ROSES

Roses are a well-known perennial, usually in the form of a shrub or climbing plant. They belong in the genus Rosa, within the family Rosaceae and over 100 different species of Roses exist. Most are usually grown ornamentally for their large and showy flowers, but many are accompanied by a strong scent, while others may have no fragrance at all. The edible fruit produced is called a rose hip, and can commonly be found in teas, jams, and soups.

Most of the roses in the Spring Grove Rose Garden are Hybrid Teas, a popular cultivar group of modern roses. They have long stems, with large and shapely flowers, each containing 25-50 petals. As such, they are commonly used as cut-flowers and in floral arrangements. Hybrid Teas were first introduced in 1867 by crossing a Hybrid Perpetual with a Tea Rose. They became largely popular in 1945 with the introduction of the ‘Peace’ rose. Since then, over 10,000 hybrid teas have been bred. They prefer sunny sites, and well-drained fertile soil; and pruning and fertilizing are usually required. Hybrid Teas are known for their repeat blooming, as they will flower continuously throughout the season.

SPRING GROVE CEMETERY AND ARBORETUM

Spring Grove was chartered in 1845 as a non-profit cemetery. Encompassing 733 acres, 15 lakes, a waterfall, and over 44 miles of winding roads, Spring Grove remains a beautiful piece of Cincinnati history. In 1987, Spring Grove adopted its current name of “Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum”. From the beginning, landscape design was an essential part of Spring Grove’s development. Today, there are over 1,200 different species of trees, shrubs, and perennials labeled for study. Included in this collection are both National and State champion trees and the patented Spring Grove Dogwood. In 2007, Spring Grove was designated a National Historic Landmark, a distinction that only five cemeteries in the nation hold. In 2010, Spring Grove started a horticulture volunteer program. Many opportunities are available, including invasive species control, annual/perennial bed maintenance, and woodland preservation. Please contact Spring Grove at 513-853-4941 or vcoordinator@springgrove.org.

The entry gates are opened at 8:00AM and locked at 6:00PM. The Main Gate only is open until 8:00PM throughout our extended summer hours on Mondays and Thursdays (May 1 - August 31). When visiting the cemetery, please park your vehicle along the right side of the roads, keeping the vehicle on the pavement. Public restrooms, located in the foyer of the Customer Service Center, remain open during regular gate hours. For more information, please visit our website at www.springgrove.org and become a fan on facebook.

ROSES AT SPRING GROVE

Roses have a long history here at Spring Grove, and are a unique and important part of our landscape. Spring Grove began cultivating roses in the late 1930s, and even had up to 700 Hybrid Teas in the Rose Garden at one time. Many of the past superintendents have been members of the American Rose Society; and Spring Grove has often hosted the Cincinnati Rose Seminar. Today Hybrid Teas, Grandifloras, Floribundas, and various shrub roses such as Knock-Out, Lovely Fairy, and Chuckles, can be found throughout the grounds. The roses display a vast range of colors, fragrances, foliage, and maintenance needs. Spring Grove trials many different varieties, the majority of which are rated 7.7 or above by the American Rose Society, a very good rose to grow.

ALL-AMERICA ROSE SELECTIONS

Many of the selections grown in this garden are All-America Rose Selections Winners. AARS, is a non-profit organization which puts roses through a challenging two-year test and trial program in order to determine the best garden selections. They judge the roses on qualities such as disease resistance, flower color, maintenance needs, fragrance, and growth habit. An AARS Winner is sure to be an outstanding performer in the garden. To learn more about All-America Rose Selections, please visit www.rose.org.
ROSE GARDEN MAP

Each type of rose within the horseshoe bed is arranged in groups of three plants each.