

# The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society presents The 2024 Rambling Rose Garden Tour

Tour Three Fabulous Private Rose Gardens in Full Bloom!

Saturday, April 13, 2024

10:00 am - 1:30 pm

<https://www.gpbars.org/rose-garden-tour/>

## Rose Garden Tour Information

The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society (GPBRS) welcomes you to the 2024 Rose Garden Tour! This family-friendly tour is hosted by real rose gardeners who generously consent to share their personal creations in **Lake Worth, Wellington and Loxahatchee Groves, FL**.

Our garden hosts tell stories of the joys of gardening and the benefits of time well spent amongst the fragrance of favorite roses. Their gardens are 'works-in-progress', full of hope and love. Our hosts find great satisfaction in sharing that love with you, our honored guests.

The rose gardens will be **open from 10:00 am to 1:30 pm, rain or shine**. Start with the rose garden of your choice, then travel to the others. All three rose gardens are beautiful to behold and will inspire and delight your senses. Stop and smell the roses!



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# Planning Your Tour

**Cost:** \$15 per person in advance or \$20 the day of the event. (Children 16 and under are free). Tickets may be purchased via Eventbrite (QR Code, Facebook and website), cash or check made out to "GPBRs".

**What to Bring:** Bring a hat, sunscreen, sneakers and of course, a camera. Light refreshments and water provided. Please respect each host's property and refrain from taking cuttings or littering. DO take pictures and enjoy your adventure!



**Check-In Tables:** At the event, all attendees should check in at a host garden table. After confirming your ticket or paying, you will be issued a colorful wristband. The wristband allows you to visit any or all of the rose gardens. You are ready to tour!

**Society Membership:** Join the Greater Palm Beach Rose Society! Join by website or QR Code on the back, or fill out a membership form (available at Check In).

## Purchase Roses from Cool Roses!

Rose bushes grafted onto Fortuniana rootstock will be available for sale during the Garden Tour at host Cynthia Potenza's Rose Garden in Loxahatchee Groves.

**Call Geoff: 561-310-8508**

10% discount for GPBRs members!

## Meet the Author Opportunity!

Meet landscape designer and horticulturist, **Victor Lazzari**, and pick up a copy of his new book, "**100 Roses for the South Florida Garden**" at host Denise Abruzzese's Garden.

GPBRs members: \$2 off book during Tour!

*"Come out here where the roses have opened.  
Let soul and world meet." – Rumi*



## 2024 Rose Gardens

Denise has 325 roses in large garden beds, in pots and on fences around her extensive lakeside property. These incredible gardens contain a mix of different rose types: Climbers, Hybrid Teas, Floribundas, English, Shrubs, Bermuda's and Old Garden Roses.

Denise Abruzzese  
4680 Foxview Place  
Lake Worth 33467



Starting from the driveway, take the left-hand concrete path toward the front. Here are many David Austin English roses, including florist roses like Juliet, Keira, Constance and Beatrice. As you stroll, look for Mermaid, Smith's Parish, Candy Cane Cocktail, Raspberry Cupcake, 1812 Rose and Easy Does It. Climbers Red Eden, Spirit of Freedom, Dawn and Tess of the d'Urbervilles grace the many trellis and obelisks. There are even beautiful rose tree standards: Fairy (Polyantha), Belinda's Dream and Molineux. Many butterflies abound and bees forage for nectar.

Walk back to the driveway, and through the right side gates under an arbor with Strawberry Hill and Graham Thomas. Perpetually Yours, Claire Austin. Summer Sun are nearby. On the fence is an old garden rose, Lamarque with a beautiful Clotilde Soupert at its feet.

Continue into the back yard, past Hibiscus and Bougainvillea. There a serene lake awaits. Explore the multiple gorgeous rose gardens filled with English, European, Bermuda and Japanese roses, many of which are hard to find. Notice the hanging pots of Red Cascade and Pretty Poly Pink mini roses behind the wood bench. You can find water and refreshments on the lanai by the pool. Here you can see Denise's orchids, baby rose nursery and propagation area.

There are many other roses awaiting your picture-taking pleasure: McCartney Rose by lake, the 9' tall Rosette Delizy on a fence, White Birds of Paradise with Old Garden Roses, Arctic Blue by the palms. Before you leave, take a moment to enjoy the quiet by the lake.

