



OUR VISION

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



Rose Show -- Celebrating 85 Years of Roses

The rains came in May, and rose growers, who planned to exhibit roses at the Kansas City Rose Society Rose Show, June 4-5, 2016, were concerned with the rain's effect on the quality of blooms for the show. In spite of the weather, there were 476 entries from 28 rose growers "Celebrating 85 Years of Roses" at the Garden Center in Loose Park. Exhibitors ranged in age from 5 to over 80. This year's show was dedicated to long time Society member and Show exhibitor, Norma Sutherland, who attended on June 5.

Show judges came from Lincoln and Bellevue, NE, Newton, IA, and Glen Cove, NY. Pat Shanley, President of the American Rose Society, honored us as one of our judges (pictured below with KCRS President JoAnn Stultz). She started Rose Weekend off on June 3rd, with a presentation, *The Future of the Rose: Sustainable Rose Gardening, at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art.*



The Queen, King, and Princess of the show were 'Color Magic,' 'Randy Scott,' and 'Moonstone,' respectively, all shown by Stan and Linda Horton, Springfield, MO. The Queen, King, and Princess of miniature roses were 'Joy,' 'Miss Flippins,' and 'Fairhope,' respectively, again shown by the Hortons. The miniflora rose Queen, King, and Princess were 'Tiffany Lynn,' 'Crystal Palace,' and 'Shawn Sease,' respectively, also by the Hortons.

Sweepstakes winner for specimen blooms and for arrangements was Donna Kitterman with the most first place, blue ribbon entries. Other winners included: best grandiflora spray, Queen Elizabeth, shown by Ed and Betsy Holland; best floribunda single bloom, Day Breaker, by John Riley; best miniflora open bloom, Conundrum, entered by Carolyn and Glenn Hodges, Dowager Queen, Harison's Yellow, shown by the youngest member of KCRS, 5-year-old Cassandra Wendel; Victorian Award, Mme Isaac Periere, entered by Laura Dickinson; best novice, Doris Day, by Larry McMullin; best junior one bloom, Julia Child, entered by Samantha Marcotte; best junior spray, Queen Elizabeth, entered by Avery Williams; most fragrant, Pope John Paul II, by Adrienne Hukill; Queen of Photography, Mme Hardy, shown by Martha Negley; and King of Photography, Day Breaker, by Sandy Campuzano.

Rose Day

We enjoyed brilliant weather for Rose Day June 5th! It was hot, but an appreciative audience filled the white benches and fountain area to enjoy the program and activities. *Hiland Dairy* supplied ice cream and lemonade at the North Portal.

The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art sponsored a family Art Project at the east entrance to the Garden. A tent at the Garden Center displayed over 100 rose art entries for the Children's Art Contest! Lots of ribbons and prizes for elementary students from Visitation, Pembroke Hill, Westwood View, Belinder, St Ann's and home school students!

Festivities began with the call of the Kansas City St. Andrew Pipes and Drums bagpipers, stationed at the corners of Loose Park. As they began piping and walking toward the Garden, people followed the sound and applauded as they marched into the Garden to perform a short concert. Our President, JoAnn Stultz, welcomed everyone to the Rose Garden. The Mayor's Proclamation was presented by Rob Gray. Mark McHenry, Parks & Recreation Director, thanked the KCRS for 85 years of partnership in caring for the Rose Garden.

Winners of the Rose Show were announced by Dr. Glenn Hodges, and the winners of the Children's Art Contest were announced by Beth Nay. Our prestigious guest, Pat Shanley, President of the American Rose Society, spoke on the benefits and merits of a sustainable rose garden, and presented the Kansas City organization with an ARS Proclamation.

The Kansas City Youth Ballet danced a delightful program beginning with Fascinating Rhythm, choreographed by Todd Bolender, composer George Gershwin. Then a solo piece, Dying Swan, choreographed by Mikhail Fokine, composer Saint-Saens was performed by Sierra DeYoung. Pas de Odaliques featured several small groups, choreographed by Maris Petipa. The last number was Le Corsaire. Guest filed from the Garden as the bagpipers performed a final number.

A grateful *THANK YOU* is extended to our sponsors, *Hiland Dairy* and *Neighborhood Tourist Development Fund*, and our partner, *KC Parks!* ...a beautiful program and a bountiful Rose Garden, marking our 85th year! Over 500 visitors enjoyed this year's event!





2016 Jazz in the Roses

The 2016 Jazz in the Roses event will take place August 28, 4:30p.m to 6:30p.m., in the Laura Conyers Smith Rose Garden; it promises to be the largest and best annual event ever!

