Star Roses!** We have some great varieties this year to choose from, so make sure you come early. We will also have a food truck after the event, so bring a few bucks to enjoy a great lunch afterwards.

Many volunteers remember which beds they worked on so they can come back during the season and look at the results - a bit of “ownership” in the Rose Garden. Please bring work gloves and garden clippers. All ages welcome! Hope to see you there!



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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



So Long to Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio

Truth be told, The Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden would not have formed without the strong leadership of Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio. It was his encouragement and support in 2007 that provided the impetus to create the Public/Private Partnership with the objective of rescuing the Rose Garden. Having just been elected he felt this landmark had been sorely neglected, and thought something had to change.



He immediately suggested proposals to revive the Rose Garden to its original splendor. One of the proposals was to allow volunteer enthusiasts to assist in maintenance and beautification activities on a larger scale than ever before. And with this objective, The Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden was formed. In addition, when budget cuts hit, and the landmark fountain was going to be shut off, he chose to keep it running by funding it through his office budget. He also championed the proposal allowing private companies to observe Community Work Days, and pay their employees for time volunteered at the Rose Garden. This was previously against union rules, and therefore not allowed by the City. The Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden took full advantage of this change in policy by hosting hundreds of volunteers from Google, Microsoft, EY, Deloitte, and other corporations over the years. (see next page)



So Long to Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio (Continued)

Many will not recall how neglected the Rose Garden looked before Councilmember Oliverio was elected. But the pictures below make the transformation abundantly evident, and one can clearly see the changes. We owe much of this to our friend and champion, former Councilmember Oliverio. Although he was termed out after 10 years on the Council, we will never forget his dedication and leadership to volunteerism in general, and our Rose Garden in particular. Rumor has it that he may run for County Supervisor in 2018.

Councilmember Oliverio is being replaced due to term limits by Dev Davis. We know Councilmember Oliverio will certainly continue his support of the Rose Garden and Councilmember Davis has pledged to do so as well.



Park Station Hashery - A New Rose Garden Neighborhood Gem!

In the Fall of 2016, Park Station Hashery opened up just one block from the Rose Garden. Prior to opening, they reached out to the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden to build a relationship with our group, the Garden and the community. Partners Louis Silva (of the Naglee Park Garage fame) and Long Nguyen, along with their Director of Operation's David Johnson shared how they wanted this new restaurant to pay homage to the area's history and get involved in the neighborhood and community. They have done just that. The murals in the Hashery, by local artists, Ben Henderson and Lacey Bryant, highlight the old Rose Garden's sundial and includes many roses in the theme. In fact, their logo includes a prominent rose and bicycle in honor San Jose's rich history of roses and bicycles.

To show their commitment to the neighborhood, they have partnered with The Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden's 10th Annual Pruning Seminar and Volunteer Day.

They have decided to thank the 500+ volunteers who show up with a 25% discount on any entree, beverage or food item! So come on out and help the Rose Garden, and experience the hot new restaurant in the Rose Garden Neighborhood!



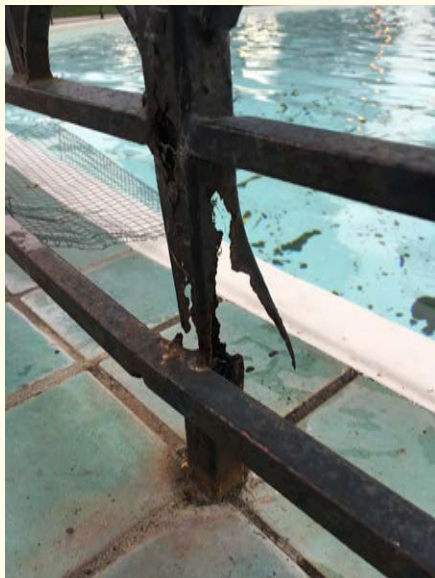
Park Station Hashery is open Tuesday-Sunday for Lunch and Dinner, along with Brunch on weekends.
www.parkstationhashery.com

Renovations in the Rose Garden

Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio has been a strong supporter of the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden. In 2016, he allocated park funds to make some much needed renovations at the historic San Jose Municipal Rose Garden. These projects will be completed in 2017 and include: **Reconstruction of the Arbors on at the front of the Garden,**



Replacement of the fence around the fountain, and strengthening the large arbor at the Dana Ave. Entrance. These projects will happen during the first few months of the year.



It had to happen sooner or later..

It was a drizzly Monday afternoon and I was walking the Garden, with a can of spray paint. Taking a close look at each bed, I determined where they should be pruned this Saturday, and made the mark on the stake. This techniques has guided thousands of Volunteers to winter prune the Garden. I was struck by how two weeks of winter rain and chill can transform the Garden. Most of the leaves have dropped off the plants, leaving barren plants. Blooms that did not fall off, were soaked by the rain and drooped.

Just as sprinkles began once again, I saw them. A group of about 15 people, maps in hand, entering the Garden. It was clear they had come here with a purpose, to see “America’s Best Rose Garden”. I looked for the bus that they may have arrived in. They were an older group, being led by a younger person. They were off in the distance, walking through, taking a few pictures. They made it to the Dana Ave. arbor as the sprinkles got a little stronger.

I meant to make my way over to them, to explain why there were stakes in the beds, what I was doing, and that January 2nd is not a good time to make a special trip to the Garden - (though better than January 8th when everything is cut back!) Over the years, I have seen wedding parties come out the the Garden mid-January, photographer in tow, shocked to see no blooms!

