

News Release

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Event: **"UCR Botanic Gardens Annual Rose Pruning Demonstration"**

The public is invited to the U.C. Riverside Botanic Gardens to attend the Annual Rose Pruning Demonstration. The demonstration is scheduled for **Sunday, January 17, 2010 from 1 to 3 p.m.** in the Rose Garden. (In case of rain on January 17, the demonstration will be postponed to the following Sunday, January 24). Botanic Gardens Volunteers and local experts will demonstrate how to prune hybrid tea, floribunda, miniature roses and climbers. Door prizes will be awarded to selected attendees.

Started in 1975, the Gardens' rose collection boasts more than 300 rose bushes of various types from around the world, some dating from the 16th and 17th centuries, making it one of the most comprehensive public displays of roses in the Inland Empire. All of the roses growing in the lower garden are award-winners.

An all-volunteer group of rose lovers works to maintain the health and beauty of the Rose Garden for the public's enjoyment. Persons interested in taking part in this community service should contact Steve Morgan at 951-784-6962 or e-mail ucrbg@ucr.edu.

The Botanic Gardens cover more than 40 acres and feature nearly 3500 plant species from around the world. Enjoy beautiful vistas and numerous scenic trails, including gentle pathways graded for wheelchair access. A wide array of blooming plants can be seen year around. With local freeway construction occurring, be sure to verify current directions by calling or visiting our website as the date approaches. Visitor parking is 25 cents an hour. The demonstration is free but donations are always gladly accepted. For freeway map and color brochure, write to Botanic Gardens, Univ. of Calif., Riverside, CA 92521-0124, call 951-784-6962, or email ucrbg@ucr.edu. Be sure to visit our website, www.gardens.ucr.edu.

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