



83rd Annual Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest

A Royal Rosarian Foundation and Portland Rose Festival Community Event

2021 Application Packet

Key Dates:

- **May 28 (Friday) – Applications Due**

Completed applications must be postmarked or emailed no later than May 28, 11:59 PM

- **June 6 (Sunday) – Rosarian Judging**

On-site judging between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm

- **June 7 (Monday) – City of Portland Parks & Recreation Judging**

Visual judging by the City of Portland (Division 12 only)

- **June 21 (Monday) – Awards Ceremony**

Royal Rosarian Garden Area of the Washington Park International Rose Test Garden, beginning at 6:30 pm.

Eligibility:

The contest is open to all rose growers within 20 miles of Pioneer Courthouse Square, Portland, Oregon, as verified by electronic mapping system. No garden club membership is required to enter the contest. Entry is free, and all are invited.

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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 2021 Application Packet is available on the Royal Rosarians and Royal Rosarian Foundation websites. Select Rose Garden Contest at the Events tabs.

- www.royalrosarians.com
- www.royalrosarianfoundation.org

You may also request an application packet by contacting Dame Chris Johnson or Royal Gardener Mary Getty at 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 Monday, June 21, 2021 at 6:30 pm, 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.

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 area for displaying roses in a defined 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.

Professionally Maintained: Gardens receiving paid, professional services over the course of the season. For example: pruning, spraying and clean-up of spent blooms and leaves.

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.

Commercial: Any commercial or public property such as business & professional buildings, churches, hospitals, nursing & retirement centers, schools, public service agencies.

Portland City Limits: Boundary of approximately 92,600 acres as verified by <http://maps-portland.com/portland-zoning-map>.

JUDGE'S CRITERIA

Design and Layout of Roses (10 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 (10 points) : Adequate mulching is desirable, but it should not be heaped around and above the canes. Soil needs to be cultivated to eliminate weeds and keep the soil loose.

Pruning (10 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 should 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 (10 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.

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.

This contest is open to amateur and hobbyist gardeners. *However (Division 7) "Professionally Maintained" applies to gardens receiving routine professional help - see Definitions page (3).*

Divisions: Winning entries may not compete in their winning Division for the next two calendar years following their winning year. Exception: First Time Entrants (Division 9 and Division 11D) can only enter once. It is important that everyone understand the restrictions for each Division so entries can be submitted correctly. Example: Winners from 2018 are eligible to enter the 2021 contest.

Records of previous winners will be referenced; however, participant's sense of fair play is relied on to not enter divisions or sections for the next two calendar years following their winning year. The contest hopes to give every qualifying gardener within the contest area the experience of entering and competing in the Rose Garden Contest. Judges reserve the right to properly recategorize your entries.

Each physical address is eligible for up to two Division section entries.

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

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

Rose Society (Division 3) (*only eligible to Rose Society Members*)

Division 3 -- 12 or more rose plants in a garden/planting

Note: *Judging by Royal Rosarians Only*

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)

Professionally Maintained (Division 7) (*Professional help and/or service provided on a regular basis - see Definitions, page 3*)

Division 7, section A -- 12 - 24 rose plants in a garden/planting

Division 7, section B -- 25 - 75 rose plants in a garden/planting

Division 7, section C -- more than 75 rose plants in a garden/planting

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

Division 8 -- 12 or more rose plants in a garden/planting

Note: *Judging by Rose Society Members Only*

First-Time Entrant (Division 9)

Rose Garden or Rose Planting for first-time entrants with 12 or more roses, and cannot be entered into any other divisions.

Commercial Visibility (Division 10)

Division 10, section A -- 12 or more rose plants grown visibly from the street (outside Portland city limits, west of the Willamette River)

Division 10, section B -- 12 or more rose plants grown visibly from the street (outside Portland city limits, east of the Willamette River)

Commercial Rose Gardens and Plantings (Division 11)

-- 12 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**, see page 3).

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, 2nd & 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 their winning division for the next two calendar years following the winning year. Exception: First Time Entrants (Division 9 and Division 11D) can only enter once.

The Royal Rosarian Prime Minister's Trophy

Highest scorer in all Divisions



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

Terry & Virginia Schrunk Memorial Award

High scorer of Division 1, sections A & B



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.

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

Pat Troyer Memorial Award

High scorer of Division 2 sections A & B



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 Rose Test Garden at Washington Park.

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

**83rd Annual Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest
Official Entry Form**

There are three ways to apply:

1. Mail completed entry form, postmarked no later than May 28, 2021 to:
Rose Garden Contest
Attn: Dame Chris Johnson
2336 SW Osage St, Unit 401, Portland OR 97205
2. Submit an electronic entry form no later than 11:59 pm May 28, 2021:
<https://forms.gle/EPTzitB7CPGJofvF6>
3. Email completed entry form no later than 11:59 pm May 28, 2021 to
rosegardencontest@royalrosarianfoundation.org

*Direct questions to Chris Johnson by phone or text at 845.774.6920
or email: rosegardencontest@royalrosarianfoundation.org*

NAME: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

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).

DIVISION _____ **SECTION** _____

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(Division 12) Are you inside Portland's City Limits? **Yes** _____ **No** _____

- A physical address is eligible for up to two Division section entries.
- Entrants do not need to be home on judging day.
- Judges reserve the right to properly recategorize 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 6, 2021 for the purpose of judging my rose garden/plantings.

Signature _____ Date _____

How did you hear about our contest? _____

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, Korrie Hoeckendorf
- ◆ The Royal Rosarian Foundation President, Marilyn Schultz
- ◆ Royal Rosarian Royal Gardener, Mary Getty
- ◆ Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest Chair, Chris Johnson
- ◆ Portland Rose Festival President, Dave Todd
- ◆ Portland Rose Society President, Emily Hastings

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.

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| ● 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 |
| ● 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 |