

# Rotary Rose Garden FAQs

## **Q. What is the Rotary Rose Garden?**

A. The Rotary Rose Garden and Peace Arbor is a joint project of the Fayetteville Rotary Clubs pledging to sponsor the Rose Garden and Arbor at the new Botanic Garden of the Ozarks (BGO) on highway 265 north of Lake Fayetteville. It is among the largest garden features in the "backyard gardens" section and phase I of the garden and will be the focal point of the garden circle.

## **Q. Who selected the roses for the garden?**

A. A list of more than 300 roses was created by BGO staff and rose experts in the area. They were selected to represent the majority of classifications and species of roses, to be somewhat tolerant and adapted to the NWArkansas environment and have minimal pest problems. They are pretty much proven winners for here.

## **Q. Who designed the Arbor structure?**

A. The arbor was designed by Amiroez Foster Hailey and Johnson Architects of Fayetteville with contributions by Rotarians Zed Johnson and Jim Foster. It will be a cypress and steel structure upon which roses can climb, be trellised and form a covering pergola. The structure will have the Rotary name and wheel on its front.

## **Q. How can I contribute to the Rose Garden and Arbor Project?**

A. Rotarians can contribute many ways with their financial resources and personal commitment. Our club goal is to raise at least \$15,000 to complete the project; about \$70 per Rotarian. Rotarians can contribute freely to the general project fund in any amount such as \$25, \$50, \$75 or more. You can "buy" a rose for \$125 which gives you the right to select a rose from the list of those to be planted, and have an inscription dedicating your contribution on the staked nameplate describing the rose. You can become an Arbor Sponsor by contributing \$500. For this generous gift, you will be able to make a dedication on the bronze plaque to be affixed to the arbor.

## **Q. How long do I have to make a decision about contributing to the Garden and Arbor?**

A. The Board has asked that all pledges for the project be made by October 2006, and paid by April 2007.

## **Q. Is it true the benches are all sold?**

A. Unfortunately it is true that all the benches are sold. We were allocated 8 benches and they were sold immediately. In fact we had requests for purchasing more. However, the garden design does not call for any more benches and no more can be included. So, they are gone. However, there are still hundreds of roses and the Arbor to sponsor.

## **Q. Do I have to pay cash, or can I be billed?**

A. You can pay with a check or cash. Just complete a form and give it to Marsha (or C. Rom) at the meetings. If it would be more convenient, you can be billed on up to 6 billing periods for your pledge. Please complete the Rose Garden Pledge form and submit that. It will take several weeks to show up on your bill statement. Please pay your bill as you pledged.

**Q. Rotary is not a 501c3 tax exempt group. Will my contribution to the Rose Garden Project be tax deductible?**

A. Your contribution to the rose garden project is tax deductible as a contribution to the BGO. After you have paid your pledge in full, you will receive a contribution notification from the BGO for your tax records. The Rotary accounts are just being used as a funnel for administrative purposes; your contribution is not directly to Rotary but to the Rose Garden.

**Q. When will construction of the Arbor begin?**

A. The construction of the arbor will begin in early August (pending normal construction delays). It should be complete by Labor Day.

**Q. When will we plant roses?**

A. A "garden planting party" will be planned for September or October to plant the rose bushes. Rotarians will be invited to participate in this.

**Q. What events are planned in the Rose Garden and the BGO?**

A. Several events have already been planned in the Rotary Rose Garden and Peace Arbor at the BGO. Mark your calendars for Sunday 17-September for the inaugural Jazz in the Garden concert series, beginning at 5pm. This is free to the public. The Rotary Peace Arbor will be the stage for the performance and the great lawn will be the seating area (bring blankets and chairs). The BGO will hold a dedication event in October; you will get more info on this. There are already private events being scheduled for the Rotary Peace Arbor.

**Q. Where can I get more info on the Rotary Rose Garden Project?**

A. More information on the Rotary Rose Garden and Peace Arbor project can be found at the Club website. Please see: <http://www.fayettevillerotary.org/rosegarden.html>

Rotary Rose Garden Committee