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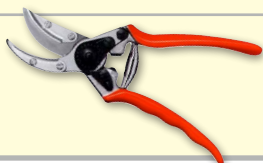
Rose Pruning Seminar & Volunteer Day January 6th, 8:30am Registration, 9:00AM Start

One of the reasons the SJ Municipal Rose Garden was awarded “America’s Best Rose Garden” was the tremendous amount of community involvement in taking care of the roses. This scored us big points. The roses, for the most part, are taken care of by volunteers, rather than paid staff. Yes, the Garden does have city staff, which has a big job taking care of the turf, irrigation, edging, etc., not deadheading or obsessing about bloom cycles.

Please join us January 6th, for our 11th Annual Community Pruning Event. This year, we will be doing something new, called “Complete Care” - come learn what that is about! The event begins with registration at 8:30am, and starts at 9:00am. We usually have over 400 community volunteers come so expect a big crowd. The first 300 volunteers will receive a free bare root rose courtesy of Star Roses and a get a coupon for 20% coupon from PARK STATION HASHERY, located just a block from the Garden! Eating at Park Station Hashery is a great way to cap off your morning volunteering!



FREE ROSES!
Learn from the Pro's!



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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

New Winter Pruning Method

For the past 10 years, we have had a winter pruning program that worked seamlessly.

We typically would get about 400 - 600 volunteers to participate and we focused on pruning the roses. Each year, we were able to “break” the previous years record, pruning the 4,000 roses in about 60 minutes. The technique comprised of five steps:

1. Find Paint Mark,
2. Cut 1/2" above “Bud” eye,
3. Strip Leaves,
4. Pull Weeds,
5. Rake and Clean Beds.

This year, I don’t expect to break our record. Why? there are A LOT of weeds! I know it’s not so glamorous, and is hard work, but we hope this years’ volunteers will see the severe need of “Complete

Care” and making sure the beds are pruned, leaves stripped, and weed free.



Movie Night @ Rose Garden



After the September Volunteer event, Councilmember Dev Davis held her first Movie Night in the Rose Garden to celebrate the FSJRG’s 10 years of volunteering.

An unbelievable number of people showed up and enjoyed a scavenger hunt in the Rose Garden, food by Park Station Hashery, community information tables, and a great movie - Moana! We hope this can be an event that continues in the future. The community loved it!

What's in, What's Out? 2018

In the winter, we turn our attention to pruning the dormant roses, renovating beds and planting new varieties. There are several reasons why we might pull out roses in a bed and replace it with new varieties. Sometimes, the roses are old, and have just not been performing well over the years. Sometimes the variety is no longer in commerce, available to the public. In some instances, we notice beds that need to be reconditioned with new, lively organic soil so the roses can thrive.

This year, we are focusing on beds that have been overcome by weeds, and the city has not been able to eradicate with normal techniques. So, we have decided to rip up the whole bed, and allow the city to dig out the weed infested topsoil, replace with new clean topsoil, and then we will plant with roses that have proven to perform well here in San Jose.

So here's a list of what's out, and what's replacing them.

Out: Yabba Dabba Doo. This rose is a low growing, informal shrub that did well in the Garden, but was placed in a prominent bed not suitable for such a low grower. In addition the bed was filled with weeds. So it will be pulled out, soil replaced.

In: Parade Day. This new rose, to be introduced in 2018 has been a proven performer. We have already grown this variety so we know what to expect: Large blooms with eye catching pink splashed with white. These prolific blooms hold their color, have glossy foliage and a strong fragrance.

Out: Tahitian Sunset. Planted over 12 years ago, this bed already had dead roses in it when the FSJRG began to revitalize the Garden. While many of the plants looked good, there were open spaces where dead bushes have been removed. There was a consideration of adding more Tahitian Sunset roses to fill it out, but they are not easy to obtain.

In: Grande Dame. Yes, we are already growing this rose, and I'm sure you will smell it before you see it. Another proven grower with an impressive habit, long staying power, and as mentioned, an incredible fragrance.

Out: Adobe Sunrise. Though a good rose, the bed was surrounded by similar colors. We may find another bed for it next year.

In: Frida Kahlo. Names for the world-acclaimed painter who once said. "I paint flowers so they will not die", the scarlet red and gold striped blooms will truly be art in the Garden.



Parade Day



Grande Dame



Frida Kahlo

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Out: Pleasure. Planted in 1990, pleasure held a place in the Garden for many years. It has become tired and needs to be retired.

In: Violet's Pride. Named for the Dowager Countess of Grantham, Violet Crawley, this rose is in constant bloom with huge, violet sprays.

Out: Shining Hour/Chris Evert. Both very good roses, but they beds were weed infested. So we chose to rip them out and replace the soil. Unfortunately, we could not get enough of these varieties to replace the bed.

In: Good as Gold. We have grown this variety for several years, and it has the characteristics which I really like. The colors change as the blooms develop. Very disease free and a stunning display. It will work well in this location.

Out: Lasting Peace. Another weed infested by, and no Lasting Peace to be found.

In: Easy Spirit. A creamy white floribunda that has great, disease free foliage. This is brand new variety just introduced for 2018.



Violet's Pride



Good as Gold



Easy Spirit

September Volunteer Event

Our Sept. 23rd event was well attended, and helped to bring out the Fall bloom. It's not unusual for roses to have a bit of a tough time in the summer heat. There's an increase in disease, and leaf drop. But once the weather gets a little cooler, roses get happy again.

The Fall bloom cycle is one of my favorites. The colors pop, and just last longer. This is when you can see some real good blooms. Often, roses you see in your neighborhood are looking real tired after the first bloom, and they shut down. That's because they are not deadheaded throughout the season. We spend a lot of

time deadheading, so we can get more bloom cycles. Many varieties are on their 4th or 5th bloom cycle!

The next big project that make the Garden special is the January pruning event. This will prepare the roses to go dormant, and get ready for the spring bloom which



How to Plant a Bare Root Rose



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

“Plant-a-Palooza!”

As you know, we host several community volunteer events every year and have our Master Volunteer Program. In the past, Master Volunteers have been used for planting of the new roses. This year, we will be allowing community members to help plant roses during our “Plant-a-Palooza” events! A “Plant-a-Palooza” is when we come out as a group, teach about bare root roses, and plant several hundred of them in a short period of time! Now that you know the new varieties we will be planting, why not come and help us plant several hundred roses? If you are interested, let us know! It’s great way to “own” a rose bed - you can watch the progress of your volunteer effort as the new plants bloom - all because of



Rip and Replace

As mentioned, there are several beds that are being replaced and new roses will be planted. Some of these beds are just weed filled, and the best thing to do is remove the roses and weed infested soil, and replace with good soil. The city has agreed to do this. It is a big investment which we believe will pay off. Here's some photos of the work



Year End Giving

With the year coming to an end, now is a great time to think about supporting the efforts of the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden with a DONATION! We are an all-volunteer organization, and we rely on benefactors and donors to keep our programs running. We will be planting over 500 new roses this in January and any donation helps. to donate, go to:

www.friendssjrosegarden.org/giving-2/

ROSE GARDEN

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Sat., January 6th - 8:30 a.m.!



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The first 300 Volunteers will receive a 20% off coupon from Park Station Hashery and a FREE BARE ROOT ROSE courtesy of Star Roses!!!!

Come Join the FUN!!!!

Bring garden shears, wear long sleeve & gloves.

Go to www.FriendsSJRosegarden.org for more info

Sat. January 6th 8:30 a.m., Naglee and Dana Ave., SJ

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