

Digging Deep with Goddess Gardener, Cynthia Brian

Prune, plan, and peruse



Roses for Valentine

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Although this month is not the time to plant annuals and perennials, it is the perfect time to plant any bare-root specimens including roses, berries and fruit trees. Check out the selection at your favorite nursery or garden center. Follow the directions on the packaging for soaking the roots, light pruning, digging the holes, and filling. By late spring most bare-rooted plants are established and flourishing.

Besides pruning and planting bare-root, February is a terrific



time to plan for all-season enjoyment and splendor. Recently a delivery was made by someone who hadn't been to my garden since the summer before the pandemic. His first comment to me was: "Your landscape is so beautiful and colorful ... it's like falling into a chapter of 'Alice in Wonderland.'" I expressed my thanks for his sweet compliment, although in my mind I was thinking "winter is the ugliest time of the year in my garden."

I decided to look at my yard through a different lens ... fresh eyes, as if returning from a vacation. Sometimes when we rarely leave our cocoon, we fail to recognize the evolution of the cycles of attraction.

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