The Tyler Municipal Rose Garden is one of the largest municipal rose gardens in the United States and is an official site for an All-American Rose Selection Trial Garden. The Heritage Rose Garden is located in the southwest corner of the Tyler Rose Garden. It is maintained by the Smith County Master Gardeners to educate the public about old garden roses and gardening practices. Our goal is to display the beauty and hardiness of heritage roses to show they have a place in contemporary gardens. Any rose variety that has survived over 75 years could be considered an old garden rose or “heritage” rose. Heritage roses are less prone to disease, easier to grow and more aromatic than modern roses. The Heritage Rose Garden showcases roses in a landscape setting, along with shrubs, herbs, heirloom bulbs, ornamental grasses, perennials and annuals. Come see the impressive selection of roses adapted to the East Texas climate.
Classes of Heritage Roses

There are many classes of roses represented in the Heritage Garden.

• **China** – Compact, fragrant, repeat bloomers, disease resistant

• **Floribunda** – Compact, repeat bloomers

• **Hybrid Teas** – Adaptable to most climates. Large blooms on strong stems, various colors and very fragrant

• **Hybrid Musk** – Masses of medium-sized blooms. May repeat bloom and somewhat tolerant of shade.

• **Noisette** – Clusters of blooms, good musky scent and strong growth.

• **Old Garden Roses** - any rose belonging to a class which existed before the introduction of the first Modern Hybrid Tea Rose in 1867. Woody shrubs, with notably fragrant, double-flowered blooms primarily in shades of white, pink and red, tends to be highly disease-resistant.

• **Polyantha** – Small compact shrubs with clusters of small double or semi-double blooms. Constant bloomers.

• **Ramblers** – Climbing roses with strong canes that produce small clusters of flowers and usually only bloom once.

• **Shrub** - take the best of the hardiest rose species, and combine those traits with modern repeat blooming and diverse flower forms, colors and fragrances. Some shrub roses may grow tall, with vigorous, far-reaching canes; others stay compact.

• **Species** - Roses found growing wild. They bloom once a year and are disease resistant.

• **Teas** – Large blooms on weak stems that produce graceful bowing shapes. Can withstand cooler weather and have a tea-scented aroma.

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Heritage Roses

- Archduke Charles
- Belinda’s Dream*
- Buff Beauty
- Caldwell Pink*
- Climbing Cecile Brunner*
- Climbing Cramoisi Superieur
- Clotilde Soupert Rose
- Cramoisi Superieur
- Danae
- Ducher*
- Erfurt
- Grandma’s Yellow
- Green Rose
- Gruss an Aachen
- Hermosa
- Iceberg
- Jaune Desprez
- Kirsten Poulsen
- Little Buckaroo
- Marie Daly*
- Marie Pavie
- Martha’s Vineyard
- Mme. Alfred Carriere
- Mrs. B. R. Cant
- Mrs. Dudley Cross
- Mutabilis*
- Old Blush
- Penelope
- Perle d’Or
- Petite Pink Scotch
- Pompon de Paris
- Prairie Sunrise
- Red Radiance
- Rustler’s Skyrocket
- Slater’s Crimson China
- Sombreuil

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Location of the Heritage Rose Garden in the Tyler Municipal Rose Garden