

## Cynthia Brian's Mid-Month Reminders

- **ADD** better drainage to any potted plants you received as holiday gifts by removing the wrapping paper. Trim the spent blossoms, water deeply, and fertilize.
- **BRING** budding cymbidium orchids indoors to display.
- **PRUNE** all roses, crepe myrtles, and deciduous fruit trees by the end of the month.
- **BUY** bare-root rose bushes. Soak in water for a day before planting. Cut off any damaged or broken roots. Plant the bud union three inches above the ground.
- **TREAT** houseplants to a warm shower and shake. Indoor heat dries the roots, leaves, and fronds, especially those of ferns.
- **PICK** ripe and tangy naval oranges, Meyer lemons, tangelos and use the rest of your persimmons.
- **PERUSE** seed catalogues that are available now to determine what you want to plant in spring.



Cynthia Brian wears a hood for gardening in the cold.

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