The featured jazz band, will be *The Grand Marquis*.

This group provides classic, timeless *straight-from-the-Kansas-City-speakeasy* sound while injecting a vibrant relevance into their brand of hot swinging jazz & jumping blues. Please check out their website at www.grandmarquis.net.

This year, Kansas City Rose Society member Martha Lally is our spokesperson. Martha is very active in KCRS events, is a former board member and a well-known Kansas City personality. Chuck Haddix, Kansas City Jazz icon from KCRS's Fish Fry, joins Martha as co-emcee.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the garden, and know you will love this *free* event. See you there and bring your friends!

Rose Garden Guest Artists!

The KCRS recently hosted The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art and ten talented kids from *Operation Breakthrough*, in the Rose Garden, for a rose-inspired art project. Their art will be auctioned at our *Wine & Roses* event on September 22, 2016.

Operation Breakthrough is a nationally accredited, not-for-profit corporation that began in 1971 by Sister Corita Bussanmas and Sister Berta Sailer as a response to requests from parents in the central city for quality child care for children of the working poor. Today, they offer a wide range of social services to meet the needs of children and their families. Like the Kansas City Rose Society, *Operation Breakthrough* relies on the generosity of this community to continue its mission. — www.operationbreakthrough.org

Former KCRS President and Garden Committee member, Deb Wattenburg, gave the *Operation Breakthrough* kids an informative, engaging and entertaining tour of the Rose Garden on June 8th. The kids went into the Garden Center after the tour to work on their art projects.

Fond Farewell and Best Hopes

- Board member Katrina Stevenson departs KCRS after 5+ years of board member duties. Katrina and her husband have relocated to the desert southwest, Phoenix, AZ. Thank you Katrina for all your diligent work. We will miss you!

Greetings to Our Newest Members!

- Cameron Brookfield, Anjuli Dayal, Carol Foret, Jacqueline Hogelund, Joan Peschka and Debbie Sull.

Save the Dates!

- Sunday, August 28, 2016 – Jazz in the Roses 4:30p - 6:30p
- Saturday, September 17, 2016 – Photography Workshop
- Thursday, September 22, 2016 – Wine & Roses 5p - 7p

Don't Forget... Read Your KCRS Member E-mails

- Please stay informed by reading our information and reminder e-mail blasts. Our timely notes contain reminders and information about upcoming events, opportunities and other timely news pertinent to our membership and community work.



Come view and bid on fabulous art creations by kids from *Operation Breakthrough* at *Wine & Roses*, September 22, 2016. Event tickets be available for purchase on our website, soon!



Writing and Reading Amongst the Roses!

Rose Garden Readings

The KCRS is in its second year of hosting *Rose Garden Readings* in partnership with *The Writers Place*. What better place for poetry and other literary readings than our lovely Rose Garden? Poet Alarie Tenille secures incredible local literary talent for these events.

Attendance has grown from six to 40 after just four readings! After the event, writers mingle, visit with attendees and sell their books in the Garden Center. Refreshments are also served. The next *Rose Garden Readings* is Saturday, October 1, 2016 at 3:00pm. See you there!



KCRS President JoAnn Stultz -- Poetry Contest Winners... Piper Riffe, Anna Koffler, Destiny Boyd -- & Judge Alarie.

Writing and Roses

Alarie Tenille and Teresa Leggard, both of *The Writers Place* were judges for the 2nd annual KCRS Children's Poetry Contest. The three winners of this year's contest attended *Rose Garden Readings* on June 18, 2016 and read their winning poems. — www.writersplace.org

Each winner was then presented with a certificate signed by Mayor Sly James and a cash prize of \$50.00. One requirement of the contest is that the word "rose" be used in the poem at least once. There were over 75 entries in this year's contest!

Glorious Gardens and Gracious Hosts

Three unique and thrilling gardens were open for KCRS "members only" to tour on Saturday, June 11, 2016. Peter Crump and Cody Hogan's garden had several lovely vignettes of vegetables, herbs, perennials and espaliered apple trees! The artichokes and bear breeches were especially fun!

Christopher Filley and Richard Hoffman's garden featured an incredible antique garden statuary, garden mirrors, and a wide variety of stunning annuals and perennials mixed in beneath dramatic shade trees. There was eye candy for the gardener everywhere!

The gardens of John and Diane Phillips offered a colorfully diverse range of annuals and perennials for both sun and shade. Moody blue hydrangeas, an assortment of dahlias, and an espaliered Japanese Maple were thrillers! Members ended the tour with refreshments on their charming patio.

An estimated 50 members attended. KCRS is grateful to our hosts for opening up their private gardens for us to tour!

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