

Tyler Rose Garden Tour



1 From this vantage point the entire Tyler Rose Garden can be viewed. The garden features more than 600 varieties and 32,000 bushes.



2 The first gardener for the Rose Garden was Sid Maxfield. This area which contains various miniature roses is named for him.



3 The Tyler Rose Garden is one of 24 trial sites in the United States for new rose cultivars under consideration for introduction through the All American Rose Selection (AARS). The AARS trial roses are located along the north boundary of the garden. Each variety will be trialed for two years and judged at least twice per year in the spring and fall.



4 While visiting the trial garden, notice the two fountains that date back to 1912. The fountains were originally at the old Smith County Court House that was demolished in 1953.



5 The Wagon Wheel Fountain and Lady Banksia Arbor is a popular location for weddings. The Lady Banksia roses that cover the arbor bloom only in spring and are an amazing sight. The Fountain that sits in the pool was at the old "Wagon Yard" in downtown Tyler.



6 The Horseshoe area of the garden derives its name for the arrangement of the rose beds in the area. The roses in the Horseshoe are modern roses of a variety of classifications, including Bridal Pink (pictured above). Don't miss the sundial located inside the Horseshoe.



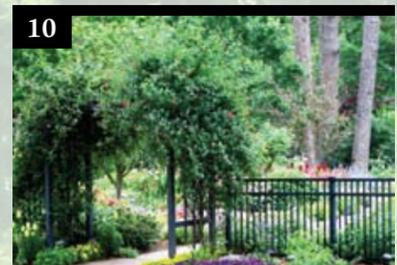
7 The arched yellow wall is the original entrance to the Rose Garden and is thought to have been constructed during the WPA era. Note the plaque on the wall recognizing local nurseryman and Rose Garden architect Henry Thompson who was killed in WWII. The roses surrounding the wall are all past AARS winners.



8 The David Austin English Rose Garden, established in 2003, contains roses bred by English rose breeder David Austin. His goal was to produce roses with natural growth habits, good fragrance and old rose charm but adding modern traits of re-blooming, disease resistance and a wider range of colors. The Garden was designed by Michael Marriot, a protégé of David Austin, and contains 22 varieties and more than 200 samples.



9 The Meditation Garden is the ideal place to rest and reflect upon the beauty of the garden. It features three ponds with aquatic life, including Japanese Koi and aquatic vegetation. The bridge traversing the second pond was built by the Amish from the Pennsylvania Dutch area of the country.



10 The IDEA (Innovate, Demonstrate, Educate, and Apply) Garden was established in 1999 by the City of Tyler in cooperation with the Smith County Master Gardeners to test and display under-used varieties that have potential for East Texas landscapes. Proven performers are displayed along with Earthkind™ landscaping principles and concepts.



11 The Camellia Garden was established as a project of the former Tyler Camellia Society and was designed by Bryan Thompson in the early 1960s. He was the son of the original architect for the Rose Garden. The garden features both *Camellia sasanqua* and *Camellia japonica*.



12 This fountain was found at the Patterson home, a historic home on Oakwood Street in Tyler. Hoyt Williams, a local garden enthusiast, was instrumental in having it moved to the Rose Garden.



13 The Shade Garden trial area was established in 1997 by the Master Gardeners of Smith County to identify and trial new or under-used plants that could be used for shaded landscape areas. One feature of the Shade Garden area are the Japanese Maples. As part of a joint project between the Smith County Master Gardeners and the Tyler Men's Garden Club, 25 plus varieties of Japanese Maples were planted in the south area of the Rose Garden.



14 The Heritage Rose Garden was established in the 1980s as an extension of the Lion's Club "sensory garden" project that was later adopted by the Gertrude Windsor Garden Club in 1986. The purpose of the garden is to educate the public about antique roses and their use in landscaping. Since 1994 the Smith County Master Gardeners have maintained and continued to improve the garden.



15 The Maze area of the garden is comprised of a selection of hundreds of modern roses in a variety of colors.



16 The Main Fountain and Queen's Court Lawn is the site of the annual Queen's Tea held during the Texas Rose Festival the third week of October each year. The lawn is also a popular location for weddings and gatherings.

ROSE CLASSIFICATIONS

For the rose lover who yearns for more detailed information, each rose bed in the garden is labeled with information on the cultivar's American Rose Society (ARS) classification, its color class and whether it was an All-America Rose Selection (AARS) award winner.

