

# Garden Notes 2010



Photos: Jim Kalohn

*During the Winter of 2009, the plastic tent that peaked curiosity among our neighbors as it covered the front section of our garden came down this past Spring, to reveal the new Grand Staircase and Gatehouse. The Stairway now provides an inviting entrance to the garden which had not previously existed from Central Parkway. The Gatehouse provides a formal-- yet whimsical— architectural element, while also serving a very practical role for equipment storage and also houses the garden's electrical and irrigation systems.*



*The Staircase and Gatehouse were proudly on display for our Annual Fundraiser held June 14<sup>th</sup> to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Garden. Over 200 guests strolled among 4000 magnificent rose bushes in full bloom, serenaded by harp music. Guests enjoyed a delicious brunch beneath a magnificent blue sky and brilliant sunshine. As in past years, many businesses, community partners and friends generously supported us.*

*Our next major project is on track to add a new water feature to the garden in the form of a **Center Fountain**. We hope to begin construction in 2010-2011.*

*Please check out our web site to see how you can participate.*

[www.schenectadyrose.com](http://www.schenectadyrose.com)



## ***Thanks to our Corps of Volunteers***

From early Spring to late Fall of each year, our dedicated volunteers work in the garden to keep it picture perfect for every visitor.

On this particular Tuesday evening in 2009, a passing visitor took this photo of a few of our volunteer gardeners, and sent it to us.

Our volunteers love working in the garden, as you can tell from their smiling faces.

If you or someone you know would like to become a Rose Garden Volunteer, come join us to share in the joy and make new friends.

No experience is required: just a passion for gardening.

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