



Rose Garden Fact Sheet

Overview

More than 1,200 species and cultivars of roses constitute the lovely collection found in the Rose Garden. First bloom starts around April 15th and continues right up to the start of pruning on January 2nd. Peak bloom ranges from late April through early June.

History

The three and a half acre Rose Garden was designed by Myron Hunt and first planted by William Hertrich in 1908. Beginning in the mid-1970's, the garden was organized as a "collection garden" displaying major phases of the long history of roses beginning with the Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans. It includes important parent roses, roses from prominent hybridizers, and rose cultivars from around the world that grow exceeding well in Southern California. The Rose Garden has gone through a number of re-designs over the years, with major replanting in 1922, 1945, 1973, 1982, and re-design in 1988.

Collections

Rose collection groupings

- The Old Garden Roses (roses developed before 1901)
- China, Tea, and Noisette Roses
- Shrub Roses (including the David Austin English Roses)
- Modern Roses from all parts of the world

Non-rose collections

- MONTEZUMA CYPRESS (*Taxodium mucronatum*) were planted from seed collected in 1912 in Mexico City.
- QUEENSLAND KAURI PINE (*Agathis robusta*) was originally planted by the Shorb home, later moved to its present location, and is more than one hundred years old.
- Rose Garden WISTERIA peak bloom is mid-March to mid-April and the deciduous MAGNOLIAS December through April.

Programs

- Pruning demonstrations are held in January.
- The Great Rosarians of the World Annual Lecture Series is held jointly at the Huntington on the 4th Sunday of January and at a partner garden on the East Coast in early June.
- Rose Volunteers assist with deadheading, propagation, and pruning.
- Rose Garden Docents are on duty in the garden to answer questions.