

The Tennessee Rose Society will celebrate their 77th Year Anniversary by hosting the 2023 TENARKY District Convention and Rose Show Opening Event in UT Gardens

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University of Tennessee Gardens-The State Botanical Garden of Tennessee

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The **UT Gardens** function as an outdoor laboratory to evaluate the performance and landscape use of every type of plant, from trees and shrubs to annuals and perennials. The gardens feature a children's garden, formal rose garden, a sustainable kitchen garden, perennial borders, a beautiful Hosta collection as well as annual beds, huge old growth trees and seasonal displays.

The UT Gardens are used for numerous activities including weddings, receptions and family reunions. If you observe closely, you will even find students studying for their classes, reading a book or even taking a nap.

Within the UT Gardens visitors will find the Beall Family Rose Garden which was completed in 2009 through the generosity of an endowment from Sam and Mary Anne Beall. Within the garden there is a collection of over 120 roses including hybrid teas, grandiflora, floribunda, miniature, shrub and climbing roses. There are two waterfalls supported with 20 tons of Tennessee sandstone cascading down to koi ponds. There is also a beautiful 22-foot gazebo.

Kathy Brennan, Tennessee Rose Society 2022 President commented, "We are so fortunate to have been invited to have our opening event for 2023 TENARKY Convention and Rose Show in the UT Gardens. Our picnic will be so much fun. Be sure to come a little early so you can see the gardens. They are truly beautiful--especially the Beall Family Rose Garden. Last year I was asked to lead a group of volunteers to help in this garden, and we have been working hard to make it even more beautiful for your visit next year."

This exciting venue is perfect for inviting rosarians from all across Tennessee, Kentucky and Arkansas as well as rose lovers and exhibitors from neighboring states to enjoy a bit of Tennessee hospitality and see one of the most exciting rose shows that will be open to the public at no charge after rose show judging has been completed on Saturday September 16th. Come see what roses can be grown in our region. The Logo for the Convention and Rose Show is "Smokin Hot Roses." This will truly be a "Smokin Hot" Event that should not be missed.