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

“All About Roses,” a Day of Rose Education, June 21

On June 21, 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 21, 10 a.m.–12 p.m.

“Rose Gardening Basics”

Have you dreamed of having a rose garden but are intimidated by the thought of temperamental flowers and disease-prone foliage? Study the basic principles of growing roses, including soil requirements, optimal siting, and proper care, so that you can make roses flourish.

Instructor Ken Molinari, a graduate of the Botanical Garden’s School of Professional Horticulture, is a rosarian at the Garden and has been a staff gardener for over 10 years.

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“Rose Pruning: The Kindest Cut”

Thinning out, heading back, and selective pruning are techniques that encourage roses to produce an abundance of blooms. The right tools, methods, 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 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.

Saturday, June 21, 12:30–2:30 p.m.

“Landscaping with Roses”

Roses make superb plants by themselves, but roses can also be a wonderful addition to a mixed border or backyard garden. Learn how to integrate and use roses in the landscape by considering their varied growth habits (shrub, climbing, groundcover, etc.) and cultural needs.

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“The Next Step with Roses”

This class is for students who know the basics and want more specific information about roses. Bring your questions for personal, expert answers. Consider disease and insect prevention and explore cultural requirements like fertilization and irrigation. Then, review some of the best and easiest roses to grow at home.

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 21, 2:45–4:45 p.m.

“Roses Have Class!”

There are so many choices when it comes to roses that it can become bewildering. Explore your options with an expert. Learn about the different classes of roses, from heritage to modern varieties, and which ones are fragrant. Consider the many shapes and sizes of plants and blooms. Pick the right rose for the right place, and enjoy lasting satisfaction in the rose garden. Weather permitting, half the class will be spent in the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden.

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“Easy-Care Roses for Urban Gardens”

Just because you live in the big city doesn't mean you can't grow delicate roses. Join two members of the Manhattan Rose Society who have expertise in growing roses in city gardens, both in containers and in the ground. Learn about new rose introductions that are perfect for urban growing conditions, and weather permitting, finish up with a visit to the Peggy Rockefeller Rose Garden, where you'll see these beauties in bloom.

Instructor Marjorie Marcallino is a director of the Manhattan Rose Society and the manager and curator of the Roosevelt Island Rose Garden. Instructor Gene Waering is vice president of the Manhattan Rose Society and an experienced urban rose gardener, having established several rose collections in New York City, including a container collection 20 floors above the street.

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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. The best way to enjoy the Garden is with the *All-Garden Pass*, which includes admission to the grounds as well as to seasonal gardens, exhibitions, and attractions such as the Enid A. Haupt Conservatory, Everett Children's Adventure Garden, Rock and Native Plant Gardens, and Tram Tour: \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and students with ID, \$7 for children ages 2–12, children under 2 are free. For more information, please call 718.817.8700 or visit our Web site at www.nybg.org

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