

The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society presents: The 2025 Rambling Rose Garden Tour

Tour Three Fabulous Private Rose Gardens in Bloom!

Saturday, April 5, 2025
10:00 am - 1:30 pm

<https://www.gpbs.org/rose-garden-tour/>

Rose Garden Tour Information

The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society (GPBRS) welcomes you to the 2025 Rose Garden Tour! This family-friendly tour is hosted by real rose gardeners who generously consent to share their personal creations in **Boynton Beach, Lake Worth and Wellington, FL.**

Our garden hosts tell stories of the joys of gardening and the benefits of time well spent amongst the fragrance of favorite roses. Their gardens are 'works-in-progress,' full of hope and love. Our hosts find great satisfaction in sharing that love with you, our honored guests.

The rose gardens will be **open from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, rain or shine.** Start with the rose garden of your choice, then travel to the others. All three rose gardens are beautiful to behold and will inspire and delight your senses.



Visit the GPBRS Facebook Group –

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/7088373743853>

Planning Your Tour

Cost: \$15 per person in advance or \$20 the day of the event. (Children 16 and under are free). Tickets may be purchased via Eventbrite (QR Code, Facebook and website), cash or check made out to "GPBRs."

What to Bring: Bring a hat, sunscreen, sneakers and of course, a camera. Light refreshments and water provided. Please respect each host's property and refrain from taking cuttings or littering. DO take pictures and enjoy your adventure!



Check-In Tables: At the event, all attendees should check in at a host garden table. After confirming your ticket or paying, you will be issued a colorful wristband. The wristband allows you to visit any or all of the rose gardens. You are ready to tour!

Society Membership: Join the Greater Palm Beach Rose Society! Join by website or QR Code on the back cover or fill out a membership form (available at Check In).

Purchase Roses from Foxview Roses

Weeks roses and own root rose bushes will be available for sale during the Garden Tour at host Denise Abruzzese's Foxview Rose Garden in Lake Worth.

Call: 631-988-5244
Discount for GPBRs members!

Meet the Author Opportunity

Meet landscape designer and horticulturist, **Victor Lazzari**, and purchase an autographed copy of his excellent book,

"100 Roses for the South Florida Garden" at host Nina Williams' Garden. (Cash, check, PayPal, Venmo or CashApp accepted)

*"Come out here where the roses have opened.
Let soul and world meet." – Rumi*

The Rose Gardens

Denise has over 400 roses in large garden beds, in pots and on fences around her extensive lakeside property. These incredible gardens contain a mix of different rose types: climbers, hybrid teas, floribundas, English shrubs, Bermudas and old garden roses.

Denise Abruzzese
4680 Foxview Place
Lake Worth 33467



Starting at the driveway, take the left concrete path toward the front. Here are many David Austin English roses including florist roses 'Juliet,' 'Keira,' 'Constance' and 'Beatrice.' As you stroll, look for 'Old Blush,' 'Smith's Parish,' 'Mrs. B. R. Cant,' 'Raspberry Cupcake,' 'The 1812 Rose' and 'Easy Does It.' Climbers 'Red Eden,' 'Spirit of Freedom,' 'New Dawn' and 'Tess of the d'Urbervilles' grace trellises and obelisks. There are even rose tree standards: 'Fairy' (Polyantha), 'Belinda's Dream' and 'Molineux'. Butterflies abound and bees forage for nectar.

Walk back to the driveway and through the right side gates under an arbor with four roses: 'Strawberry Hill,' 'Graham Thomas,' 'Perpetually Yours' and 'Claire Austin.' 'Summer Sun' and 'Tiffany' are nearby. On the fence is 'Lamarque' with 'Clotilde Soupert' at its feet.

Continue into the back yard past Hibiscus and Bougainvillea. There a serene lake awaits. Explore the multiple gorgeous rose beds filled with English, European, Bermuda and Japanese roses, many of which are hard to find. Notice the hanging pots of 'Red Cascade' and 'Pretty Poly Pink' mini roses behind the wood bench. You can find water and refreshments on the lanai by the pool. Here you can see Denise's orchids, baby rose nursery and propagation area.

There are many other roses awaiting your picture-taking pleasure: the lakeside 'McCartney Rose,' a 9' tall 'Rosette Delizy' on a fence, white Birds of Paradise with old garden roses, Arctic Blue' by the palms. Before you leave, take a moment to enjoy the quiet by the lake.

