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## "A ROSE GARDEN CELEBRATION"

The 2015 Kansas City Rose Society (KCRS) Rose Show, "A Rose Garden Celebration," will be held at the Loose Park Garden Center, May 30 and 31. All rose growers are invited to bring roses to the show between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on May 30. You do not have to be a member of the KCRS to enter roses in the show. And, there is no entry fee. There will be a Youth Class for exhibitors 17 years-old and younger. So, have your children or grandchildren enter rose(s) that they have grown. And, there will be a Novice Class for any exhibitor who has never won a blue ribbon in a rose show. This year the public will be asked to vote on the "Most Fragrant Rose" entered. The show will be open for viewing to exhibitors and members of KCRS from 4:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on May 30. The show will be open to the public between 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 31. Rose Day activities will be held in the Laura Conyers Smith Municipal Rose Garden at 3:00 p.m. on May 31. The rules of the show (the schedule) will be available online after May 1 at [www.kansascityrosesociety.org](http://www.kansascityrosesociety.org). Entry tags will be available after May 15 at the Loose Park Garden Center.

For further information, contact one of the show co-chairs: Sandy Campuzano, 913-381-5915, or Glenn Hodges, 913-888-0957.

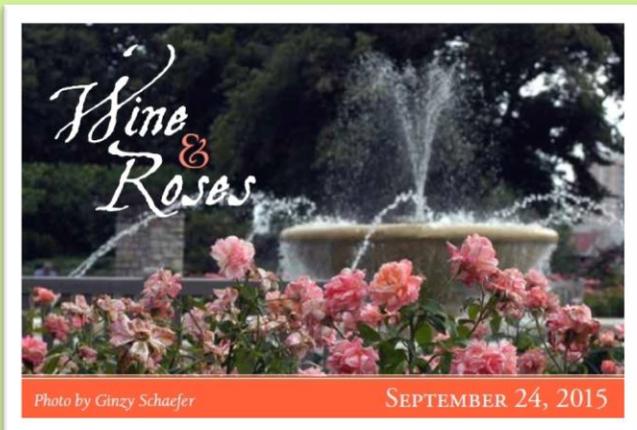


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## Exclusive KC Rose Society Garden Tour

**Saturday, June 6 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Kansas City Rose Society members and their guests are invited to tour 3 spectacular area home gardens including the gardens of Norma Sutherland and Judy King. Complimentary to KCRS members and their guests. Not open to the public.

## OUR VISION

A WORLD CLASS PUBLIC ROSE GARDEN WHERE THE COMMUNITY CAN ENJOY AND LEARN ABOUT ROSES

**Spring 2015**

[www.kansascityrosesociety.org](http://www.kansascityrosesociety.org)

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## May thru Sept 2015 Events

### Volunteer Groomer Training

Thursday, May 14 & May 21  
9:00 am to 10:00 am in the Garden Center

### Rose Show

Saturday, May 30  
Entries and Judging from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm  
Show Open to Exhibitors & Members from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
Rose Room, Library and Foyer

### Rose Day

Sunday, May 31  
View the Rose Show in the Garden Center from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
Rose Day Celebration 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm  
In the Rose Garden  
Featuring St. Andrews Pipes & Drum, KC Youth Ballet  
Mayor's Proclamation  
Announcement of the Top Rose Show Winners

### Exclusive KCRS Garden Tour

Saturday, June 6  
10:00 am to 2:00 pm

### Rhyme in the Roses

Saturday, June 27  
4:00 pm

### Jazz in the Roses

Sunday, August 30  
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm  
Featuring "The Grand Marquis"  
Laura Conyers Smith Municipal Rose Garden

### Wine & Roses

Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm  
Fundraising Event for the Rose Garden

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The Kansas City Rose Society is looking for members to volunteer for our programs and events. If you are interested please visit [www.kansascityrosesociety.org](http://www.kansascityrosesociety.org) or contact: JoAnn Stultz at 913-706-5611

## Fertilization

Roses require ongoing fertilization to keep them blooming well. All fertilization programs start with a soil test for pH and baseline fertility. The pH of the soil needs to be between 6.0 and 6.5 for optimal availability of nutrients from the soil. Our soils in the Kansas City area generally have a pH above 7.0. The pH can be lowered with the addition of soil sulfur, ammonium sulfate, or aluminum sulfate.

Our soils generally contain adequate amounts of phosphorus and potassium. Nitrogen is usually needed because rain and irrigation leaches it out of the soil. Roses need 2 to 4 pounds of nitrogen per 1000 square feet of garden every growing season. It should be applied in one pound increments, applied 2-4 times throughout the growing season. Whether using a chemical fertilizer or an organic fertilizer, it should contain a combination of slow release and fast release nitrogen. If you use lawn fertilizer with a formula of around 30-3-3 (30% nitrogen (N), 3% phosphorus (P), and 3% potassium(K)), one tablespoon of fertilizer should be spread around the bush and worked into the soil. (Be very sure that the lawn fertilizer doesn't contain weed killer!) If a balanced formula fertilizer such as 10-10-10 is used, about 1/8 cup of fertilizer is needed for each application. For a fertilizer containing 2 to 5% nitrogen such as manure or alfalfa meal, ¼ cup fertilizer will be needed for each application. Start fertilizing in April and make the last application no later than the first of August. For large shrub roses, adjust the amounts to no more than twice the portions listed above. Remember that more is not better. Over-fertilized plants attract insect pests, have less resistance to disease, and may be killed.

Article by Glenn R. Hodges  
Master Consulting Rosarian



Top left; New Member Tea hosted by Devan Hartnett with Susan Buckles. Top right; Sandy Campuzano, Arlyn Silvey, Mimi Savidge, Cyndy Price, Susan Schmitt, Eileen Marshall and Beth Nay. Bottom left; Mimi serves the tea. Bottom right; New member Dr. Nancy Russell with husband Tommy Newhouse.

## What is Planned for the Laura Conyers Smith Rose Garden in 2015

We have plans to rejuvenate several of the large beds with roses you will not want to miss. The new additions will include some very showy and fragrant roses. One of the beds near the north steps will be planted with Touch of Class. This hybrid tea rose was an All-American Rose Selection (AARS) winner and is a gorgeous orange pink. Across the fountain, in the center area of the garden, we will have another AARS winner, Francis Meiland. Also a hybrid tea, her large, very-full light-pink blooms have a wonderful, old garden rose fragrance. Finally, the center of the west garden will be flush with one of the best, crimson-red David Austin roses, L.D. Braithwaite. The large blooms are slightly cupped at first, but open to a beautiful 80 petal wide rosette shape. You will not want to miss these new additions to our beautiful garden.

Article by John Riley  
Garden Chairman

## Rhyme in the Roses

**Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm**

Take the time to smell the roses and hear the poetry. The rose garden is a beautiful place to enjoy a summer afternoon and the perfect setting for a poetry reading. Five local poets will inspire, entertain, and amuse you with poems selected for the occasion. Writers Alarie Tennille, Al Ortolani, Teresa Leggard, Alan Proctor, and Scott Emmons look forward to sharing their words. Free and open to the public.

Contact Arlyn Silvey for more details and reservations  
@ 816-803-5653



## Welcome new Members for 2015!

Ken & Marti Miller  
Nancy Russell  
Katrina Revenaugh  
Maggie Goldsborough  
J. Sue Barelli and Craig Gustafson  
Abbie Boeshaar