



Potting Bare Root Roses

There are lots of new roses ordered for 2019. Some are new to the market and they are so beautiful that they must be grown in the Gardens. Unfortunately, some existing roses will not make it through the winter, so new plants are needed to replace them. Many roses are now available as “own root” instead of grafted, which will improve the ease of winter protection and survival.

So far, 200 bare root rose plants have arrived. In our climate, it is better to grow them in a pot for a while instead of planting them directly in the cold ground in the spring. It is extra work, but growing the roses in pots means that they will be budded and blooming when they are planted and look great from the first day they are in the Gardens.

Deb Keiser, Rose Specialist at the Gardens, says the process of potting the roses so they will grow well is as follows: Roses are

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Vandalism in the Gardens



Photo by Andrew Schroeder



We look forward to seeing the garden returned to its prior beauty like in this picture.

Major damage to the Gardens happened over the weekend of January

11-13 when someone damaged the Janney Crane Fountain in the middle of the Virginia Rose Clemens Rose Garden. The thieves drove a vehicle to 13th St. South and attempted to pull the fountain over. The fountain was so damaged that it needs to be replaced. The thieves also stole two swans and three cygnet sculptures from the large Windsor Court fountain by the gift shop. Total damage was over \$20,000. No one witnessed the theft and it is believed that the people involved were stealing metal items that could be sold for cash.

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shipped in boxes and there is no soil on them. The roots are soaked in water to hydrate them. Each rose bush has a root trim and is potted into a 2 gallon or larger container that has been sterilized in a bleach solution. If new growth has started on the canes, it must be removed. Then the canes are pruned and shaped and the bushes are placed in the greenhouse to start growing. When the greenhouse space is needed for annual flowers, the roses are moved outside to finish growing before they are planted in the Gardens.

Music in the Gardens

The public success of these professional concerts has been gratifying, and the series continues to showcase high quality local talent. All concerts are held on alternating Sundays at 3:00 p.m. near the Gazebo in Munsinger Gardens on the banks of the Mississippi River. All concerts are free and the Munsinger Clemens Botanical Society will again sell those fabulous \$1 root beer floats.

2019 • 20th Season

June 9	Granite City Brass
June 23	Random Road
July 7	Monday Night Jazz
July 21	Dennis Warner and the D's – "Memorial Release of the Butterflies"
August 4	To be determined
August 18	Laura Caviani Trio

Program schedule may be subject to change.



Art Fair in the Gardens

Each summer, Munsinger and Clemens Gardens hosts an art fair featuring artists from all around the state. Visitors are encouraged to browse and purchase some wonderful pieces of artwork from 45-plus artists. Also enjoy the music provided in different areas among the flowers along with food and beverages.

**Twelveth Annual Art Fair in the Gardens
will be held on Thursday, July 18, 2019 from
10:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
at Riverside Drive SE, St Cloud Minnesota**

For more information about Exhibiting in this juried event Send Photos of your art work to the art fair committee at eventinquiries@munsingerclemens.com.





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The Janney Crane Fountain was the first fountain installed in Clemens Gardens so it has a lot of sentimental value. Fortunately, it will be replaced this spring by the company that built the original fountain. Robinson Iron will start the work in April, weather permitting.





Munsinger Clemens Botanical Society Website Re-design

We are happy to introduce you to our re-designed website. Now it will be easier to find information and stay up-to-date on the latest Munsinger Clemens Botanical Society news. Be sure to check it out at www.munsingerclemens.com



The website redesign also allows us to now accept donations and memberships online. You can go to our website and see how easy it is. And our memberships make the perfect gift for any flower or garden lover.

Support the Gardens

Support the future of the Gardens by becoming a member of Munsinger Clemens Botanical Society.

MCBS Membership Benefits

- Support the events that bring people to the Gardens - Music in the Gardens, Art Fair in the Gardens and the Photo Contest.
- Receive a quarterly newsletter to keep you up to date on what's happening in the Gardens.
- Know that your gift makes a contribution to the Gardens - MCBS makes a yearly capital equipment grant to support the Gardens.
- Show your MCBS membership card to receive free or reduced admission to many other gardens in the US and Canada through the American Horticultural Society "Reciprocal Admissions Program" (RAP). Find a list of gardens here: [American Horticultural Society](#)
- Receive a 15% discount at the Gift Shop in the Gardens when you show your MCBS card.

YES, I WANT TO SUPPORT THE GARDENS.

Simply fill out the donation/membership form below or [click here to download our membership form.](#)

Complete the below to Pay Online

Your mailing address will be used for sending your membership card and receiving the quarterly newsletters.

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2019 Photo Contest

There are some excited changes are happening this year for the photo contest. All submission this year will be done online. You will be able to submit photos and complete the submission process online starting June 1st. This will provide visitors of the gardens who do not live close to the St. Cloud area the opportunity to enter their photos.

