



The Peninsula Park Rose Garden at North Ainsworth Street and Albina Avenue.

100 Years!

Replanting for a centennial celebration

Portland Parks and Recreation and Friends of Peninsula Park Rose Garden will welcome volunteers to help with planting nearly 3,200 new, hardy, disease-resistant roses in Portland's oldest public rose garden at Peninsula Park.

The varieties of roses being planted are designed not just to be durable, but sweetly fragrant and remarkably gorgeous.

Starting Tuesday, Feb. 19 and continuing through Friday, Feb.

22, the massive planting will enhance the garden ahead of the north Portland landmark's centennial celebration this June. The Peninsula Rose Garden and nearby Peninsula Community Center are celebrating 100 years of serving Portland.

The rose garden, the first of its kind in the city, is a worldwide tourist draw, picnic area, neighborhood destination and wildly popular wedding site.

Oregon State University Master Gardeners are partners in the planting project. Baileys Nursery, Weeks Roses, and Star Roses have all donated roses to plant, a retail value of approximately \$100,000. Wilbur Ellis

donated 4.5 tons of lime, a nearly \$2,000 value - all of which has been applied to the beds.

Portland Parks & Recreation and the newly formed Friends of Peninsula Park Rose Garden are working to raise about \$15,000 to install a thick mulch layer for the new roses. The mulch will hold moisture and provide a barrier against pests such as the rose midge.

Donations are welcome! You can send a check to the Portland Parks Foundation, 111 S.W. Oak St., Suite 400, Portland, OR, 97204, with "Peninsula Park Rose Garden" in the memo line. Or you can donate online at portlandparksfoundation.org.



A volunteer removes old roses from in preparation for replanting Portland's oldest public rose garden.