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IT'S TIME TO OPEN EXPOSITION ROSE GARDEN

The 2009 season at the horticulture facility will have three new types

LOS ANGELES – Exposition Rose Garden will have three new types recommended as the ones to grow in 2009 when it reopens on Monday, March 16 following its annual winter pruning.

The additions are Carefree Spirit, Cinco de Mayo, and Pink Promise; the All-American Rose Selections organization picked the trio as the best roses for the upcoming season. For more information about the 2009 winning roses, go to www.rose.org.

In addition, one unnamed type that will be the only 2010 rose of choice will be among the 140 styles of this flower at the garden, which is home to about 5,600 rose bushes in all.

Exposition Rose Garden is at 701 State Dr. (near the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and the University of Southern California). It's open daily from 9:00 a.m. to dusk beginning in mid-March and going through December, with no charge for admission. The pruning period is from January 1 to March 15, during which time the facility is closed.

For 80 years the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks has operated and maintained the Rose Garden, which is visited annually by thousands of Los Angeles area residents and tourists, and is a serene location with a backdrop of downtown skyscrapers.

The rose beds are oval-shaped and surrounded by grass, and are arranged around a delightful central fountain, with charming gazebos. This combination of features makes the Rose Garden a popular location for weddings and other celebratory events, and a location for photos and filming, all of which require a permit.

For more information about Exposition Rose Garden, call (213) 763-0114, or go to www.laparks.org and select Horticulture Centers and Gardens.

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