

# Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden

*"America's Best Rose Garden"*

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## Get the Garden in Shape for Mother's Day!

Put your tie-dyed t-shirts and headbands for the big  
**"Deadheading and Weeding Day"**

**May 5 at 9:00am**

We need to be prepared for the biggest weekend of the season - and show our love to all the Mother's out there! And no, the rumors of the Grateful Dead showing up are just that! But feel free to wear their t-shirts!



**Deadheading  
& Weeding**

If you were one of the 465 volunteers that came out and pruned on January 6<sup>th</sup>, come and see the "blooms of your labor". Provided we get the typical wonderful San Jose weather, the garden should be filled with plenty of blooms! You may want to work on the bed that you pruned.

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





# The Great Ladybug Release 2018!

It all started out as a small event. I would buy a bunch of ladybugs and release them in the Garden. Then, I figured why not get kids from the community involved? So I posted on Facebook and invited people to come, pull a weed, and get a cup of ladybugs. Park Station Hashery and Frm. Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio (a big Garden supporter) offered to sponsor the event. Little did I know that the FB post would be shared 220 times and seen by 33,543 people!

It was a great event which brought out over 400 people. Here's are some great photos taken by Leah Stohs of "Owl Eye Photos":  
[www.owleyephotos.com/projects](http://www.owleyephotos.com/projects)



 Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden is at  Park Station Hashery. March 21 at 9:20am · San Jose · 

**THE GREAT LADYBUG RELEASE 2018!**  
Thanks to the generous support of Park Station Hashery and Frm. Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio, we will be releasing 160,000 ladybugs in the Garden at 9am, on Saturday, March 31st. Each kid who pulls a weed, and presents it to us, will receive a cup of ladybugs to distribute on the roses.  
Join us! Fun facts about ladybugs:  
They are PREDATORS!  
Each ladybug may consume about 5,000 aphids in its lifetime. ...  
[See More](#)



 33,543 people reached

220 Shares









# ROSE GARDEN

## "Dead Heading" Seminar & Volunteer Day



Sat., May 5th - 9:00am

HELP PREPARE THE GARDEN  
FOR MOTHER'S DAY!  
- OUR BIGGEST DAY OF  
THE YEAR!



Be part of the Rose Garden's Success!  
Learn rose care from the experts  
Bring garden clippers & gloves.

Sat. May 5th, 9:00am Naglee and Dana Ave., SJ

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



# What will they look like???

For the past 9 years or so, we have been a an official “Test Garden”. Each year, we get about 15 varieties of new roses that the major rose producers such as Star Roses and Weeks Roses, as well as a few others. These “roses of the future” usually take about 10-12 years to get to the point that they can be tested in Gardens thought the United States.



In growing these roses, we judge them of over a dozen characteristics, and feed that information back to the producers. Of particular interest is disease resistance. Most varieties do pretty good here in San Jose, but some that do well here, gets lots of disease in the Southern states, and will not be released to the public. Usually, only about 4-5 of the 15 varieties actually have what it takes to release to the public.

Each year, I wait with great anticipation to see what these new varieties will look like. It's very exciting when the first bloom pops out!



## New Signs

Each year, we plant new varieties, and because of that, we need to get new signs to identify the beds. This year, we are embracing on a project to replace about 155 signs throughout the Garden which have become damaged or show aging.

In addition, we are updating the QR codes which will allow visitors to scan to find out more about that variety and also where they could purchase that variety!



# January Pruning Event

The 2018 Winter Pruning event was quite a success. We were blessed with good weather and about 465 volunteers participated. Each volunteer received a free bare





# Sharpen your Garden Clippers!

Having **SHARP** clippers are very important when pruning and deadheading roses. Here is a local place that will sharpen them for an unbelievable price!

**Orchard Supply Hardware:** - 377 Royal Ave, San Jose  
Phone: 408-297-7173 As you enter, there is a service area on the right. They will sharpen your pruning shears in a flash! And for a great price! as well!



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## Now is a Good Time to Plant Roses!

You may have been too busy to purchase your bare root roses, but don't fret, if you want to add some roses to your garden, now is a great time! The nurseries are just getting in their "flowering pots" which are well established roses, some already in bloom, ready to plant! Though they are a little more expensive, as they have been cared for for several months so you will be alive and ready to bloom, they are a great addition to your garden.

Often, the Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden will purchase a number of plants to supplement the beds if the varieties are available.