"To work in this garden was one of his most respectable pleasures."
 – Jane Austen, "Pride and Prejudice"

The Rose Gardens

Dave & Barrie Byron
1035 Coral Drive
Boynton Beach 33426

This compact garden is designed around the constraints of a typical small, suburban Florida yard, a swimming pool and a canal. Start at the registration table by the front door. Several species of bromeliads adorn the large rock fountain and climb up

the palm trees. Proceed to the right and walk around the wooden fence to the back of the house.

The garden contains approximately 30 types of roses of varying ages that are planted on both sides of a formal paved walkway. Most roses are grown on the 'Fortuniana' rootstock, a special type of rootstock that provides a strong and healthy foundation for roses to grow and thrive in our hot, humid climate.

One special rose was started in the 1950s by Dave's mother, Millie. Dave has moved Millie's rose bush from Rochester, NY, to St. Louis, MO, to Lawrenceville, NJ, before finally planting it here in 2019.



Roses include the fragrant, white 'Pope John Paul II' hybrid tea rose, the fragrant, red 'Grande Dame' and a 'St. Patrick' rose with long-lasting yellow blooms. Also known as the Irish Luck Rose or the Limelight Rose, 'St. Patrick's' yellow petals develop a slight greenish hue as they age. Other roses are 'Moonstone' with large, soft cream blooms with delicate pink edges and a porcelain-like appearance, 'Poseidon' with lavender blooms, and a crowd favorite, 'Veterans Honor,' has vivid red petals and a soft raspberry scent.

Watch for butterflies and waterbirds. Be sure to glance over the fence along the back of the yard into the canal to see fish nesting in round fish beds in shallow water. *Refreshments and beverages are offered in the screened enclosure by the pool.*

"The world is a rose, smell it, and pass it to your friends."
 – Persian Proverb

The Rose Gardens

In early 2024, homeowner Nina Williams approached professional garden designer Victor Lazzari to transform her 3.5 acre lot into the English garden of her dreams.

The journey begins at the driveway, where you are immediately greeted with an

Nina Williams
87 Westbury Close
Wellington 33414



exuberant Tropical Cottage Garden off to the right. A pair of stone greyhounds guards the entrance. The freeform serpentine beds are planted with tropical exotics such as *Cornutia grandiflora* and *Stachytarpheta mutabilis* 'Violacea' intermingled with various salvias, *evolvulus*, pink rain lilies, and even some obscure Florida natives such as *Vernonia gigantea* and *Symphiotrichum elliottii*. Two species of chaste-tree (*Vitex agnus-castus* and *Vitex x 'Flipside'*) provide a soft lavender-blue haze from spring through fall. The color story for this garden is heavily focused on blues and violets, with some pale pink antique roses - 'Odee Pink,' 'Baronne Henriette Snoy,' 'Clotilde Soupert,' 'Belinda's Blush,' 'Madame Antoine Mari,' and 'Puerto Rico' thrown in for contrast.

Moving counterclockwise you will find the linear Tunnel Garden. Stroll beneath five overhead arches draped in snail vine (*Vigna caracalla*) and various climbing roses: 'Parade,' 'Blossomtime,' 'Aloha' and 'Cl. Souvenir de la Malmaison.' Underneath the arches, masses of white dietes irises and everblooming African blue basil create a billowing mound of perennial flowers.

Toward the north, see the antique metal gazebo draped in more climbing roses and underplanted with blue salvia. Straight out of the gazebo, you can see the Victorian Greenhouse and formal Rose Garden (yet to be completed). Continuing past the enclosed pool romantically



festooned with bleeding-heart vine, you will enter the delightfully informal Food Forest. This garden includes various edible species that range from overhead trees (mango, avocado, moringa) to shrubs (American beautyberry, porterweed), perennials (Malabar spinach) and even medicinal plants such as *Plectranthus barbatus* and *P. tomentosa*. An overhead arch featuring two 'Clair Matin' climbing roses marks the exit out of the Food Forest.

Then comes the grand finale of the tour, the Mediterranean Garden - a complete replica of the famous Patina Farms mediterranean garden in California. This Florida doppelganger features the same gravel pathways, ball topiaries and flowers done up primarily in shades of white and palest blush pink — but all the included species are either native to South Florida, or otherwise fully adaptable to our humid tropical climate. The main attraction of the Mediterranean Garden is a mass of over 40 'Madame Joseph Schwartz' tea roses, one of the best roses for South Florida gardens. Her ethereal flowers, frequently in huge flushes, create an almost overwhelming wash of blush pink over this entire space. Punctuating the frothy masses of these roses are eugenia topiary balls, blue apostle irises, garlic chives, pink salvias, and the gauzy white blooms of *Gaura lindheimeri*, one of the best native perennials Florida has to offer!

