



## Lowcountry Master Gardener Association

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# ROSES WITHOUT PESTICIDES? YES!



One of the projects for which the LMGA provides leadership is the Rose Garden at Hilton Head Island High School. The garden is located behind the school.

On this 20th day of August, Master Gardener Becky Guin who is the Project Leader, has gathered a group of Master Gardeners and Master Gardener Interns to work on fertilizing the roses. The fertilizer used is organic, composed of alfalfa meal, bone meal, blood meal, cottonseed meal, epsom salts and 5-year-old composted horse manure. No pesticides are used; Becky is proud to demonstrate that roses can be grown here without the use of pesticides!

The group, Master Gardeners: Helen Abbott, Annemarie Kinsky, Rosemary Kratz, Christy Marsden, Carol Simmons and George Westerfield and Master Gardener Interns: Mim Jacobs and Jan Miskin began the morning by pulling back the mulch, checking for weeds at the same time. Once the mulch was pulled away, the fertilizer was spread on the open areas. The mulch was moved back over the fertilizer and the entire garden was watered. Rosemary Kratz summarized the work of the day when she said, "It's hard work but it's worth it!"

The lesson here is that roses can be grown here organically; visit the garden and see for yourself!



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Sometimes you have to kneel down to smell the roses!





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**Here is a "Before" Picture before the  
Master Gardens were involved**