

Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for February fun

TRAIN a climbing rose up an arch, arbor, obelisk, or wall to enjoy the strong fragrances of myrrh, tea, and fruit. For 15 percent off David Austin Roses use coupon code ULA before Feb. 24 at www.davidaustinroses.com.

PICK up all camellias that fall to the ground to eliminate disease to the mother plant.

CLEAN outdoor garden drains. When water flooded my patio it was because five gallons of mud was clogging two drains. The good news... lots of earthworms.

CUT a few branches from willows to experience the opening buds.

WATCH out for woodpeckers damaging your buildings.

BRING cymbidium orchids indoors to enjoy months of beautiful blooms.

PRUNE grapevines while the canes are dormant and brittle.

PROTECT citrus trees from freezing. If your trees are too large, pick the fruit before a freeze threatens.

PLACE a bouquet of blooms by your bedside for a better night's sleep.

PLANT your favorite summer blooming bulbs including pollinator magnets like dinner plate dahlias.

CROW at the clouds and scratch in the dirt. It's the year of the red fire chicken.

HIKE a trail that meanders through our beautiful creeks.

LAST chance to get your roses and vines pruned. My pruning is finally completed.

AGE your chicken manure before adding it to the garden. To tickle your imagination, Eartha Kitt raised her chickens in Beverly Hills!

EMAIL me when you need a consultation.

Happy Gardening and Happy Growing!



The branches of this budding creek willow look like cotton balls on sticks.



The last freeze damaged this orange tree.



A flowing creek and babbling brook are great places to hike or meditate.