



## 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest

A Royal Rosarian Foundation and Portland Rose Festival Community Event

### 2019 Application Packet

#### Key Dates:

- **May 24 – Applications Due**  
Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than May 24, 11:59 PM
- **June 2 – Rosarian Judging**  
On-site judging between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm
- **June 3 – City Judging**  
Visual judging by the City of Portland
- **June 18 – Awards Ceremony**  
In the Royal Rosarian Garden Area of the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden, beginning at 6:30 pm.

#### Eligibility:

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In 1938, the Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest was established as the first sponsored citywide event to honor the rose, the “Queen of Flowers.” The contest was so popular that it immediately became an annual event. The Royal Rosarians are committed to continually improving the contest to showcase the best amateur rose gardens and commercial plantings in Portland, the City of Roses. The contest promotes greater appreciation for growing roses, honoring those citizens who help beautify Portland through their rose growing efforts and upholds the signature Royal Rosarian slogan “For You A Rose In Portland Grows!” The Royal Rosarians encourage all rose growers in the Portland Metropolitan Area to enter this contest.

The 2019 Application Packet is available on the Royal Rosarians and Royal Rosarian Foundation websites. Select Rose Garden Contest at the Events tabs.

- [www.royalrosarians.com](http://www.royalrosarians.com)
- [www.royalrosarianfoundation.org](http://www.royalrosarianfoundation.org)

You may also request an application packet by contacting Sir Knight John Jackson at [rosegardencontest@royalrosarianfoundation.org](mailto:rosegardencontest@royalrosarianfoundation.org).

Contributions for the support of the Rose Garden Contest may be made to the Royal Rosarian Foundation at PO Box 8956, Portland, OR 97207-8956. Please write RGC on the memo line of your check. Your contribution is voluntary and will not influence judging in any way.

**The Rose Garden Contest Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 18th, 2019 at 6:30pm, in the Royal Rosarian Garden of the International Rose Test Garden at Washington Park.** Winning contestants will be notified in advance, but all contestants are encouraged to attend this public acknowledgement of their rose growing achievements.

## Acknowledgements

The Royal Rosarians and their Foundation would like to acknowledge the people and organizations that make the Rose Garden Contest possible:

- ◆ The City of Portland Mayor, Ted Wheeler
- ◆ Portland Parks & Rec. International Rose Test Garden Curator, Rachel Burlington
- ◆ The Royal Rosarians Prime Minister, Don Thacker
- ◆ The Royal Rosarian Foundation President, Marilyn Schultz
- ◆ Royal Rosarian Royal Gardener, Harry Landers
- ◆ Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest Chair, John Jackson
- ◆ Portland Rose Festival President, Teri Bowles-Atherton
- ◆ Portland Rose Society President, Joyce Hemmerling

## Definitions for the Rose Garden Contest

**Rosarian:** A person who grows roses or studies the rose in any or all of its forms.

**Royal Rosarian:** Any member of the organization called The Royal Rosarians, serving as the official greeters and ambassadors of goodwill for the city of Portland.

**Rose Garden:** An enclosure for displaying roses in a confined setting that does not include any other plant material of any kind. A formal rose garden often includes a focal point of a definable manufactured object such as a gazing ball, trellis, or fountain which may or may not be adorned with roses. Any combination of rose varieties may be used and the uniqueness of that use can be an enhancement to the garden and the judging condition of the rose garden.

**Rose Planting:** Any piece of ground used for rose cultivation that would not otherwise constitute a rose garden. It may include any random display of roses and may include other plants. English and cottage-style gardens, and curb parking areas are perfect settings for rose plantings.

**Rose Garden Contest Judges:** Royal Rosarians and/or spouses and Rose Society Experts and/or spouses perform as judges in a fair and objective manner. An average of the judges scores determines your final score.

**Eligibility:** The contest is open to all rose growers within 20 miles of the Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland, Oregon, as verified by electronic mapping system. No garden club membership or fee is required to enter the contest.

**Portland City Limits:** Boundary of approximately 92,600 acres from the Willamette River north, west into Cedar Mill neighborhood WA County, and south towards Lake Oswego, Clackamas County, as verified by "metromap.metro-region.org" (Boundaries). (Definition applied to Division 12, Beach Visibility)

## **PROTOCOLS AND RULES**

All rose gardens must be located within 20 miles of Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland, Oregon, as verified with an electronic mapping system.

Divisions: Winning entries may not compete in Division for the next two calendar years following the winning year with the exception of Division 11, Section D. It is important that everyone understands the restrictions for each Division so entries can be submitted correctly. Example: Winners from 2016 are eligible to enter the 2019 contest.

Records of previous winners will be referenced; however, participant's sense of fair play is relied on to not enter divisions or sections that they have previously won. The contest hopes to give every qualifying gardener within the contest area the experience of entering and competing in the Rose Garden Contest.

With Help Divisions: Applicants can only enter Divisions where "with help" is listed in that Division.

Please do not put unnecessary pressure on yourself. All entrants in each division and section will be judged fairly and objectively. Good luck and have fun!

