



*Proposed Center Fountain for the Central Park Rose Garden*

## Center Fountain Project is Under Way

To our good fortune, several generous donors and grants that the Rose Garden Restoration Committee (RGRC) received in 2010 placed us in a very good position to begin the design process for the Center Fountain project. We have chosen a classic black marble fountain that will coordinate with other recent additions to the garden. The photo rendering to the left shows how the fountain might appear once constructed.

We are in the process of finalizing the remaining details and are still looking for **additional donors**, but we hope the fountain will be in place for our, **Annual Garden Party**, scheduled for **Saturday, June 18, 2011** at 12 noon.

If you would like to **make a donation to our fountain project**, please go to [www.schenectadyrose.com](http://www.schenectadyrose.com) and follow links to "Donate" or "Contact" us for more information.

## What's New in the Garden

Back in April of 2010 we thought it might be fun to join other All America Rose Selection (AARS) Rose Garden's across the U.S. and enter their contest to see who would become "**America's Best Rose Garden**". We really had no expectation of winning this contest, but though we have nothing to lose, but try our best.



So with bookmarks, and emails and word of mouth we contacted people to VOTE for our rose garden, we are all so proud of. Little did we realize how many of our friends, and their friends, and a whole lot of other people voted for us. Amazingly in July 2010 we became one of the top 10 finalists. Then much to our astonishment in August, we were **awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> Place** garden among the three top finalists.

The RGRC would like to thank the many people who voted for us, including our volunteers, gardeners and the community who have supported us these past 15 years. We can all share in this proud recognition of our accomplishments to restore Schenectady's Central Park Rose Garden.



## Earth-Kind

### *Central Park Rose Garden Begins testing EarthKind Roses*

In the spring of 2010, the RGRC decided to participate in a multi-year trial with eight other northern zone rose gardens working with Texas A&M Agri Life Extension Service to test roses and qualify for them for EarthKind™ status. The EarthKind™ program is designed to identify and test roses which can survive low maintenance & earth friendly practices. These roses must be able to grow in a variety of soils, be pest tolerant, hardy to heat/cold and also be drought tolerant. This is a most unique opportunity for the Central Park rose garden to feature EarthKind™ roses, as well as be involved in this new agricultural technology and testing program.

*If you would like more info on EarthKind roses go to:*

*<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/earthkind/roses/>*

*Or contact Dave Gade our Garden Operation Supervisor at 355-5798*