

Heritage Rose Foundation Conference 2005

Things to Do Before & After!

San Francisco Bay Area Horticultural Attractions:

UC Botanic Gardens in Berkeley, including the Rose Garden
Berkeley Rose Garden has over 250 varieties of roses
Oakland Rose Garden
San Jose Heritage Rose Garden
San Francisco Botanic Gardens at Strybing Arboretum
UC Berkeley Campus
Filoli Gardens in Woodside has 16 acres of formal gardens

A host of Bay Area specialty plant nurseries ranging from Native plant nurseries like Yerba Buena Nursery in Woodside to California Flora and Mostly Natives in Sonoma and Marin Counties. Rose nurseries to check out include: Regan Nursery in Fremont, Garden Valley Ranch and Petaluma Rose Company in Sonoma, Mendocino Heirloom Roses and Rose Equus/Heritage Roses in Mendocino, Amity Roses in Humboldt, B & B Nursery in Willows, Roses of Yesterday in Watsonville, and many more. There are nurseries specializing in Perennials, Mediterranean plants, unusual Annuals, Geraniaceae and Geraniums, Maples, Bamboo, Palms, Peonies, Sweet Peas, Ivies and more.

The obvious lures and attractions of San Francisco and the adjacent Silicon Valley, Monterey Peninsula, Historic Motherlode and Sacramento Valley, Wine Country, and the beautiful North Coast and Giant Redwoods.

Conference Garden Tours:

San Jose

A leisurely visit of America's largest collection of historic roses at the San Jose Heritage Rose Garden in Guadalupe Park, near the old downtown of San Jose. Join Mel Hulse, the guiding force behind a crew of dedicated volunteers who maintain this 3,500 variety collection of 4,500 roses. Mel will answer questions and guide visitors through the garden. A lunch stop on the campus of Santa Clara University will afford an opportunity to stroll the mile-long planting of climbing and rambling roses, part of the Heritage Rose Garden's collection.

Sonoma County

In the wine and apple growing region north of San Francisco Bay, this tour leads to one of the most picturesque of rural landscapes to be found in California. Spend a few hours in the garden of Phillip Robinson and Gregg Lowery, one of the largest collections of old roses in private hands in America, where all of the old rose classes grow equally well. Enjoy lunch in the garden, a glass of local Sonoma county wine, and revel in exploring your favorite class of roses. Afterward we wander off to two private gardens of exceptional scope and quality.