Listed below are Portland Rose Society rose experts within the contest boundary area who volunteer their time to answer your questions about rose culture and exhibition. You may contact one of them if you want advice about your garden. Since Royal Rosarians are specifically conducting the contest, they cannot give gardening advice.

- Karen & Merril Allen (NE) 503-254-6236
- Pat Adams (NE) 503-287-9071
- Rich & Charold Baer (SW) 503-246-3087
- Barbara Baker (SW) 503-329-3355
- Eilene Curtiss (Boring) 503-668-4503
- Phil Edmunds (S) 503-476-4262
- Carl & Carolyn Finch (Vancouver) 360-573-6180
- Gretchen & Mike Humphrey (Tigard) 503-539-6853
- Jim Linman (SW) 503-927-4728
- John Linman (West Linn) 503-636-0134
- Ray Lynch (Vancouver) 360-896-0243
- Richard Parke (N) 503-285-9701
- Barb Regan (SE) 503-659-5350
- Mike Rich (Sherwood) 503-686-4507
- Karen Shewmaker (NE) 503-349-4429
- Margaret Snitzler (Vancouver) 360-695-0456
- Jim Swenson (Vancouver) 360-574-6009
- Jim Wolford (N) 503-249-6949

## JUDGE'S CRITERIA

**Design and Layout of Roses (15 points):** The rose garden or rose planting layout must meet the definitions discussed on page 3 of this application package. All types of rose displays should have adequate sunshine (no less than 6 hours a day) and be designed for ease of maintenance to promote optimum growth and resistance to disease. Spacing should be appropriate to rose type and the overall design of the garden or planting.

Optimum spacing distance between plants:

- Shrubs and Grandifloras: 36"
- Hybrid Teas: 30"
- Floribundas: 24"
- Miniature Roses: 12"

**Soil Condition (15 points) :** Adequate mulching is desirable, but it should not be heaped around and above the canes. Soils need to be cultivated to eliminate weeds and keep the soil loose.

**Pruning (15 points):** The plants should be trimmed for proper form and structure. Crossing and dead canes need to be removed and centers opened. The amount of live wood removed during pruning is considered to be an individual preference and does not affect the score.

**Maintenance (30 points):** Continued grooming along with a diligent fertilizing and spraying schedule is very important in order to maintain good health, strong growth, and overall beauty of the roses. Spent blooms must be removed and fallen petals and leaves picked up. Severe disease infection or insect damage is an indication of poor maintenance. Individuals who have adopted alternative forms of pest management and can effectively keep their garden clear of pests using methods other than spraying will be judged the same as those using the traditional spray regimens. More importantly, the cleanliness of the garden will influence the score.

Maintenance scoring:

- Grooming: 10 points
- Disease control 10 points
- Insect control: 10 points

**Vigor (15 points):** The size of the blooms, canes and foliage, together with healthy growth on upper canes, and the indication of new basal breaks will show if a balanced feeding program is being followed. Vigor also indicates the plant's ability to fend off pests and renew itself during the growing season.

**Bloom Quality (10 points):** Consideration will be given to the climatic conditions affecting the number and quality of blooms.

## DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

**Formal Rose Garden (Division 1)**

Division 1, section A -- 25-75 rose plants

Division 1, section B -- 76 and more rose plants

**Rose Plantings (Division 2)**

Division 2, section A -- 25-75 rose plants

Division 2, section B -- 76 and more rose plants

**Grand Challenge (Division 3)**

Eligible to past awardees of the Schrunk and Troyer Memorial Awards.

**Miniature Rose Plantings (Division 4)**

Division 4, section A -- 25-50 miniature rose bushes

Division 4, section B -- 51 or more miniature rose bushes

**Visibility (Division 5)**

Division 5, section A -- 12 or more rose plants grown visibly from the street (outside Portland city limits, west of the Willamette River)

Division 5, section B -- 12 or more rose plants grown visibly from the street (outside Portland city limits, east of the Willamette River)

**Senior Citizen (Division 6)** (gardeners 65 years of age or older)

Division 6, section A -- 12 or more rose plants in a garden/planting (west side of Willamette)

Division 6, section B -- 12 or more rose plants in a garden/planting (east side of Willamette)

**Special Circumstances (Division 7)** (people with disabilities, having garden help or no help, not entered in any other category)

Division 7 -- 10 or more rose plants in garden/planting

**Royal Rosarian (Division 8)** (only eligible to Royal Rosarians)

Division 8 -- 15 or more rose plants in a garden/planting

*Note: Judging by Rose Society Members Only*

**Helping Hands (Division 9)** (private residential garden)

Division 9, 50 or more rose plants in a garden/planting maintained with help

Division 9, 50 or more miniature rose bushes maintained with help

**The Winner's Circle (Division 10)** (eligible to past awardees of best-of divisions: Schrunk, Troyer, Grand Challenge, and Prime Ministers Trophy)

**Commercial Rose Gardens and Plantings (Division 11)**

-- 10 or more rose plants in a garden/planting

Division 11, section A -- Business & Professional Buildings

Division 11, section B -- Churches, Hospitals, Nursing & Retirement Centers & Schools

Division 11, section C -- Public Service Agencies

Division 11, section D -- First Time Entry

**The Frank E. Beach Visibility (Division 12)** (within Portland city limits).

The Frank E. Beach Visibility Award is offered by the City of Portland, Parks and Recreation, Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland. The Frank Beach Foundation established this award within the City of Portland in 1975 for 12 or more rose bushes planted visibly from the street. Hedges, fences, or other screening material must not impede the view from the street.