The Friends of the San Jose Rose Garden is once again partnering with the Stroke Awareness Foundation for their 7th Annual Fight Stroke Walk to celebrate Stroke Awareness Month. This 5K walk at the San Jose Municipal Rose Garden will be a fun and inspiring event that spans generations and brings together friends, family, caregivers and stroke survivors. It will take place on Sunday, May 6th from 9-12:30pm. So far hundreds have signed up for the event. There will be a band playing on the stage to entertain the guests. So even if you are not participating, stop by to learn more about The Stroke Awareness Foundation, how to spot signs of a stroke, and enjoy the Garden! For more information about the Stroke Awareness Foundation and the upcoming walk, visit:

<https://www.strokeinfo.org/walk>



Photos by Lepori Photography



# Feeding our Master Volunteer Program

Along with the 4 large, well attended community volunteer days, our Master Volunteer Program is vital to the success of the Rose Garden. When former Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio got the union rules changed to allow “public/private” partnerships in the City Parks, the Master Volunteer Program became a reality. Our Master Volunteers are trained in our special techniques, and have the ability to come into the Garden and volunteer on their own time. On any given day, you will see these green vested champions. Not only do they help keep the roses blooming, they serve as ambassadors, answering many questions visitors may have, and receiving oodles of gratitude from the visitors.

Each year, we train dozens of new Master Volunteers. It usually takes about 1.5 hours for the training. After the training, they are free to come and volunteer on their own time. After 5 hours, they become “vested”.



**Our next Master Volunteer Training will be:**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28th, 9:00am & SUNDAY APRIL 29th, 9:00am**

Our Master Volunteers not only get the satisfaction helping “America’s Best Rose Garden” but also enjoy Pizza Work Parties, and special events at Park Station Hashery! Bryan Garrett, owner of Cafe Rosalena and Rosie’s New York Pizza, is a longtime friend and lives just one block from the Garden. He certainly remembers when the Garden was in bad shape. Bryan let me know that he would support our efforts, and the **Pizza Work Party** concept was born. As a Master Volunteer, you will get emails letting you know to come out on a specific night for a work party, or rose care seminar, and celebrate with some of Rosie’s New York Pizza and their famous salads. It’s not unusual to have 20 Master Volunteers show up. If you have the chance, stop by Rosie’s and let them know you appreciate their support of “America’s Best Rose Garden”.



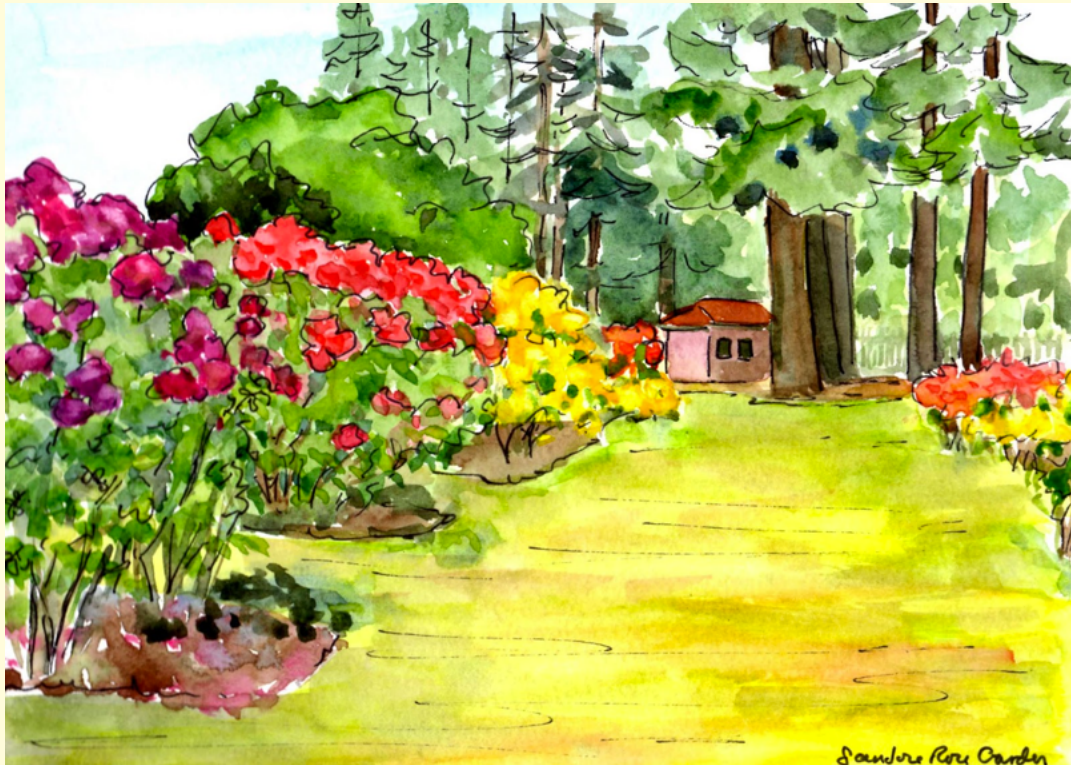


# Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society

The Santa Clara Valley Watercolor Society has visited the Rose Garden on several occasions, to put to paper the beauty of the Garden. Here are a few of their watercolors:



by Marilyn Perry



by Jenny Tero





by Jenny Tero



by Dick Zunkel



by Caroline Garborino

<https://scvwspaintsites.blogspot.com/2013/05/san-ose-municipal-rose-garden-may-9th.html>