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The North Carolina Arboretum Hosts Annual Rose Exhibition

ASHEVILLE, NC – Visitors to The North Carolina Arboretum will be encouraged to stop and smell the roses when the Asheville Blue Ridge Rose Society Exhibition debuts to the public on May 28. The exhibit will be open Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 29, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Award-winning roses of every color and size will be featured at this year's exhibition, "A Day of Roses." Experts will be on hand to answer questions and provide information about selection, care and history of these elegant garden plants. A sale will be held in conjunction with the exhibition, which will include rose plants, fertilizer, and soil amendments, and educational programs will be offered throughout the weekend.

Programs during the Rose Society Exhibition include:

Fertilizing Roses for Success with Dr. Satish Prabhu

Old Garden Roses, the Ultimate Garden Plant with Mike Shoup

Rose Rosette Disease: You Can Still Have Beautiful Roses with Ann Peck

Roses and their Friends, Companion Plants for Roses with Judy Deutsch

Planting Your New Rose with Jim Wilson

Growing Great Roses in WNC with Jim Tucker

My Favorite Old Garden Roses with Frank Dezzutto

The Rose Society Exhibition is one of the most popular events hosted by The North Carolina Arboretum. Each year more than 376,000 visitors experience the Arboretum's gardens, trails, exhibits, shows and expos, educational programs, demonstrations and lectures. The Arboretum's ability to meet its mission and enrich the visitor experience is made possible by a community of supporters—from members, volunteers and staff to state and local funds, tribute gifts, grants, and community partners.

The exhibition is free for Arboretum Society members or with the standard parking fee (\$8 per personal motor vehicle). For more information, call (828) 665-2492 or visit www.ncarboretum.org. The central mission of The North Carolina Arboretum, an affiliate institution of the 17-campus University of North Carolina system, is to cultivate connections between people and plants.

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The NC Arboretum is located next to the Blue Ridge Parkway entrance at Milepost 393. From I-26, take Exit 33 and follow Blue Ridge Parkway signs for two miles to the entrance ramp. Visit www.ncarboretum.org plan-a-visit for parking fees, property hours and building hours. For general information call (828) 665-2492 or visit www.ncarboretum.org.