**Residential Section:** Grand Prize, 1st, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3rd place prizes  
(awarded Rose Garden Store Gift Certificates).

**Commercial and Public Agency Section:** 1st & 2nd place (awarded  
Rose Garden Store Gift Certificates).

Note: Judging is conducted by representatives of the City of Portland. Judging generally takes place the following day, the Monday after the judging of Division 1 through 11 is completed. Contestants do not need to be home for judging. Contact International Rose Test Garden Curator, Rachel Burlington with any questions, 503-475-1253.

Frank E. Beach was a rose enthusiast co-credited with dubbing Portland as the “City of “Roses.” He was an early advocate of the Rose Festival and aided in the formation of the Portland Rose Society.



**Divisions 1-12 Note:** Winning entries may not compete in Division for the next two calendar years following the winning year with the exception of Division 11, Section D.

**The Royal Rosarian Prime Minister’s Trophy**

High scorer of Division 4, sections A & B

Note: Winning plantings may not compete for the Prime Minister’s Trophy for the next two calendar years following the winning year.

**Pat Troyer Memorial Award**

High scorer of Division 2, sections A & B

Note: Winning entries may not compete for the Troyer Award for the next two calendar years following the winning year.

Lady Pat Troyer ran a successful floral business in her “retirement.” Pat generously gave her time and floral talents to the Royal Rosarians, Consulting Rosarians, Portland Rose Society, OSU Master Gardeners, and the International Test Rose Garden at Washington Park.



**Terry & Virginia Schrunk Memorial Award**

High scorer of Division 1, Sections A & B

Note: Winning entries may not compete for the Schrunk Memorial Award for the next two calendar years following the winning year.

Terry Schrunk served as Mayor of Portland for 16 years (1957-72). He and Virginia held the Royal Rosarians, the Portland Rose Society, and the Portland Rose Festival in the highest regard.



**81st Annual Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest  
Official Entry Form**

Please complete and sign this entry form.  
Email completed entry form no later than 11:59 pm May 24, 2019 to  
[rosegardencontest@royalrosarianfoundation.org](mailto:rosegardencontest@royalrosarianfoundation.org)

**OR**

Mail completed entry form, postmarked no later than May 24, 2019 to:

Rose Garden Contest  
Attention: Sir Knight John Jackson  
4325 NE 36<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97211

Direct questions to John by phone or text at 503-349-9427  
or email: [rosegardencontest@royalrosarianfoundation.org](mailto:rosegardencontest@royalrosarianfoundation.org)

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address/City/Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a description of the area of your garden to be judged and the specific directions to the site (on the back of the entry form or on a separate attached paper).**

**Are you inside Portland's city limits? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION \_\_\_\_\_**

**DIVISION \_\_\_\_\_ SECTION \_\_\_\_\_**

- Entrants may enter up to two Divisions.
- Entrants do not need to be home on judging day.
- Judges reserve the right to properly re-categorize your entries.

If I am awarded, I may be acknowledged by the News Media: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby give permission to the Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest Judges to enter my property on Sunday, June 3, 2018 for the purpose of judging my rose garden/plantings.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our contest? \_\_\_\_\_

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Dear Friends of Rosaria,

As the City of Portland and all of Rosaria prepare for the 2019 Rose Festival Season, I would like to take this opportunity to announce the 81st Annual Royal Rosarian Foundation Rose Garden Contest. This Rose Festival-approved event celebrates the best of rose growing in the Portland metro area. Rose growers and rose lovers alike look forward to this chance to display their hard work and resulting beautiful gardens with pride.

As always, the competition will include several divisions for rose plantings and rose displays. This year's contest information and application will be available on the Royal Rosarian website <http://www.royalrosarians.com/page/rose-garden-contest/> after July 31, 2018. We encourage you and your rose-growing friends to participate. This is a free event to enter and attend.

This year's participating rose gardens will be celebrated at the Rose Garden Contest Awards Ceremony honoring the winners on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the Royal Rosarian Garden at the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden.

The Royal Rose Garden Contest is sustained by generous donations from rose-loving Portlanders like you. Donations can be made to the foundation to benefit this contest. Donations will not have any effect on judging. This will enable the Royal Rosarians to treat our contest winners and their guests to the very special event in Portland's own rose garden. Donation checks should be made out to the Royal Rosarian Foundation, noted "Rose Garden Contest" and mailed to the following address:

Royal Rosarian Foundation  
PO Box 8956  
Portland, OR 97207-8956

All donors are cordially invited to attend and share in the joy of the season and the pleasure this event brings to all participants.

The Rose Garden Contest Committee, Royal Rosarian Foundation and all of Rosaria thank you in advance for any contribution you are able to make.

Sincerely,

Sir Knight John Jackson  
Rose Garden Contest Chair

**Royal Rosarian Foundation**