



79th Annual Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest

A Royal Rosarian Foundation and Portland Rose Festival sanctioned event.

2017 Application Packet

Key Dates:

- May 26 -- Completed Applications must be postmarked no later than this date.
- June 4 -- On-site judging, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm
- June 20 -- Awards Ceremony, beginning at 6:30pm. Located in the Royal Rosarian Garden in the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden.

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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 of 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.

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.

The 2017 Application Packet is available on the Royal Rosarian website: <http://www.royalrosarians.com>, tab: Events, Rose Garden Contest. Others may receive the application packet by request: c/o Rose Garden Contest, 11700 SW 35th Avenue, Portland OR 97219, phone: 503-308-0760 or email: pktdavis@comcast.net.

The Rose Garden Contest Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 20th, 2017, at 6:30pm, in the Royal Rosarian Rose Garden of the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden. Winning contestants will be notified in advance, but all contestants are encouraged to attend this public acknowledgement of their rose growing achievement.

Acknowledgements

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

- The City of Portland, Mayor Ted Wheeler
- Portland Park & Rec. International Rose Test Garden, Curator Harry A. Landers
- The Royal Rosarians, Prime Minister James Stahl
- The Royal Rosarian Foundation, President Mike Ware
- Garden Rose Consulting, Owner, Phil Edmunds
- Royal Rosarian Royal Gardener, Dr. E. David Granum
- Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest Chair, Dame Terri Davis
- Portland Rose Festival, President Brett Baker
- Portland Rose Society, President Mike Humphrey

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 a perfect setting for rose plantings.

Rose Garden Contest Judges: Contest judges are Royal Rosarians and/or spouses who perform as judges in a fair and objective manner.

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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: Rules for each division are listed within that division. It is important that everyone understands the restrictions for each division so entries can be submitted correctly. Previous division winners cannot compete in that division again for two full calendar years after the current contest year. 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.

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!

Portland Rose Society Rose Experts

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 & Merrill 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.

Spacing optimum distance between plants:

- Shrubs and Grandifloras: 36"
- Hybrid Teas: 30"
- Floribundas: 24"
- Mini 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 roses

Division 1, section B -- 76 and more roses

Note: Winning entries may not compete in Division 1 for the next two years after the current contest year.

Terry & Virginia Schrunk Memorial Award

High scorer of Division 1, Sections A+B

Note: Winning entries may not compete for the Schrunk Award for the next two years after the current contest 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.

Rose Plantings (Division 2)

Division 2, section A -- 25-75 roses

Division 2, section B -- 76 and more roses

Note: Winning entries may not compete in Division 2 for the next two years after the current contest year.

Pat Troyer Memorial Award

High scorer of Division 2, sections A+B

Note: Winning entries may not compete for the Schrunk Award for the next two years after the current contest 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 Rose Garden at Washington Park.

Grand Challenge (Division 3) Eligible to past awardees of the Schrunk and Troyer Memorial Awards.

Note: Winning entries may not compete for the Grand Challenge for the next two years after the current contest year.

Miniature Rose Plantings (Division 4)

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

Division 4, section B -- 50 or more miniature rose bushes

Note: Winning entries may not compete in Division 4 for the next two years after the current contest year.

The Royal Rosarian Prime Minister's Trophy

High scorer of Division 4, sections A+B

Note: Winning plantings may not compete for PM Trophy for the next two years after the current contest year.

Visibility (Division 5)

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

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

Note: Winning entries may not compete in Division 5 for the next two years after the current contest year.

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

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

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

Note: Winning entries may not compete in Division 6 for the next two years after the current contest year.

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

Division 7 -- 10 or more roses in garden/planting

Note: Winning entries may not compete in Division 7 for the next two years after the current contest year.

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

Division 8 -- 15 or more roses in a garden/planting

Note: Winning entries may not compete in Division 8 for the next two years after the current contest year.

Helping Hands (Division 9) (private residential garden)

Division 9 -- 50 or more roses in a garden/planting maintained with help.

Note: Winning entries may not compete in Division 9 for the next two years after the current contest year.

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

Note: Winning entries may not compete in Division 10 for the next two years after the current contest year.

Commercial Rose Gardens and Plantings (Division 11)

-- 10 or more roses in a garden/planting

Division 11, section A -- Business & Professional Buildings

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

Division 11, section C -- Public Service Agencies

Division 11, section D -- First Time Entry

Note: with the exception of section D, winning entries may not enter Division 11 for the next two years after the current contest year.

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

The Frank L. 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 roses planted visibly from the street. Hedges, fences, or other screening material must not impede the view from the street.

Residential Section: Grand Prize, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place runner-ups prizes (awarded Rose Garden Store gift certificates).

Commercial and Public Agency Section: 1st and 2nd place (awarded Rose Garden 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, Harry A. Landers with any questions, 503-823-3636.

Note: Winning entries may not enter Division 12 for the next two years after the current contest year.



Frank Loomis Beach, son of Frank E. Beach who coined the phrase "Portland, City of Roses," sponsored the Visibility Award and the rose garden's information kiosk.

**79th Annual Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest
Official Entry Form**

Please complete and sign this entry form.
Mail completed entry forms, postmarked no later than May 26, 2017 to:

Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest
Attention: Dame Terri Davis
11700 SW 35th Avenue
Portland OR 97219

Direct questions to Terri by phone at 503-308-0760
or email: pktdavis@comcast.net

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 back of entry form or on a separate attached paper).

Are you inside Portland's city limits? Yes _____ No _____

DIVISION _____ SECTION _____

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- 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 4, 2017 for the purpose of judging my rose garden/plantings.

Signature _____ Date _____