

# *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*

## *Friends of Apollo Rose Gardens Newsletter*

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### *Update on Friends of Apollo Rose Gardens*

We continue to increase our ability to help our gardens. As of February 28, 2020, the balance of our donations minus expenses was \$6153.06. Our current membership consists of five rose members (\$100/mo.), five peony (\$50/mo.), nine lily (\$25/mo.), and six daffodil (\$10/mo.) subscriptions. Our goal is to increase the rose and peony level subscriptions while still growing the lily and daffodil levels. If you have any questions regarding membership, please contact Pamela Morgan at [pmorgan44@gmail.com](mailto:pmorgan44@gmail.com). You can join us by registering and signing up [here](#). Thank you!

### *Garden Tip for February*

You can plant cold-hardy annuals outdoors. Choose species that can take a light frost such as pansy, dianthus, sweet alyssum, dusty miller, sweet pea, osteospermum, and calendula. If cold weather threatens, water the soil around your plants thoroughly. Wet soil holds the heat better than dry soil and will help warm the air close to the soil surface.

### *February Work Day*

We held a work day in the Emerald Oasis on Saturday, Feb. 8, where we cleaned up the area, pruned palms, and otherwise prepared the area for the coming months. Here is a photo of the group who participated!



### *Pruning Class*

Dionisio Martinez led a class on pruning roses on Monday, Feb. 17, where he showed us how to prune and shape roses for arbors, the conical supports, and espaliers. He also showed us how we prune rose trees here at Apollo to confound the deer and prevent damage as much as possible. This last part was "hands on," and we participated in the pruning of two rose trees along the road. Look for the pruning information on the website soon. Here are some photos:





### *Daffodil Class Results!*

Thanks to Keith Walley for capturing this pic of our daffodil blossoms, the results of our planting bulbs back in November! These are the Brackenhurst variety. For those who have asked about this Class information, it's located under Projects in the Main menu. You can see it [here](#).

