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Rose-Themed Continuing Education Classes at The New York Botanical Garden

“All About Roses,” a Day of Rose Education, June 23

On June 23, The New York Botanical Garden presents “All About Roses,” a full day of varied continuing education classes about roses. With the award-winning Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden serving as inspiration, participants can enjoy the stunning display of more than 3,000 rose plants, from exquisite antique roses to modern hybrid teas, floribundas, and shrubs. They will learn how to select and grow their own roses. As many as three courses from six topics can be selected. Registration and fee are required; please call 718.817.8747.

Saturday, June 23, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

“Organic Rose Growing”

You don’t need heavy-duty chemicals to grow beautiful roses. Learn time-tested methods of natural rose culture (planting, feeding, pest control, etc.) along with tips on pruning and winter protection. Included are recommendations for the most disease-resistant, fragrant roses for organic gardens as well as mail-order sources.

Instructor Eva Monheim is a garden writer, lecturer, horticultural consultant, and instructor at Temple University. She holds a BS in Horticulture and has presented rose classes for the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society’s City Gardening Program.

“Roses from A to Z”

What’s the difference between a hybrid tea and a shrub rose? Can you tell a ‘grandiflora’ from a ‘floribunda?’ Learn about different types of roses, how to care for them, and how to use them in the landscape.

Instructor Michael Ruggiero, former Senior Curator at The New York Botanical Garden, was in charge of the Garden’s rose collections for 27 years. Responsibilities during his tenure included planting and rose culture of the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden. In his current position at Matterhorn Nursery, he helped establish the new David Austin Rose Garden. He is a long-time instructor at the Garden, teaching several plant identification courses.

Saturday, June 23, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

“Rose Pruning: The Kindest Cut”

Thinning out, heading back, and selective pruning are techniques that encourage roses to produce an abundance of bloom. The right tools, techniques, and plants are all that is needed to succeed. Participants learn secrets of rose pruning and discover that roses are not as difficult to care for as most people think.

Instructor: Eva Monheim

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“Rose Growing Basics”

So you want to have a rose garden? Learn how to do it right, from the ground up. Students explore soil preparation, cultural requirements (light, water, fertilization, pest and disease control, etc.), and some of the best and easiest roses with which to begin. Make a smart start by adding some easy growing roses to your garden.

Instructor Peter Kukielski is Curator of the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden and Rose Collections at the Botanical Garden. Peter came to New York from Atlanta, Georgia, where he owned and operated “The Rose Petaler, Inc.” A featured designer at Atlanta Decorator Showcase Homes, he has been published in *Atlanta Homes and Lifestyles* and *Better Homes and Gardens*.

Saturday, June 23, 2:45–4:45 p.m.

“The Next Step with Roses”

This class is for students who know the basics and want more information about specific roses. Bring your questions for personal, expert answers. Weather permitting, half the class is spent in the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, where students learn by example.

Instructor: Peter Kukielski

“Superlative Roses”

With so many wonderful roses, how do you choose the plants best-suited to your garden? Are you crazy about scent? Do you crave repeat bloom? Do you want your flowers to last an extra long time? Learn which roses smell the sweetest, last the longest, and are the hardiest, then make superlative choices for your garden.

Instructor: Michael Ruggiero

Other Courses of Related Interest

Saturday, June 2, 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

“The Rose De-Mystified”

Learn how to select and grow roses for your own garden in this introductory course. Explore landscape use and care of different types—hybrid teas, shrub roses, and climbers. Learn techniques for pruning, spraying, irrigation, weed control, and winter protection. Weather permitting, tour the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden.

Monday, June 25, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

“The Rose”

Work with all types of roses to create designs for glass containers, presentation bouquets, bridal bouquets, and mixed rose arrangements. Students learn about the history, symbolism, cleaning, care, and use of roses.

Saturday, July 28, 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

“The Mixed Border”

Not just another perennial garden, the mixed border also makes use of shrubs, vines, annuals, and bulbs.

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The New York Botanical Garden is a museum of plants located at Bronx River Parkway (Exit 7W) and Fordham Road. It is easy to reach by Metro-North Railroad or subway. The Botanical Garden is open Tuesday through Sunday and Monday federal holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. April through October, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. November through March. PRICING: Adults \$18, Seniors/Students \$16, Children \$5. Advance tickets are available online at www.nybg.org. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at www.nybg.org

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