



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CONTACT

Nancy Walsh, Columbus Park of Roses Foundation
614.645-3391 or rosefoundation@parkofroses.org

Park of Roses Spring Pruning Slated for March 19

Columbus, Ohio, March 4, 2016: Columbus Park of Roses volunteers will “spring into action” on Saturday, March 19th to prune thousands of rose plants. Park volunteers and members of the public are invited to help Columbus Recreation and Parks Department staff with this annual chore. People will gather in the volunteer office (in south end of shelter house) at 8:30 a.m. and light refreshments will be available. Everyone is advised to dress according to the weather, since work will continue unless it is raining. A last minute weather call will be made by 7:30 am on Saturday. Participants can call 614-592-4492 after that time if the weather is uncertain.

This 3 hour event marks the beginning of the active volunteer year that continues through mid-September and concludes with the fall cutback in late November. Weekly volunteer groups will start working in April. For more information on volunteering, go to www.parkofroses.org/support/volunteer.

The Park of Roses is a City of Columbus park. It is one of the largest public rose gardens in the United States, and is rated among the top 10 rose gardens in the country. Visit www.parkofroses.org for more information on the park, its history and programs.

The mild winter this year will result in early blooms of several varieties of Witch Hazel and Forsythia shrubs planted in the 13-acre park. Lenten Roses (hellebores) are already blooming in the perennial garden. The large Cornelian Cherry Dogwood, visible to the south of the shelter house, will be the first tree to bloom, followed by many other flowering specimen trees and shrubs throughout the park.



Witch Hazel



Cornelian Cherry Dogwood

The succession of blooms will continue as spring unfolds and the first true roses make their appearance in the heritage garden in late May. So mark your calendar for a morning of gardening camaraderie and lots of fresh air. And stop by often to see spring's progress in the garden.

-End-