*"To work in this garden was one of his most respectable pleasures."  
– Jane Austen, "Pride and Prejudice"*



## 2024 Rose Gardens

Roseann Lipari  
14906 Horseshoe Trace  
Wellington 33414

This beautiful Colonial house is surrounded by oak and banyan trees – and roses! Roseann loves the romantic look of antique, old garden and English style roses – especially in pink. She has creatively transformed her one acre plot into a Florida style

cottage garden with artistic touches of whimsy and formality. Garden 'rooms' and foundational plantings feature curving reclaimed Chicago brick borders. Intriguing Eugenia Ball topiaries are scattered throughout the gardens.

Begin winding your way to the right, around the house. Nearby a small circular garden has J'Adore, Pink O'Hara and Amnesia roses. Just ahead you'll see Lady Heirloom and Lover's Blush on one side, the arbor has Mansfield Park Pink and Tranquility. Behind the arbor are gates to even more gardens.

The pool and formal back patio has a potted rose garden utilizing 13" and 20" Air Pot planters. Notice the whimsical circular corner rose beds. Behind the pool are two benches with matching planters of Olivia Rose Austin. Sit a while at a garden bench. It is a good place to rest, reflect and rejuvenate your mind.



Then continue exploring! See another tree swing, with two Duchesse de Brabant roses on the sides. James Galway drapes an arbor. Richard's Rose flows across a black iron fence. Another arbor has Don Juan with Beach Paradise. Other roses to find: Menta, Moonlight in Paris, Misora, Fragrant Blush, Coconut Ice, Honey Dijon, Jude the Obscure, Charles Darwin – and more. As you make your way back around the house, you'll find the Hibiscus and Gerbera Daisy gardens.

This fantastic garden estate is more than a garden, it's a delightful, fragrant sanctuary for birds, insects, wildlife and people. Enjoy!

*"The world is a rose, smell it, and pass it to your friends."*  
– Persian Proverb



## 2024 Rose Gardens

This ranch style home is a butterfly's dream come true. Cynthia and her dad built the home together in 2016 on a plain 2.5 acre lot. Roses were her dad's passion and legacy. Cynthia's

gardens are home to hundreds of butterflies and feature imaginative touches: statuettes, gnomes, gazing balls, little nooks and fairies.

**Cynthia Potenza**  
**13224 Marcella Blvd**  
**Loxahatchee Groves 33470**



The first thing you'll notice is the 75' long Sweet Drift rose hedge along the entire wrap around front porch!

Near the porch is a most whimsical butterfly and rose garden. A small paver stone path passes under a metal arbor festooned with Clair Matin. Roses such as Mr. Lincoln and Tahitian Sunset roses enjoy the sun. Other plants include Blue Daze, Society Garlic, Pentas and Porter Weed. A bistro table and chairs invite you to rest. If you look closely, you will see a Fairy and Gnome garden as well. Zebra butterflies swarm in the Flame Vine and Firebush. All of Cynthia's gardens are 'butterfly friendly'.

In the back, pine trees line the sides of the property. Under an arbor graced with Flame Vine, are iron benches for resting. A huge Champney's Pink Cluster Old Garden Rose is nestled just behind. There is a 10' x 20' wading pool and even a shuffleboard court! The patio area has two gorgeous golden yellow and hot pink Bougainvillea in pots. The 10' tall Sweet Almond smells beautiful.

Walking down the hill, you'll come to a lovely Gazebo. Next to the Gazebo, there is a garden dedicated to Cynthia's mom, who was a dedicated Orchidist. This mixed bed has a Banana tree, red Pentas, a Frangipani tree, orchids and a statue of Mary. In the far back left corner is nestled a bamboo garden, with a little bridge leading into it – a favorite special place of Cynthia and her grandson.

*"But he who dares not grasp the thorn should never crave the rose."*  
– Anne Bronte, "The Narrow Way"



# The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society

The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society (GPBRS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose purpose is to educate rose enthusiasts and promote rose growing in South Florida. The Society is very active with garden walks, shows, workshops and other events. We would love to help you grow beautiful roses.

Members enjoy growing roses and the opportunity to be with other rose growers eager to share their hobby. Whether it is discussing rose care at a meeting, sharing roses at a Rose Show, or working together to maintain rose gardens, the GPBRS provides a unique atmosphere to socialize with other rose growers.

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# GPB Rose Society Meetings

The Greater Palm Beach Rose Society meets at 7:30 pm on fourth Mondays (except summer or holidays) at Mounts Botanical Garden located at 531 North Military Trail, West Palm Beach 33415 or online via Zoom. Zoom links are emailed to members.