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The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society

The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society (GPBRS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to educate rose enthusiasts and promote rose growing in South Florida. The Society is very active with garden walks, shows, workshops and other events. We would love to help you grow beautiful roses.

Members enjoy growing roses and the opportunity to be with other rose growers eager to share their knowledge and expertise. Whether it is discussing rose care at a meeting, sharing roses at a Rose Show, or working together to maintain rose gardens, the GPBRS provides a unique atmosphere to socialize with other rose gardeners.

GPB Rose Society Meetings

The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society meets for a social time at 7 pm with a program starting at 7:30 pm on fourth Mondays (except during the summer or holidays) at Mounts Botanical Garden located at 531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach 33415 or online via Zoom. Zoom links are emailed to members on the day of the meeting.

There is a holiday party in December, a summer picnic, a Spring Garden Tour or Rose Show and various rose events throughout the year. We take a summer siesta during June, July and August.

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| April 27&28, 2025 | Plant-a-Palooza Spring Plant Sale | Mounts Botanical Gardens, Saturday: Admission: Adults \$20, Senior, Military or College Students is \$18. open to public 9 am - 4 pm; Sunday: open to public 9 am to 3 pm. Spring Plant Sale Info |
| May 19, 2025 | GPBRS Meeting - (note 3rd Monday) | Mounts Botanical Garden, 7:30 pm. PERFUME: The Story of Rose and Other Fragrances with Master Rosarian, Mike Becker. |
| June TBD | Tour of Roses at the Norton Museum of Art | Location: 1450 S Dixie Hwy, West Palm Beach. Docent guided tour of roses in art. Time: TBD. Cost: TBD. Lunch afterward at the Cafe. |
| Sept. 22, 2025 | GPBRS Meeting | Mounts Botanical Garden, 7:30 pm. |
| Oct. 27, 2025 | GPBRS Meeting | Mounts Botanical Garden, 7:30 pm. Program: Building the Soil – Composting 101. |
| Nov. 1&2, 2025 | Plant-a-Palooza Fall Plant Sale | Mounts Botanical Gardens. Admission: Adults \$20, Senior, Military or College Students is \$18. Saturday: open to public 9 am - 4 pm; Sunday: open to public 9 am to 3 pm. |
| Nov. 24, 2025 | GPBRS Meeting | Mounts Botanical Garden, 7:30 pm. Pruning. |
| Dec. 4 2025 | Holiday Party | Mounts Botanical Garden, 6:30 pm. Potluck. We provide a holiday ham! |

*"But he who dares not grasp the thorn should never crave the rose."
 – Anne Bronte, "The Narrow Way"*

GPB Rose Society Membership

Join the Rose Society!

We are a 501(c)3 non-profit educational organization affiliated with the American Rose Society. We fund our educational activities through membership dues, donations and fundraisers such as the Rose Garden Tour.

Individual Membership: \$25 per year

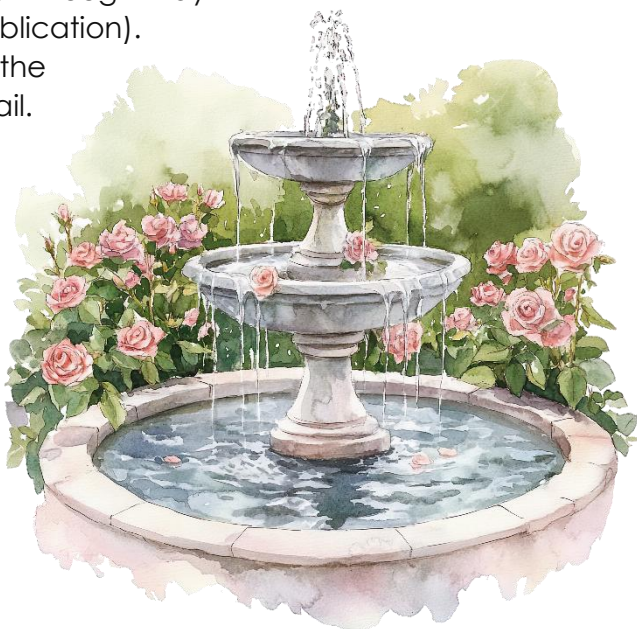
Family Membership: \$40 per year

For more info visit membership@gpbs.org

Newsletter: The Rose Petal newsletter is published during our Tropical South rose season, September through May (no December publication).

Members receive the newsletter via email.

The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society - promoting rose growing in South Florida for over 50 years.



More info: gpbrs.org