



*Arlington Rose
Foundation (ARF)
2026 Calendar of
Events*

<http://arlingtonrose.org>

Events are free for the public except where otherwise noted.
Members are notified by e-mail with updates, changes and new events.

January 17, Saturday, 11 am (EST) – Webinar Announcement of 2025 American Rose Society National Photo Competition Award Winners. Learn about the world of rose photography and winning photos across the country. Hosted by Pam Powers, American Rose Society National Photography Chair. Free. Webinar registration link will be sent to American Rose Society members or make a request for webinar link from americanrosephoto@yahoo.com.

January 25, Sunday, 2-4pm Country Store Product Webinar- Learn about proven-effective, almost wholesale priced products sold in ARF's annual pop-up store. Save time and money. Receive individual assistance regarding your garden needs after program. Speakers: ARF Advisors/Consulting Rosarians. Merrifield Garden Center- Fair Oaks. Free.

Feb 24, Tuesday by 6pm- Country Store orders due to Country Store manager, Sylvia Henderson per instructions on order form. ARF members only. With questions, E-mail: smhenderson.rose@gmail.com.

No Fear Pruning

March 5, Thursday 2-3pm, Zoom Webinar, No Fear Pruning, Pam Powers, Master Rosarian from Arlington Rose Foundation, demonstrates and discusses pruning method for roses. Learn the basic techniques and tools for proper pruning to ensure your roses return in the spring healthy and full of blooms. Sponsored by Merrifield Garden Center. Registration link will be sent. Free

For garden-side pruning events, bring your bypass pruners. Wear garden shoes. Learn by demo and doing how to clean your garden tools and prune different rose bushes with help of experts.

March 15, Sunday, 2-4 pm – No Fear pruning- Learn to clean, sharpen and sanitize your tools. Then enjoy hands-on pruning techniques. Columbia Gardens Cemetery Rose Garden, 3411 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA. Please note there are no restrooms available. Free.

March 21, Saturday 1-3p – No Fear Pruning at home of Galena Nestorova, Round Hill, VA. Address will be sent in advance. Free.

March 14 & 15, Saturday 10-2 pm, Sunday 10 to Noon- Pick up of Country Store garden products at Merrifield Garden Center 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA in the OVERFLOW PARKING LOT. ARF members only.

March 28, Saturday 10 am - Noon, Know & Grow Roses! Learn how to successfully grow roses of your dreams May through November. Merrifield Garden Center, 12101 Lee Highway, Fair Oaks location. Free

March 13 & 14, Saturday - Colonial District pre-spring event in Pikesville, MD- Rose programs. Registration/payment required. Details to follow on Colonialdistrictroses.org

To Be Determined: Annual Spring Rose Sale- Purchase high quality rose bushes at a discount. Includes hybrid teas, floribundas, OGRs, climbers and David Austin shrubs.

April 19, Saturday & May 10, Sunday 11- 3pm - Rose Sales at Merrifield Garden Center- Fair Oaks location- ARF Advisors/Consulting Rosarians help customers with their rose selections. Learn how to plant. Discover first-hand information about growth habit of different varieties including David Austins.

May 9, Saturday, 9 to 11am- Dumbarton Oaks Rose Garden and landscape private tour. 1703 32nd Street NW. Washington, DC 20007. Registration link will be sent. Free to ARF members. A Registration link will sent.

Saturday May 16, 10-12 pm workshop- Calling all rose growers! For awards, recognition and inspiration, learn and practice techniques to grow, share and showcase your beauties in friendly horticulture and photography competitions. Location Merrifield Garden Center – Fair Oaks. Free.

May 22. 23 & 24, Friday, Saturday & Sunday –ARF Annual Rose & Photography Show- Exhibitors compete in over 40 categories of horticulture and photography excellence. Exhibitors may place entries on Friday 3-5:30pm or Saturday 7-10:15am. Judging commences at 10:30am on Saturday. For winning entries, over \$2,000 in gift certificates, cash, functional garden products, decorative items, will be awarded.

Experienced and Novice exhibitors are welcomed.

The show is opened to the public at 1-5 pm on Saturday and 11-4pm on Sunday. Rose bouquets gifted to new members. Show chairperson: Pam Powers, e-mail: arfinformation@aol.com. Location: Merrifield Garden Center- Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA.

Thursday, June 11, 2 - 3pm Summer Care Clinic Webinar sponsored by Merrifield Garden Center. Registration link will be sent. Free.

June 20, 10 - Noon Saturday, Summer Care Clinic- Wear hat. Bring pruners. Hands on learning about common summer rose problems and how to solve. Location: St. Agnes Catholic Church, 1910 N Randolph St, Arlington, VA. Free.

October 2-4, Friday through Sunday, ARS National Rose Show & Convention in Nashville. Go to Nashvillerosesociety.org Registration required. Fantastic National speakers, rose and photography competitions.

October 9-11, Saturday & Sunday, Colonial District Rose Show & Convention at Lewis Ginter Botanical gardens in Richmond, hosted by Richmond Rose Society. Free entrance to gardens for exhibitors. More information will be posted on Richmondrosesociety.org.

October 18- Sunday 2 - 4pm - Rose Bush Auction - Bargains galore! Lively rose bush auction. Free. Location: Merrifield Garden Center- Fair Oaks, 12101 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA.

December 13, Sunday 12-2pm- Holiday Brunch, location TBD. Save the date!