

EDITOR'S NOTES

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Evergreen Cemetery

A tale as old as time – that is the enchanted feeling of this historic place. At one point Evergreen was touted, “The largest rose garden in the world,” Ripley’s Believe it or not. Today, there is renewal and a sense of honoring the precepts of the 1871 donation of General Palmer. This cemetery is the outgrowth of the landscape movement and early ideas of sweeping vistas and large monuments. It is a “Who’s Who” of Colorado Springs’ founders. What else is present?

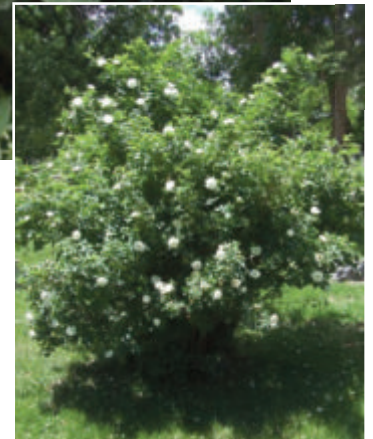
Why create two rose gardens that neither use chemical sprays nor fertilizers? Why have plants that merely bloom happily, because in the Springs we have the perfect situation for rose growing. In service of the rose, but more importantly in service of pollinators, clean water, and the future of organic growing as well as preservation of OGRs, let me introduce the gardens at EVERGREEN.

What was Palmer’s vision? He wanted to provide water from Fountain Creek to various homes in Near Northside Colorado Springs. Prospect Lake was somewhat of an end point (see the El Paso Canal) to water the trees and planned gardens in the 220-acre Evergreen Cemetery area. The still extent brick laden deep canals attest to this concept. He deeded Evergreen to the city of Colorado Springs (1871). Copying most historic cemetery designs of this period, the streets lined with trees and the generous spacing this location lends itself to a contemplative outlook. Colorado Springs had been a rather arid High plains area, and founder General William Jackson Palmer wanted the Springs area to become floriferous. To that end his engineers started the canal outside of Colorado City and used water from Fountain Creek, diverted to General Palmer’s building of Colorado Springs and the Evergreen Cemetery area as a spa and destination spot.

We have a liaison with two prominent ladies with help renovating the cemetery. The current Cheryl Godbout, superintendent of Evergreen Cemetery has been instrumental in letting PPRS use various locations for our two rose gardens – Never Forget (2021) and the Poly Garden (Garden of Remembrance) 2022.

What’s next?

Remember the “largest rose garden in the world”? For the past decade, Dianne Hartshorn has wandered amongst the Old Garden Roses and has been marking the ones who survived the Colorado Springs crews mowing and haphazard growing of trees and weeds. Also recall the 220 acres. Asking interested folks to “Adopt A Rose.” This adoption will take place on two times a year. The initial pruning and mulching. The final evaluation and naming of the OGR.



Two views of an unknown rose growing at Evergreen Cemetery.

After a vision quest set of dreaming, it is time to start the next steps. If you want a “crazy” behavior class in pruning and growing OGRs register.

Dianne Hartshorn – (Evergreen Heritage, cs.com)(<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?Set=a.10151523772788865&type=3>)

Web: Blanche’s Place Evergreen Heritage

We have two times slated. Either will work. The times slated are as follows:

10:00 A.M. May 18th for initial rose pruning.
Calling the class: “Rose Behavior Class”
6:00 P. M. May 20th for initial pruning.
“Rose Behavior Class”
Where? Evergreen Cemetery

Dianne is walking the cemetery and marking the still extent OGRs. We are hopeful to enlist folks to ID the historic plants.

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Vavoom, Fl, is available at our PPRS Rose Sale.
Photo from High Country Roses website.



Flower Girl, S, is available at our PPRS Rose Sale.
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PPRS Rose Sale **May 11, 10:00 a.m. until sold out**
Chapel at Evergreen Cemetery, Colorado Springs, CO

ROSE SALE list, 5 of each available

Varieties are pictured below, more info at HighCountryRoses.com

NAME & CLASS ZONE & HEIGHT COLOR

HYBRID TEAS

Chantilly Cream-HT	5	4-6 ft	Light yellow
Princess Charlene de Monaco-HT	4	4-6 ft	apricot blend

GRANDIFLORAS

Anna's Promise-Gr	5	4-6 ft	orange blend
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FLORIBUNDAS

Arctic Blue-F	5	4-6 ft	purple
Bliss-F	5	3-4 ft	pink blend
Bolero- F	5	3-4 ft	white
Burst of Joy-F	5	4-6 ft	orange blend
Earth Angel-F	5	2-3 ft	light pink
Ebb Tide-F	5	3-4 ft	mauve
Koko Loko-F	5	3-4 ft	mauve
Vavoom-F	5	2-3 ft	orange blend

MINIATURE

Rainbow Sunblaze- Mini	5	1-2 ft	yellow blend
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SHRUB

Carefree Wonder- S	4	3-4 ft	pink blend
Flower Girl-S	4	4-6 ft	light pink
Golden Wings	5	4-6 ft	light yellow
Mary Rose-English Shrub	5	4-6 ft	light pink

CLIMBERS

American Beauty -Cl	4	10+ ft	deep pink
Eden-Cl	5	10+ ft	pink blend
Jeanne Lajoie-Cl	5	6+ ft	pink
John Cabot-Cl	3	10+ ft	deep pink
Tangerine Skies Cl	5	6-8 ft	orange blend

MISCELLANEOUS

Blanc Double de Coubert- Hybrid Rugosa	3	4-6 ft	white
Blush Damask-Damask	4	6-8 ft	light pink



Photos from High Country Roses website.