

Stop and prune the roses!

February 26: Rose pruning demo at zoo's Rose Garden

WHAT: The end of February in the Pacific Northwest means it's time to get the hand pruner, lopper and hand saw out to prune your roses for healthier shrubs. Join the Seattle Rose Society on Saturday, February 26 at its annual rose pruning demonstration at Woodland Park Zoo's Rose Garden. And it's free!

Discover the varieties of roses, how to care for them, how much to cut, and how to properly use pruning tools for correct cuts and pruning techniques. Plus, get answers to your questions by rosarians.

The Rose Garden offers a splendid setting for flower lovers to stroll the grass pathways circulating through 2½ acres of rose displays. The extensive array of bush roses, hybrid teas, floribundas, grandifloras, and climbers blends elegantly with the garden's formal architectural design to create a memorable showcase landscape.

The Seattle Sensory Garden is designed for those with and without disabilities to enjoy. A variety of elements encourage guests to touch and explore at their leisure, including deep-toned wind chimes, temple bells, and guiros—rectangular wooden posts with slots that create noise when touched. An accessible paved pathway, special sensory-friendly carpeting, and raised beds make for easier interaction with the variety of trees, shrubs and bulbs planted throughout the garden. For information, visit www.zoo.org/roses.

WHEN: **Saturday, February 26, noon–3:00 p.m., rain or shine**
Light refreshments

WHERE: Rose Garden at Woodland Park Zoo located at N. 50th St. & Fremont Ave. N.

COST: The pruning demonstration and admission to the Rose Garden are free. Parking in the zoo's Hippo Lot at N. 50th St. & Fremont Ave. N.: \$6 first two hours, \$2 each additional hour plus applicable state and local taxes.

INFO: For more information, call Woodland Park Zoo's lead rose gardener at 206.548.2635 or email the Rose Garden at rosegarden@zoo.org. For general zoo information, visit www.zoo.org or call 206.548.2500.

The Seattle Rose Society was started in 1913, making it the oldest horticultural society in the Seattle area. The Society has a roster of more than 200 active and enthusiastic members from all over Puget Sound, the Pacific Northwest and beyond. Members have a wide variety of interests in roses, including gardening, hybridizing, arranging and exhibiting roses. The Society was instrumental in the founding of the Woodland Park Rose Garden in 1924 with the help of the Lions Club.

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