



DALLAS ARBORETUM
AND BOTANICAL GARDEN

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Hundreds of Roses Bloom at the Dallas Arboretum Thanks to Two Families and a Recent Donation of 200 Rose Bushes

DALLAS, Texas (April 26, 2019) – More roses than ever are now blooming at the Dallas Arboretum thanks to a gift of 200 rose bushes in the Boswell Family Garden along with the established Rose Mary Haggar Rose Garden.

In fall 2018, the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden received a gift of 200 rose bushes from Nancy and Robert Pierce, who moved to a new home with limited space for her roses. The roses, which the Horticulture staff transplanted into the Boswell Family Garden, are currently blooming with magnificent colors and scents. A sign nearby will read, “Donated by Nancy and Robert Pierce in honor of her mother Cherrie Perkins Wells.” Wells encouraged Nancy to start her rose collection.

The Boswell Family Garden overlooks White Rock Lake and contains clipped topiary hedges, landscaping by Warren Johnson and a curving stacked stone wall along where many roses are planted. Dozens of Hybrid Tea Roses with names such as *Tropicana*, *Marilyn Monroe*, *Dolly Parton*, *Charles de Gaulle* and *Chando’s Beauty* now call this garden home.

Pierce researched roses all over North America. “I did a lot of research. I reviewed catalogues, scanned the Internet and discovered the website helpmefind.com/roses – it’s my rose bible.” She also goes to many botanical gardens, including the Dallas Arboretum, and she sometimes visits growers. All along, she documented her roses in a detailed spreadsheet and took thousands of photos of them over the years, and she has created a notecard collection. A few years ago, her rose garden was submitted to the archives of the Smithsonian Institute, showcasing her amazing rose growing acumen.

There are also roses blooming in the Rose Mary Haggar Rose Garden, given by the Rosemary Haggar Vaughan family in memory of Mrs. Vaughan's mother. This classically designed pocket rose garden features more than 200 Hybrid Tea Roses of different varieties including *Gemini*, *Pope John Paul II*, *Elle* and *Sweet Surrender*, and Climbing Roses, such as *New Dawn* and *The Charlatan*, making for a stunning backdrop now that they are blooming.

Mary Brinegar, Dallas Arboretum president and CEO, said, "We are so appreciative that the Boswell and Vaughan families years ago helped us establish a rose garden. Now with Nancy's generous donation, we have even more areas for our guests to 'stop and smell the roses' as many are fragrant, unique and stunning."

About the Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Garden:

The Dallas Arboretum and Botanical Gardens is located on the southeastern shore of White Rock Lake at 8525 Garland Road, Dallas, Texas 75218. The Dallas Arboretum is also the home of the internationally acclaimed Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden. The Arboretum is open daily from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. General admission is \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors 65 and older, and \$10 for children 2-12 and free for Arboretum members and children under two. On-site parking is \$15 or \$9, if purchased in advance online. The Dallas Morning News is the principal partner of the Dallas Arboretum. The Arboretum is supported, in part, by funds from the Dallas Park and Recreation Department. WFAA is an official media sponsor for the Dallas Arboretum.

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Advice on planting roses:

Beds: Raised beds allow you to control your soil and drainage.

Soil: Amend your soil with compost and mulch to adjust its pH to slightly acidic.

Best time to plant:

After the last freeze, usually the second week in March.

Pruning: If you prune hard, you create larger blooms. If you prune small, you'll have smaller blooms.

Watering: Roses love water. They don't like wet feet, so drainage is important. That's why raised beds work best.