This year's contest runs until November 1st, when entries will be due, and a contest reception will be held on November 16. If you want to submit photos this year, check out the rules and entry details on our website:

www.munsingerclemens.com.

Susan Anne

Alessandra Kimmerle



Marly Keller

Zoe Shay

2018 winning photos will be on display at the following places:

2019 Locations:

March – U.S. Bank St Cloud

April – CentraCare Health Plaza

May & June – Whitney Senior Center

July & August – River's Edge Convention Center

September – Waite Park Library

October – Quiet Oaks Hospice House

Start taking your photos now. The gardens are beautiful year round.



The New Season Begins in the Gardens

By Joan Andersen

We've had quite a winter. Record breaking cold, frequent snowfalls and lots of overcast days. I will just leave it at that and hope that it is over soon!

It is spring at the greenhouse. The first shipment of plugs has arrived and little plants are already transplanted and growing.

Recently I visited with Nia Primus, Gardens Supervisor, to find out what she is planning for 2019. As you all know, the Gardens have a new look each year to keep it interesting for visitors. Every year you will see a new design, colors and plants.

Last year at the Art Fair, Nia was looking for ideas and she saw a piece of artwork that inspired her color choices for the 2019 Rest Area Gardens. This is a large area in Clemens Gardens that goes from the Rose Garden, past the gift shop and the fountain to the entrance of the Formal Garden. She chose a color theme of purple, bright green and salmon/coral. I asked her if the coral was like the 2019 color of the year "Living Coral." It turned out that it is just a coincidence, but the color is a bit similar. I think that this color will be really beautiful in flowers because of

the variation and iridescence of the shades in nature.

You would not think there are so many choices of flowers in shades of coral. It helps if you are willing to explore a range of textures, shapes and sizes. Canna 'Cannova Mango' has large tropical looking flowers that are a soft coral pink. Snapdragon 'Peachy Dragon' has flower spikes with an open face form and an interesting color combination of peach with pale yellow. Celosia 'Ice Cream Pink' has coral pink feathery blooms. Verbena 'Superbena Royale Peachy Keen' has clusters of flowers in a soft blend of peach, apricot and cream. Verbena 'Lascar Mango Orange' has clusters of tiny orange-pink flowers with red centers. Portulaca 'Colorblast Tangerine' has stunning bright orange flowers with yellow centers.

All of these warm shades will be contrasted with





the cool colors of green and purple. One of the purple flowers that will be used is salvia 'Evolution' deep violet, which has long lasting tall flower spikes. Vinca 'Jams 'n Jellies Blueberry' has round blue flowers that resemble impatiens and shiny green foliage. Lobelia 'Hot Purple' will be used around the Rest Area Fountain where it can enjoy the spray from the fountain on windy days. Portulaca 'Colorblast Plumberry' is a deep violet pink.

Bright green will be found in many forms of flowers and foliage. Flowers include the citrusy hues of 'Benary's Giant' zinnia in lime green, Celosia 'Kelos Fire Lime' with feathery spikes in bright green. Verbena 'Compact Lime Green' has flower clusters that are a pale green/white blend. Foliage plants include alternanthera 'True Yellow' which has leaves that are bright yellow/green. Many cultivars of sun coleus will be used, including 'Peridot' with ruffled leaves of bright green. Grasses will also bring in the green. Pennisetum 'Etouffee' is a tall grass with pale pink foxtail flowers in late summer. Carex 'Everlime' is a variegated sedge that will provide a bright contrast to blooming flowers.

The color scheme in the Formal Gardens this year will highlight flowers and foliage in lime green, orange and burgundy. As you walk from the Rest Area to the Formal Gardens, the colors will be different, but it will not be too much of a change. The design will

use foliage plants such as sun coleus, alternanthera, elephant ears and sweet potato vine. Flowers with orange hues include lantana, celosia, sunpatiens, petunias and marigolds. After planting, check out the color scheme in the Formal Garden by Kilian Blvd. to see the feature plant hibiscus 'Mahogany Splendor' surrounded by Sunpatiens 'Vigorous Tropical Orange' that has variegated yellow and green foliage. Surrounding them will be sun coleus 'Dark Chocolate'. Blocks of color will be created with petunia 'Starlet Pinot Red' which is a deep burgundy with a black center and 'Bonanza Orange French Marigold'. Other areas in the Formal Garden will repeat these colors using lots of different plants.

On March 25, five experienced seasonal gardeners will return to work. More gardeners will start on April 1 if the weather cooperates and they can work outside to get the garden beds cleaned up and ready for planting. In 2018, they were delayed by three weeks because of cold weather – we hope that does not happen again. Nia is already beginning the process of hiring additional gardeners who will begin their jobs closer to the planting season.

Let's hope we have a nice early spring so the gardeners can get started. We deserve it!





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\$ _____ \$50-\$99 (Basic Membership)

\$ _____ \$100-\$249

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\$ _____ Other

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