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Discovery Walk
Tour of the Malcolm Gross Rose Garden

Roses are red...and yellow and white and pink and purple. They

number more than 60 varieties of hybrid tea, floribunda, grandiflora, polyantha and shrub roses in the beds and climbers on the trellises, and are now at the height of their bloom in the Malcolm W. Gross Memorial Rose Garden in the Cedar Creek Parkway. A June 15 tour of the garden, along with the adjacent old-fashioned



and fragrance gardens, was led by botanist Claudia Steckel who described the origins, growth habits and care

requirements of the various cultivars. Created in the 1930s by General Trexler who employed WPA labor to build the ponds, and later expanded to include the pergola area that hosts many weddings this time of year, the rose garden is one of the premier attractions among Allentown's parks. Plants are labeled so those who visit can learn more



about the garden or simply enjoy the beauty that surrounds them.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

June 29 @ 10:00 a.m. – Source Water Protection Program—Malcolm Gross Rose Garden - led by **Diane Lewis** of the **Allentown Bureau of Water Resources**.

July 6 @ 11:00 a.m. – 2nd Annual Model Sailboat Building and Race—Malcolm Gross Rose Garden. Fun for the whole family. We supply the materials. Space is limited; registration requested. 610-432-7275 or info@allentownparks.org

Art in the Park



Whether your interest was art, music, dance or just a desire to relax and enjoy the ambience, there was something for all who visited West Park on Saturday for the West Park

Civic Association's annual "Art-in-the-Park" event. Retired Parks Dept employees stopped by the Friends booth to chat as did Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski and a host



of others including visitors from New York and New Jersey. However, no matter what the topic or what the issue, one thing was a b u n d a n t l y clear...everyone loves Allentown's parks!

Special Presentation
Protecting Our Water Supply

Water, our most precious resource. Please join us for a special presentation on a new project which provides insight into how we can better protect our water supply.

Date: June 29
Time: 10:00—11:00 a.m.

Location: Stone house at the Malcolm Gross Rose Garden (2700 Parkway Blvd., Allentown)
Presenter: Diane Lewis of Allentown's Bureau of Water Resources
Registration requested: info@allentownparks.org or 610-432-7275

