

*Cynthia Brian's Gardening Guide for February*

## Roses are red

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*A magnificent rose garden of David Austin Thomas a Becket red, Scarborough Fair, Hyde Hall, Christopher Marlowe, Lady of Megginch, Ballerina with Treasure Trove, Graham Thomas, and Mortimer Sackler as climbers. Photos Cynthia Brian*

10. Encourage beneficial insects to visit your roses to keep diseases away. By mixing lavender, bulbs, and other pollinator attracting plants with your roses, you will have fewer pests to fight.

11. Prune in January or February and cut off faded blooms throughout the year to insure continuous flowering.

Although I have a collection of types and varieties of roses in my garden, since meeting senior rosarian of David Austin English Roses, Michael Marriott, English roses have become a favorite staple because of their resistance to disease, their beau-

tiful shapes, varied foliage, and unrivaled fragrance. Marriott will share his expertise about rose care and pruning from 4 to 5 p.m. Jan. 24 on my internationally broadcast radio show, StarStyle®-Be the Star You Are!®. Tune in live or to the archives at [www.voiceamerica.com/episode/104744/david-austin-roses-with-michael-marriott-and-growing-with-the-goddess-gardener](http://www.voiceamerica.com/episode/104744/david-austin-roses-with-michael-marriott-and-growing-with-the-goddess-gardener). Description, links and photos will be at [www.StarStyleRadio.com](http://www.StarStyleRadio.com).

These are abbreviated pruning instructions that Marriott shared with me for the best outcomes for your rose garden.

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