PEACE
Cultivar

HT YB AARS 1946

ARS*
ARS* Color
Classification
All-American
Rose Selection
(Year of Award)

*American Rose Society

ROSE CLASSIFICATION CODES:

- ROSE COLOR CLASSIFICATION CODES:
- ab - apricot and apricot blend
 - dr - dark red
 - dp - deep pink
 - dy - deep yellow
 - lp - light pink
 - ly - light yellow
 - m - mauve
 - mp - medium pink
 - mr - medium red
 - my - medium yellow
 - ob - orange and red blend
 - op - orange-pink
 - or - orange-red
 - pb - pink blend
 - r - russet
 - w - white, white blend
 - wb - white, white blend
 - yb - yellow blend
 - lav - lavender
- ROSE CLASSIFICATION CODES:
- Gr - Grandiflora
 - Sp - Species
 - S - Shrub
 - R - Rambler
 - Pol - Polyantha
 - N - Noisette
 - Min - Miniature
 - Climber
 - LGI - Large-flowered
 - HT - Hybrid Tea
 - HRg - Hybrid Rugosa
 - HP - Hybrid Perpetua
 - FMsk - Hybrid Musk
 - Fl - Floribunda
 - D - Damask
 - CI T - Climbing Tea
 - Polyantha
 - CI Pol - Climbing
 - Ch - China
 - B - Bourbon

For a detailed listing of the cultivars in the Tyler Rose Garden, please visit the gift shop. A Rose Garden Guide is available for purchase.

HISTORY OF THE GARDEN

The property that is now home to the Tyler Rose Garden was first purchased by the City of Tyler in 1912 for the construction of a park and fairgrounds. After many years and at the urging of former American Rose Society President Dr. Horace McFarland, an application to the Works Project Administration (WPA) was made in 1938 to fund the construction of a municipal rose garden. The \$181,255 federal grant was thought to be the largest municipal park and rose garden project approved by the WPA in that era. It was used to construct a stone picnic pavilion, balcony, stairs and other garden features.

Keith Maxwell, the WPA landscape architect, drew the plan for the park and rose garden. The plan was ultimately revised by Henry Thompson, a local nurseryman, who laid out walkways, planted trees and shrubbery. Thompson would later be killed while serving as a fighter pilot during WWII. The garden would eventually be dedicated in his memory.

Development of the gardens was suspended during World War II because of Tyler's vigorous war effort. Following the war, Robert Shelton, Jr. became the Superintendent of the Parks and Recreation Department in 1950 and made it his top priority to complete the garden.

Before the first rose could be planted, extensive work had to be done to transform the red clay soil to create an environment conducive for growing roses. Using Tyler Rose Garden was officially opened. The roses in the first garden were donated by local nurseries with the intent of creating a living catalogue of roses produced by the Tyler rose industry. Nearly 3,000 rose bushes were used in the first planting.

If you will be visiting the Rose Garden with a group of 10 or more, group tours are available March through November. To request a group tour, email the following information to creiliana@tylerrose.com or complete the tour form online at CityofTylerRoseGarden.com at least 30 days prior to your visit.

GROUP TOURS



Group Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Number in group: _____

Dates of visit: _____

Tour length: _____ 60 minutes _____ 90 minutes _____ 2 hours

Special concerns: _____ stairs _____ wheelchair _____ limited walking

Special areas of interest: _____

_____ Earthkind™ Roses _____ David Austin Roses _____ AARS Trials _____ Other: _____

This form may also be mailed to:
420 Rose Park Drive • Tyler, TX 75702
or fax to (903) 531-1211



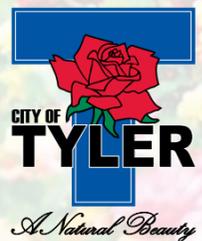
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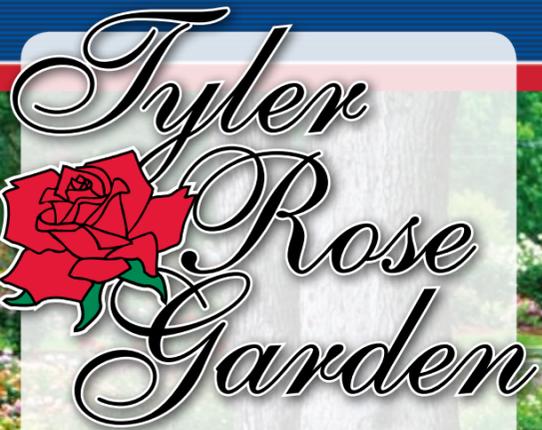
We hope you enjoy your visit to the largest public collection of roses in the United States.

The Rose Garden is one of 24 AARS trial sites and features more than 32,000 bushes and 600 cultivars.



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www.CityofTylerRoseGarden.com



EVENTS

The Rose Garden is home to several annual events. Watch our website for dates and times.
(www.CityofTylerRoseGarden.com)

East Texas Spring Landscape and Garden Conference

– held in early Spring

First Tuesday in the Garden Series

– March through June and September through November

Rose Sunday Celebration and Kick-Off for the Rose Season

– held the last Sunday in April

Fall Bulb Conference and Sale

– early Fall

Texas Rose Festival

– held the third week of October