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## **Rose Encore! at the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden** **September roses burst into flower**

The month of June is commonly associated with the peak flowering of roses. Few people realize that September offers a magnificent encore performance, as floribundas, grandifloras, hybrid teas, and other modern re-flowering roses recover from the heat of summer and fill the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden at The New York Botanical Garden with a second wave of color and fragrance.

The annual September rose peak is a spectacular sight in a breathtaking setting, every bit as colorful as in early summer, but highlighted by the more dramatic, lower angle of the sun's rays and imbued with its own special seasonal character. With more than 2,700 rose plants in 83 beds and borders, the Rockefeller Rose Garden in The New York Botanical Garden presents a colorful vista nestled in a verdant valley. Its dramatic triangular layout and grand entry staircase, gazebo, and ornamental metalwork were designed by noted landscape designer Beatrix Jones Farrand in 1916.

From September 10–30, 2005, rose-related demonstrations, expert tips, and tours provide an opportunity to learn and explore the many aspects of roses, America's favorite flower. No registration is required. Sessions are free with Botanical Garden grounds admission. (Events are often added and details of scheduled events change. Visit [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org) for updates.)

### Sunday, September 11

#### **Home Gardening Demonstration**

To Prune or Not to Prune, 1:30 p.m.

Our Gardener for Public Programs, Sonia Uyterhoeven, will give a hands-on demonstration in the garden on how and when to prune different rose varieties.

*Meets in the demonstration tent at the entrance to the Rose Garden*

#### **Expert Demonstration**

Painting a Botanical Watercolor, 2:30 p.m.

Using the Rose Garden as inspiration, Louisa Rawle Tine will show how to create a pleasing botanical painting. She will demonstrate how to mix colors for realistic effects and the use of traditional dry brush watercolor technique.

*Meets in the demonstration tent at the entrance to the Rose Garden*

### Saturday, September 17

#### **Question and Answer Sessions**

Questions and Answers with the Experts, 1–4 p.m.

Garden experts will be on hand to answer questions about rose gardening.

*Meets in the Rose Garden Pergola*

#### **Expert-Led Tour**

Roses: From Heirloom to Hybrid, 2:30 p.m.

Join a New York Botanical Garden rose expert for a tour about the different types of roses you can grow in your garden – from heirlooms to hybrids.

*Meets in the Rose Garden Pergola*

Sunday, September 18

**Question and Answer Session**

Questions and Answers with the Experts, 1–4 p.m.

Garden experts will be on hand to answer questions about rose gardening.

*Meets in the Rose Garden Pergola*

**Home Gardening Demonstration**

A Season of Roses, 1:30 p.m.

Now is the time to start putting your rose garden to bed. Join Gardener for Public Programs, Sonia Uytterhoeven, as she discusses how to prepare your roses for winter.

*Meets in the demonstration tent at the entrance to the Rose Garden*

**Expert-Led Tour**

Landscaping with Roses, 2:30 p.m.

Learn about the variety of great choices for hedges, ground cover, and fragrance.

*Meets in the demonstration tent at the entrance to the Rose Garden*

Saturday, September 24

**Expert-Led Tour**

Fragrant Rose Varieties for Modern Gardens, 2:30 p.m.

Stop and smell the roses! When is the best time to smell a rose? During what part of the blooming cycle is the fragrance most intense? From fruity to spicy to sweet, one of the most rewarding benefits of growing roses is the fragrance. Join a New York Botanical Garden expert on a stroll through the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden and discuss the complex subject of fragrance in roses.

*Meets in the Rose Garden pergola*

**Question and Answer Session**

Questions and Answers with the Experts, 1–4 p.m.

Garden experts will be on hand to answer questions about rose gardening.

*Meets in the Rose Garden Pergola*

Sunday, September 25

**Question and Answer Session**

Questions and Answers with the Experts, 1–4 p.m.

Garden experts will be on hand to answer questions about rose gardening.

*Meets in the Rose Garden Pergola*

**Home Gardening Demonstration**

Companion Planting for Roses, 1:30 p.m.

Learn how to plant unique combinations of roses with annuals and perennials to create beautiful designs and discover which plants make healthy companions for your roses.

*Meets at the Rose Garden information table*

**Special Presentation**

Storytelling at the Rose Garden, 2:30–4 p.m.

Listen as master storyteller Regina Ress spins folktales about roses, nature, and other romantic tales.

*Meets in the Rose Garden Pergola*

The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road in the Bronx. The Garden is open year-round, Tuesday through Sunday and Monday holidays, from 10 a.m.–6 p.m. April through October, and 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., November through March. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the *Combination Ticket*, which includes grounds admission, the Conservatory, Rock Garden, Native Plant Garden, Tram Tour, and Everett Children’s Adventure Garden, and costs for \$13 for adults; \$11 for students and seniors; \$5 for children 2–12. Grounds admission is free to everyone all day Wednesdays and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more information call 718.817.8700, or to purchase tickets online visit our Web site at [www.nybg.org](http://www.nybg.org)

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