

# Pacific Southwest Garden of the Year Awards

Purpose: To encourage participation by rose societies of the Pacific Southwest District, the District has approved the "Garden of the Year Award."

Each society may nominate two (2) gardens but no more than one per class. A nomination may be for a

1. **SMALL GARDEN** defined as a garden with less than 100 roses
2. **MEDIUM GARDEN** 101 to 500 roses
3. **LARGE GARDEN** defined as 501 or more roses.

The selection committee shall be composed of the Public Gardens Chair(s), the District Award Chair and the District Director. One garden of each class will be selected and presented the award at the annual district meeting based on the following criteria. To assist the committee, please answer the following questions specifically.

1. What is the size of the garden?
2. How is the garden maintained? This might be a governmental unit or volunteers.
3. Explain how the garden encourages visitors to grow roses.
4. What public outreach programs does the garden sponsor in participation with the American Rose Society, or encouragement given to grow roses?
5. What are the public uses of the garden?

Three digital pictures of the garden showing its best features should be submitted with the application. *Digital photos may not exceed 640 pixels on the longest side.* Each photo should be copyrighted with a watermark crediting the photographer. Upon submission the society/photographer will permit the Pacific Southwest District use of the photos for any award given in conjunction with the submission and use of the copyrighted photos on any website that may be linked to the Pacific Southwest District website.

The entire submission will be considered for the award. Best results may be obtained by making the submission easy to read and concise. Hint: Answer questions 1 through 5 by labeling each question answer.

Entries must be submitted by **8 weeks prior to the annual District Meeting**, for the year the awarded. No time extensions will be granted. Note: The deadline permits some consistency in the award as the district meeting seems to change from year to year. For 2011, the deadline is August 25, 2011, for 2012 the due date is April 6, 2012.

Submissions *without pictures are not eligible.*

Entries must be submitted to the current Public Garden Chair. The current Public Garden Chairs are:

Dave and Gerry Mahoney

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Email: <mailto:space.man@cox.net?subject=Public Garden Award>