Unable to get to them before they left, I wondered and worried about how people view their visit in the dead of Winter and if they would make a claim that it’s not a good Garden. It didn’t take long for me to get an answer.

As you may know, The San Jose Municipal Rose Garden is listed as the #1 thing to visit in San Jose. But this morning I awoke to a “2 star review”. YIKES!

I responded diplomatically to her review inviting her back in the Spring and explaining how roses go dormant in Winter, and let her know they would be all cut back in a few days.

If you’d like to see all the reviews, or write your own, you can see them at:

tinyurl.com/jlvjgn6

"Didn't see anything blooming in late December" ☆☆☆☆
Review of **Municipal Rose Garden**

Municipal Rose Garden
Naglee Avenue & Dana Ave, San Jose, CA 95216
+1 408-794-7274 Website Update your listing

Ranked #1 of 130 things to do in San Jose
☆☆☆☆ 318 Reviews
Certificate of Excellence

Type: Gardens, Nature & Parks

tripadvisor

280 photos

Ling T
Lakewood, California
Level 3 Contributor
5 reviews
4 attraction reviews
2 helpful votes

"Didn't see anything blooming in late December" NEW
☆☆☆☆ Reviewed 2 days ago via mobile

We came in because we saw the reviews saying you could see flowers all year long but unfortunately there's not much to see except the fountain at the gate. Late December is not a good timing for visiting.

Visited December 2016

Helpful? 1 Thank Ling T

Ask Ling T about Municipal Rose Garden

This review is the subjective opinion of a TripAdvisor member and not of TripAdvisor LLC.

FREE ROSES!!!

First 400 Volunteers will receive a
FREE BARE ROOT ROSE courtesy of Star Roses!!!!

ROSE GARDEN

Winter Pruning Seminar & Volunteer Day - bring your clippers!

Sat., January 7th
8:30AM Registration, 9:00AM Event!
With Food Truck afterwards!

**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 7th 8:30 a.m., Naglee and Dana Ave., SJ

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

And the Winner is..... “Parade Day”

The San Jose Municipal Rose Garden visitors got another treat in 2016. Christian Bédard, Director of Research at Weeks Roses again allowed us to plant a full bed of a new rose variety to be introduced in 2018, and asked for visitors to suggest a name to be considered for the rose.

Some fun facts: nearly 150 suggestions were made from visitors from 21 different States, and some visitors as far away as China and the UK! There were many great suggestions, and some very in-depth reasons the visitors suggested the names.

In the end, Weeks Roses chose “Parade Day” due to the festive look.



New Rose Beds for 2017

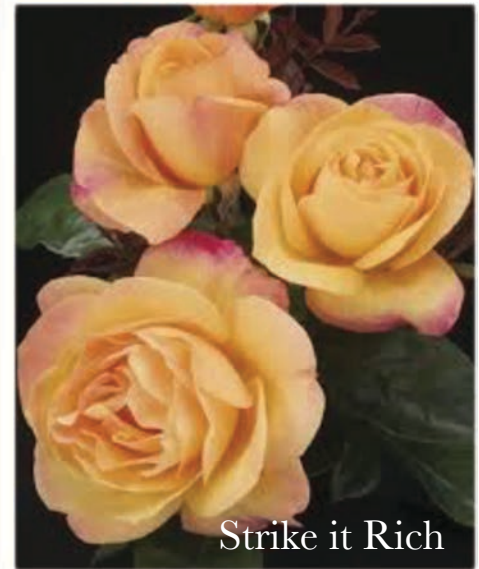
We will be ripping out about 10 rose beds and planting them with new varieties. The beds removed are varieties that are old and tired, and may not be in commerce anymore.

This year, we have taken a different tack. Instead of putting in varieties that have just been released to the market, we are putting in varieties that have proven to be very good, disease free roses in the Garden. What this means is there may be TWO beds of the same rose! But why not have two spectacular beds of Julia Child? Or Sugar Moon? Or Grande Dame? We have chosen locations which are a good distance from the original beds. We have done this because good roses are much easier to care for. And these are proven show stoppers.

Here's some pictures of a few of the roses we will be planting this year.



Grande Dame



Strike it Rich



Julia Child



Sugar Moon

How to Plant a Bare Root Rose

Star Roses will be giving away over 400 bare root roses to the volunteers that show up for the Winter Pruning on Jan. 7th.

Want to know how to plant a bare root rose? They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Well, a video is worth even more than that. Watch the bare root rose planting video at www.tinyurl.com/bareroot



Did you know.....

The bathroom buildings in the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden were constructed the WORKS PROGRESS ADMINISTRATION? The WPA was a ambitious New Deal agency, begun in 1935 to provide jobs and income to the unemployed during he Great Depression! You can see this plaque on the side of the Men's bathroom.



Free Bare Root Roses!

For the past 10 years, Star Roses and Plants have provided a free bare root rose to every volunteer that comes and helps at our annual rose pruning day. Last year, over 600 roses were given away to volunteers, all donated by Star Roses.

In addition Star Roses has provided hundreds of roses to the City of San Jose to be planted in parks by volunteers throughout the city. The hundreds of roses near the fountain in Plaza de Cesar Chavez were all donated by Star. Just last year, about 500 roses were planted in Emma Prusch Park, and their blooms have provided a stunning display.

Here are some of the varieties which we will be giving away to volunteers January 7th: Canyon Road, Pink Double Knock Out, Apricot Drift, Limoncello, Apricot Candy, Eternal Flame, Girl's Night Out, Mother of Pearl, Peter Mayle, and Easter Basket.

