



GARS Pruning Day 2018

Pruning Day 2018 will take place on Saturday, March 10 at 10:00 am at the Georgia Governor's Mansion at 391 West Paces Ferry Road in Atlanta. As you may know, many of the roses we used to prune annually at the Fernbank Rose Garden were transplanted to the Governor's Mansion. In all, the property houses more than 150 roses including hybrid teas, shrubs, old garden roses, and others.

If you plan to attend, it is critical that you email GARS President Nan Frost Greateratlantarosesociety@gmail.com to have your name placed on the list **or use Facebook to respond***. On arrival to the Mansion, only those whose names are already on the list will be allowed entry. The list will be sent to the Governor's staff one week prior to Pruning Day, so get your name on the list ASAP. You will be asked to show a government-issued ID such as a driver's license. You must be willing to submit to a search if the security officers deem it appropriate. If you will be bringing friends and guests, their names must be placed on the list as well. Parking is plentiful.

***To reserve your place using Facebook, log onto Facebook and in the SEARCH window at the top of the page, enter "Greater Atlanta Rose Society." If the March 10 event does not immediately appear, go to the EVENTS heading near the top of the screen and select it. Once on the event page you may click on GOING to register.**

Bring several pruners and gloves, along with whatever other supplies you ordinarily use when pruning. Guests who do not have equipment are also welcome – we will find a way to share! If you'd like, bring a snack item appropriate for the morning. We may not finish until mid-afternoon. Restroom facilities will be available to us.

Because the roses are spread among several beds on the property, we will be broken into small groups and assigned one or more beds to prune. We will collect our own clippings onto a tarp or into bags, but the staff, headed by Landscape Manager Jimmie Mosely, will dispose of them.

We will have a sharpening station when you may leave your pruners to be sharpened and cleaned. Those who wish to staff the sharpening station, please bring chairs. Barry McCasland will bring a sturdy folding table.

ALL Consulting Rosarians are asked to attend this event. None of the roses are labeled, so the more junior pruners will need guidance. And please spread the word around! This event was always supposed to be educational and inclusive of the public. See y'all there!