

Learn how to prune roses at Woodland Park Zoo's Rose Garden

WHAT: The Seattle Rose Society is hosting its annual rose pruning demonstration at the beautiful Rose Garden at Woodland Park Zoo.

Gain insight into the world of roses and how to care for them, and get answers to your questions by rosarians. Learn where and how much to cut and how to use your tools properly for correct cuts, and discover the varieties of roses and pruning techniques.

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

The Seattle Sensory Garden, a new addition to the Rose 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. There is also an accessible paved pathway, special sensory-friendly carpeting, and raised beds to make for easier interaction with the variety of trees, shrubs and bulbs planted throughout the garden. For information, visit <http://www.zoo.org/roses>.

WHEN: **Saturday, March 14, 12:00 p.m. to 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 demonstration and admission to the Rose Garden is free. Parking is \$8, plus applicable state and local taxes, in the zoo's Hippo Lot at N. 50th St. & Fremont Ave. N.

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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