

# Discover the Rose Garden

There are more than 150 rose varieties in the Rose Garden and other Demonstration Gardens. These include: hybrid tea roses, floribundas, grandifloras, miniature roses, climbing roses, and David Austin roses. Our roses have a huge flush of blooms from mid-May to the beginning of July; a second flush occurs in September.

## Look for:

- Three of our most fragrant roses are Bell Roma, Tahitian Sunset, and Rio Samba. Give them a sniff and see for yourself.
- That old saying, "stop and smell the roses", is true!. When made into essential oil, rose oil has 380 megahertz of energy - so smelling roses gives you energy and makes you feel good.
- There are significant differences between the size and shapes of rose flowers and the plants themselves. Can you spot the climbing roses, hybrid tea roses, and the grandifloras? How can you tell the difference between them?

## Garden Tips:

- Water your roses deeply early in the day, wetting the entire root ball. Allow the soil to just barely dry out between waterings. (A general guideline is to water approximately every 5 to 7 days.). If you mulched the soil surface, the soil will retain moisture longer.
- Be careful not to overwater, and avoid overhead watering. Water remaining on the plants can increase susceptibility to plant disease (e.g., black spot or powdery mildew) and damage flowers and leaves.
- Prune your roses in spring as the weather begins to warm (generally in March or April). Pruning stimulates new growth, so resist the urge to cut back roses too early in the spring, or the new growth may get nipped by frost