There is a holiday party in December, a summer picnic, a Spring Garden Tour or Rose Show and various rose events throughout the year. We take a summer siesta during June, July and August.



<b>April 22, 2024</b>	<b>GPBRS Meeting</b>	Mounts Botanical Garden, 7:30 pm. Program: Floral Designs with Roses with Christine Biscoglio, Accredited National Master Flower Show Judge.
<b>April 27/28, 2024</b>	<b>Plant-a-Palooza Spring Plant Sale</b>	Mounts Botanical Gardens, Saturday: open to public 9 am - 4 pm; Sunday: open to public 9 am
<b>April 27, 2024</b>	<b>Rose Seminar, Mounts Botanical Garden</b>	Roses for South FL with author Victor Lazzari! During Mount's Spring "Plant-a-Palooza" Plant Sale. Exhibition Hall A. 1:00 pm.
<b>April 28, 2024</b>	<b>Jupiter Library Presentation</b>	Public Rose Seminar by GPBRS at the Jupiter Public Library: "Growing Roses in FL" 2:30 pm
<b>May 20, 2024</b>	<b>GPBRS Meeting - (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday)</b>	Mounts Botanical Garden, 7:30 pm. "Ask the Experts!" Consulting Rosarians panel.
<b>June TBD, 2024</b>	<b>A Picnic In the Rose Garden</b>	Location: TBD. Time: 11:00 am. Cost: Members Free, Guests \$5. Potluck: hamburgers & buns provided. Fun social event!
<b>July 2, 2024</b>	<b>West Boynton Beach Library</b>	Public Rose Seminar. Topic: Growing Roses in South Florida. Time: 2:00 pm.
<b>September 23, 2024</b>	<b>GPBRS Meeting</b>	Mounts Botanical Garden, 7:30 pm. Program: Roses at the IFAS Research Center with Dr. Kimberly Anne Moore, Horticulturist- UF/IFAS
<b>Oct. 28, 2024</b>	<b>GPBRS Meeting</b>	Mounts Botanical Garden, 7:30 pm.
<b>Nov. 25, 2024</b>	<b>GPBRS Meeting</b>	Mounts Botanical Garden, 7:30 pm.
<b>Dec. 2024</b>	<b>Holiday Party</b>	Mounts Botanical Garden, 7:30 pm. Potluck.



# GPB Rose Society Membership

## Join the Rose Society!

We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit educational organization affiliated with the American Rose Society. We fund our educational activities through membership dues, donations and fundraisers such as the Rose Garden Tour.

Individual Membership: \$25 per year

Family Membership: \$40 per year

For more info visit

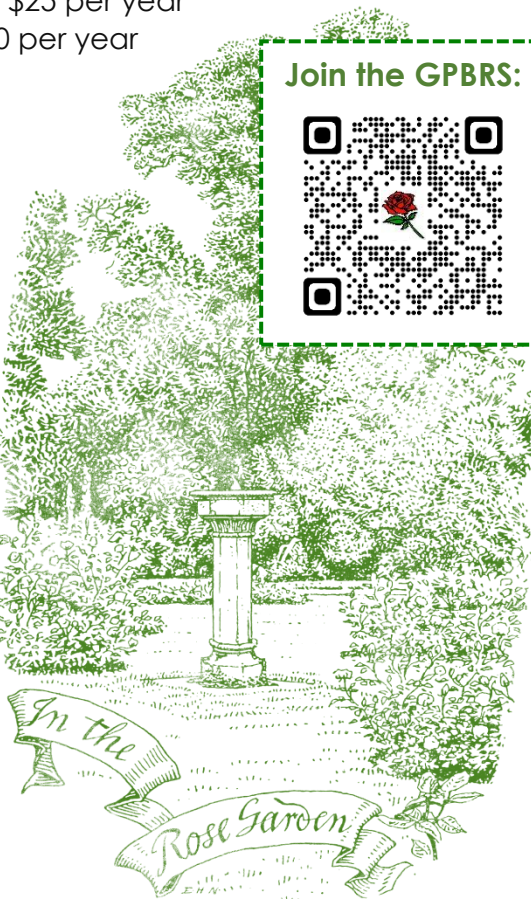
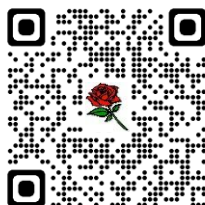
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**Newsletter:** The Rose Petal is published during our Tropical South rose season, September through May (no December publication). Our members receive the newsletter via email.

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