



ROYAL ROSARIAN FOUNDATION CHARITABLE SUPPORT EFFORTS

The Royal Rosarian Foundation's Mission Statement is "To support the charitable activities of the Royal Rosarians." All Royal Rosarians are members of the Foundation and are entitled to vote at the Foundation's annual meeting held each June. They can also attend the monthly Board meetings throughout the year. As a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, the Royal Rosarian Foundation spends its funds to support the Rose Festival and to support local charitable projects.



Visit to Zenger Farm.

Field Trip Project

Since 2007, the Foundation has been donating money for field trip transportation to schools that meet need criteria in Portland Public Schools. Over the years, David Douglas School District, Hillsboro School District, and Reynolds School District have been added. Surprisingly, for many children it can be the first time they go over the Willamette River on the way to the Zoo. Over \$30,000 is donated annually to approximately thirty schools.

Community Transitional School

The Community Transition School offers pre-Kindergarten to the eighth-grade classes to houseless children throughout the Portland area. Three buses pick the children up and return them to their parents. The school is run year-round. The Foundation offers funds to support a part-time teacher and donations of school supplies and other needed items are regularly donated.



Transitional School class pose with their crowns.

Rose Garden Contest

For 87 years our Portland Metro community has been participating in this FREE event that highlights the beauty of the rose by encouraging rose growers to enter the contest and be recognized for the fruits of their labor at their home and business gardens. On the day of the event, There are a variety of categories you can enter and there will be a awards ceremony in June for all who enter to celebrate the winning gardens and thank all who participated.



2023 Rose Garden Contest winners

Milk Carton Boat Race

Since 2016, the Royal Rosarians have hosted the FREE Milk Carton Boat Race on the fourth Sunday of June as part of the Rose Festival. This event highlights the creativity of our youth to build a boat and race it on the Westmoreland Park Casting Pond and have been happening since 1973. The much-beloved races had forty-two boats compete in the 2025 race, with lots of spectators to come to cheer them on.



2025 MCBR 2-person adult race

Rose Festival Foundation Support

- **Grand Floral float** – The Rosarian Foundation enters a large float every year honoring the Rose Festival court of fifty years prior.
- **Traveling float** – The Rosarian Foundation tours the NW Hosting festivals with a float through the summer, encouraging people to come and visit Portland.
- **Princess Travel and Outreach program** – The Foundation provides a grant to help cover the Rose Festival parade fifteen princesses' transportation and meal expenses as they travel throughout the Portland area doing charity appearances prior to the Festival..
- **Living History program** – Mayor Harry Lane, the mayor who named Portland the City of Roses, and part of the 2007 Centennial celebration, is still making visitations to his beloved City.



2024 Grand Floral Parade float with court of 1974.

Other programs supported through the Royal Rosarian organization

- **Sunshine Division** – The Royal Rosarians donate to the Sunshine Division at the Christmas Brunch and other events.
- **Toy & Joy Makers** - The Royal Rosarians donate to the Toy & Joymakers at the Christmas Brunch.
- **Queens' Garden Party** – As part of the Rose Festival Weekend activities, the Rosarians host a luncheon honoring all past Queens and princesses of Rosaria. The Foundation provides a grant to underwrite past Queens and the full 50 year court expenses. It is a special event for reunion of those who have been involved with the Rose Festival Queen program.
- **City of Portland Ambassadors of Goodwill** – The Rosarians represent the City of Portland at Airport Greetings and do Rose Planting ceremonies to honor people and events of note, as requested by the mayor, governor, and other agencies. The Rosarians also honor distinguished citizens of Portland and other places through their Newsmaker and Honorary Knighting events.



2007 Queen Grace Neal and Duke Bob Strader