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### **EVERYTHING'S COMING UP ROSES – NCPRD WINS IN ROYAL ROSARIAN ROSE GARDEN CONTEST**

**Milwaukie, OR** – It's full bloom ahead for the Sara Hite Memorial Rose Garden, located in North Clackamas Park, which claimed two prestigious awards in the 76<sup>th</sup> annual Royal Rosarians' Rose Garden Contest.

The Friends of the Milwaukie Center entered the Sara Hite Memorial Rose Garden into two categories of the contest: 1. Formal Rose Garden 76 or more roses and 2. Commercial Rose Gardens and Plantings First Time Entry. The Sara Hite Memorial Rose Garden won both categories and was also awarded an overall division winner with the Terry and Virginia Schrunk Memorial Award. Three representatives from the Rose Garden Committee attended a reception and ceremony on June 17 to receive the awards. The Friends of the Milwaukie Center, the Rose Garden Committee, North Clackamas Parks & Recreation District maintenance personnel and volunteers all contributed to the excellence of the Rose Garden and we are very proud of their accomplishments.

In 1938, the Royal Rosarian Rose Garden Contest was established as the first sponsored citywide event to honor the rose, "queen of flowers." The contest was so popular that it immediately became an annual event. The Royal Rosarians are committed to continually improving the contest to showcase the best amateur rose gardens and commercial plantings in Portland, the City of Roses. The contest promotes greater appreciation of growing roses honoring those citizens who help beautify Portland through their rose growing efforts, and upholds the signature Royal Rosarian slogan "For You A Rose In Portland Grows!" The Royal Rosarians encourage all rose growers in the Portland Metropolitan Area to enter this contest.

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*North Clackamas Parks and Recreation District is a service district of Clackamas County dedicated to providing exceptional parks and recreation programs, facilities and services. Voters approved the formation of the District in 1990 because they saw the need for greater parks and recreation services in the north end of the county. The*

*District – which serves more than 116,000 residents in a 36-square mile area – includes the cities of Happy Valley, Milwaukie and a large area of unincorporated Clackamas County. Our mission: To enrich community vitality and promote healthy living through parks and recreation.*