

## *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 January 17, 2020, the balance of our donations minus expenses was \$5014.00. Our current membership consists of four rose members (\$100/mo.), five peony (\$50/mo.), ten lily (\$25/mo.), and nine 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 January*

Now is a good time for pruning! And not just for roses – hydrangeas, lavender, and other shrubs and trees can be pruned this time of year. There are many good sources online for guidance on pruning. Check out [this article](#) on pruning roses. Pruning not only relieves the plant of dead and spindly growth, it also prepares it for a healthy growing season. The important part of the timing is to complete the pruning before the last frost and the plant starts its new growth. And maybe it's time to invest in new pruning shears? Having good tools makes the work easier and more fun.

#### *Our First Work Days*

On Saturdays December 14 and 28, we held our first work days. We focused on removing leaves from the paths and parts of the lawns and distributing them as mulch for the daffodil and rose beds, and the hedges. We also trimmed palms, removed dead plants, and otherwise conducted good householder throughout the Garden of Abundance and the Front Rose Garden. Thank you to all of the student volunteers and visitors who worked alongside hired workers. We plan to have work days at least once a month – please join us!



### *Daffodil Class Handout Now Online*

For those who have asked about our Class information, it's located under Projects in the Main menu. You can see it [here](#).

### *Irrigation Project*

The work has begun on our Irrigation project in the Back Rose Garden. Edward Schulten is the project manager, and we'll keep you informed of our progress.