

## **ROSES AND GARDENING – AS EASY AS 1-2-3!**

Lovers of roses, gardening and so much more are invited to attend this day long festival. Honoring our national flower, the Rose, this festival offers educational and enlightening programs for beginners to seasoned gardeners. This year's festival takes on a special interest for attendees with our "Children's Day" activities. Children are encouraged to come with their parents and enjoy a fun-filled day of education and fellowship.

Events kick off Saturday at 8:30 a.m. with a rose exhibition at Klima Rose Hall. You will enjoy the hard work and imagination of rose lovers throughout the area while viewing their show entries. Attendees are encouraged to bring roses from their home gardens for help with variety identification.

Our first seminar begins at 9:00 a.m. as Robert Powell, president of the Shreveport Rose Society and Consulting Rosarian, presents "Roses 101". Robert will speak on how simple it is today to enjoy and maintain roses, and will update attendees on the new easy-to-grow EarthKind varieties.

Following Robert's presentation will be John Cash of Ark-La-Tex Water Gardens. His presentation which begins at 10:15 is entitled: "Beginning Water Gardening" and offers an In-depth view of the how to's connected with water gardens.

Our 11:00 a.m. final presentation features ARC Garden Curator Charlotte Haring, discussing "Roses for the Southern Garden".

The festival also is offering for purchase our very own 'Shreveport' rose along with an assortment of other roses, including EarthKind, David Austin, old garden roses and hybrid teas. Rose purchase prices are: \$8 per 1-gallon container or 2 for \$13.50, and \$10 per 2-gallon container, or 2 for \$18.50. Consulting Rosarians will be available to answer questions on the proper care of roses. (Limited number of 'Shreveport' roses will be available for purchase, so don't miss out on your chance to own this one-of-a-kind rose)

Gates open for attendees at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday. Cost to attend is \$10 per person or \$20 per family (4-6 persons), and includes lunch, seminar materials, garden tours and children's activities.

Throughout Saturday's events, all in attendance are invited to visit the center's expanded gift shop or purchase an assortment of roses. You won't want to miss our special Inventory Reduction Sale! All who join the American Rose Society during the festival will receive a one-time discount of 15% off regularly priced gift shop items.

For additional information, contact our gift shop at 318-938-5534, or Marilyn Creswell at 318-938-5402, extension 109. The Gardens of the American Rose Center are conveniently located just off I-20, Exit 5, just minutes from wherever you are!

### **PROGRAM AGENDA - Saturday, April 21, 2007**

**\$10 pp/\$20 per family (4-6 persons), includes all programs, materials and lunch.**

- 8:00 a.m. Gates Open to Public – Visits with Vendors**
- 8:30 a.m. Rose Show**
- 9:00 a.m. "Roses 101" by Robert Powell**
- 10:15 a.m. "Beginning Water Gardening" by John Cash**
- 11:00 a.m. "Roses for the Southern Garden" by Curator Charlotte Haring**
- Noon Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. Garden Tours – Visits with Vendors**