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EVERYONE'S INVITED TO EXHIBIT THEIR BEST ROSE BLOOMERS AT THE 2009 WORLD ROSE SHOW

A Major Feature of the 2009 World Rose Festival

Vancouver, BC – The annual Vancouver Rose Society Rose Show is moving uptown for 2009, where it will be a major feature of the 2009 World Rose Festival, being held June 19 – 21, 2009 in the new West Wing of the Vancouver Convention and Exhibition Centre in Vancouver, BC.

Everyone is invited to enter roses. You do not have to be a member of a rose or garden society, or be registered for the World Rose Convention. There are eight classes of competition, including:

- The World Federation of Rose Societies' International Challenge classes
- The Canadian Rose Society's National Trophy classes
- The Vancouver Rose Society's Horticultural, Floral Art and Photography classes
- The American Rose Society's National Challenge Horticulture and Arrangement classes
- The Pacific Northwest District's Challenge classes.

Certain restrictions apply to the American Rose Society Challenge and the Pacific Northwest District Challenge classes.

The World Rose Show judges include world renowned rosarians Peter Elliott from New Zealand, past President of the New Zealand Rose Society; Glynis Hayne from Australia, President of the National Rose Society of Australia; Doreen Stanton, past President of the Canadian Rose Society; Dr. Patrick White, Vice President of the Canadian Rose Society; Margaret Macgregor from Australia, Vice President of the World Federation of Rose Societies – Australasia region; Claire Laberge, Lead Horticulturalist of the Rose Garden at the Montreal Botanical Garden; and Nita Bowen from the USA, Director of the American Rose Society.

There is no fee to exhibit roses for judging except for the ARS Challenge classes. Staging of Rose Show blooms will take place between 4:00 am – 9:30am on Friday, June 19, 2009. Judging commences at 10:00 am.

For exhibitors from outside of Canada, cut flowers do not require an import permit of phytosanitary certificate but they are subject to inspection at the first port of entry and must be free of pests and soil.

To register to be an exhibitor and for more information on the World Rose Show or the World Rose Festival, visit www.worldrosefestival.com or call 604-984-6449.

For more information on the 2009 World Rose Convention, visit www.worldrose-vancouver2009.com.

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