

Friends of Apollo Rose Gardens



*"Pull the thorn of existence out of the heart! Fast!
For when you do, you will see thousands of rose gardens in yourself." ~Rumi*

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Update on Friends of Apollo Rose Gardens



While the stay-at-home order here in California due to covid-19 has hampered our usual routines, it's lovely that our gardens are open for walking and viewing, while we maintain social distance. The daffodils have bloomed, providing a beautiful blanket of yellow outside of the Galleria, and adding cheer to the newly designed exterior under construction. Our first project is complete – see details below – and our balance as of March 17 is \$4799.55. We are currently evaluating which projects to tackle next!

We are still accepting members, and if you have any questions regarding membership, please contact Pamela Morgan at pmorgan44@gmail.com. You can join us by registering and signing up [here](#). Thank you!

More Daffodil Class Results!

Here are a few more photos of our daffodils – enjoy!



Garden Tip for April

Now is the time to plant select perennial herbs - thyme, lavender, oregano, chives, mint, and sage are perennial herbs that can be planted in April. They require a sunny spot that receives at least 6 to 8 hours of direct sunlight a day. If you have heavy, clay soil, mix in sand and compost at planting time to improve drainage. Herbs will not thrive in wet, mucky soil. Some herbs, such as mint and thyme, are available in a wide range of flavors and scents. Do some research before you purchase herbs to customize your garden to your own personal taste.

Completion of our First Project!

We recently completed the first project in the back rose garden – the installation of a new controller and the connecting of this new controller to existing valves. This work enables the watering of a portion of the garden that was not receiving any water at all, and it was the cornerstone of other projects that we intend to undertake to revive the back rose garden. Thanks to Edward Schulten for managing this important project! See the picture here of the completed work:

