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## **WHAT - YOU HAVEN'T VOTED YET?**

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**Rose Hill Needs Your Vote to Win "America's Best Rose Garden" Competition**  
***Cast your vote and help Rose Hill win a \$2,500 donation and national recognition.***

**Click this link to vote: [www.rose.org/votenow](http://www.rose.org/votenow)**

**Deadline to vote is July 1, 2010**

In 2007, Rose Hill in Manito Park was named number one in the nation by All-America Rose Selections (AARS), a nonprofit association dedicated to the introduction and promotion of exceptional roses.

This year AARS is inviting the public to participate in naming "America's Best Rose Garden." The competition officially launched April 1 and ends July 1, 2010.

The top 10 gardens with the most individual votes will become finalists. Then, a panel of experts from AARS will travel to the finalist cities, review the gardens, and select one winner based on beauty, creativity and the garden's overall contribution to its community.

The winning garden will receive a \$2,500 donation and will be featured in a national publicity campaign highlighting the best gardens in America. The winner and nine finalists will be announced later this summer.

### **About Rose Hill**

Manito Park's Rose Hill is a favorite location for weddings, picnics and photography. In 2007 Rose Hill was named number one in the nation by All-America Rose Selections. Each year one of the AARS' 125 gardens is selected as the Outstanding Display Garden, and for 2007 the winner was Manito Park's

own Rose Hill. All-America Rose Selections is a non-profit association of rose growers and introducers dedicated to the introduction and promotion of exceptional roses. Since 1938 the AARS seal of approval has graced outstanding new rose varieties that have withstood the test of time—and Mother Nature. Rose Hill now is home to over 150 varieties of hybrid tea, grandiflora, floribunda climbers and miniature roses along with a collection of old-fashioned roses. Along with the 2007 award, Rose Hill has received for the past 20-years an Outstanding Maintenance Award, also from AARS. To vote for Rose Hill in the 2010 competition, please go to [www.rose.org/votenow](http://www.rose.org/votenow)

### **About Spokane Parks and Recreation**

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory, the many city-wide gardens, and Finch Arboretum. Urban Forestry staff manages 50,000 street trees and another 28,000 trees on developed park land within the City of Spokane. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit [www.spokaneparks.org](http://www.spokaneparks.org)

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