Subject: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Black Bear on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 00:31:57 GMT
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Roses and more roses can be found here.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Julia on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 00:33:28 GMT
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Quote:
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Oh, and: " Yaay roses!" :)

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by GraceNotes on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 00:41:45 GMT
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Oh Robin's way with words is such a delight. Not to mention Peter's.
Foo trot indeed! LOL!
I'm rereading Spindle's End and was charmed by the phrase "...a wriggle of wedge-shaped stairs led down..." Having been blessed by a too brief time in England some years ago, that brings a vivid picture to my mind. It is a precise and perfect description. Thank you, Robin. I do hope you are feeling nearly a cheery as your blog entry today/tonight.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Julia on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 00:44:51 GMT
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GraceNotes wrote on Tue, 27 January 2009 19:41Oh Robin's way with words is such a delight. Not to mention Peter's.
Foo trot indeed! LOL!
Agreed. I just didn't express my admiration and such in quite as coherent a manner... but that is

what my "bwahaha. brilliant" was meant to convey. Good thing we have you around.

Quote: I do hope you are feeling nearly a cheery as your blog entry today/tonight.
Oh, yes, me too!

:)

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by jmeadows on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 01:05:28 GMT
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Yay rant!

I got nothin' else. (Mostly no brain.)

Fire bad. Tree Rose pretty.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Black Bear on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 02:25:17 GMT
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As Indianapolis is rapidly being buried under snow at the moment, reading a post nearly entirely about roses did my heart good (though I wouldn't know a Tipsy Imperial Concubine from a Drunken Street Harlot.)

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by b_twin_1 on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 03:40:19 GMT
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Black Bear wrote on Tue, 27 January 2009 21:25As Indianapolis is rapidly being buried under snow at the moment, reading a post nearly entirely about roses did my heart good (though I wouldn't know a Tipsy Imperial Concubine from a Drunken Street Harlot.)

Oh I'm sure you would. Tipsy Imperial Concubine smells better. ;)

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January

Posted by kfoster2047 on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 03:47:35 GMT
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Another author with roses - over a hundred but a much larger garden here. She also writes a blog but it's mainly about writing (as opposed to hellhounds and bell-ringing).

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Kathy_S on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 04:44:05 GMT
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The roses sound so fabulous! But then I sigh and remember that my sole survivor bit the dust last summer, between the black spot and cankers and Japanese beetles. I need roses that will bloom deliriously without constant intervention. No chemicals except against poison ivy, that's my rule. (That concession was necessary, as I seem to react if I'm anywhere within ten feet of the stuff.) Do such paragons of roses exist?

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by hedgehog on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 04:45:04 GMT
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Quote:
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[running, ducking, hiding]

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Diane in MN on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 06:25:22 GMT
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Black Bear wrote on Tue, 27 January 2009 20:25As Indianapolis is rapidly being buried under snow at the moment, reading a post nearly entirely about roses did my heart good (though I wouldn't know a Tipsy Imperial Concubine from a Drunken Street Harlot.)

This must be the storm that's coated parts of Oklahoma and Arkansas with ice up to three inches thick. Lots of snow is a drag, but not as bad as lots of ice. Good luck with it.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Diane in MN on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 06:31:32 GMT
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Kathy_S wrote on Tue, 27 January 2009 22:44The roses sound so fabulous! But then I sigh and remember that my sole survivor bit the dust last summer, between the black spot and cankers and Japanese beetles. I need roses that will bloom deliriously without constant intervention. No chemicals except against poison ivy, that's my rule. (That concession was necessary, as I seem to react if I'm anywhere within ten feet of the stuff.) Do such paragons of roses exist?

Have you looked into the hardy shrub roses? They are pest- and disease-resistant, and did very well for me (and I'm an organic gardener, except for poison ivy and a few other noxious weeds) before being shaded out. The Canadian Explorer series roses are very well spoken of, but I don't know if they'd like a colder climate than yours.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Diane in MN on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 06:37:34 GMT
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Fifty isn’t possible! Fifty isn’t possible! Not in this garden! And this isn’t even counting the Rose Hedge or the four bare-root ones that I did manage to get heeled in before winter happened . . . or, of course, the ten I ordered the other day

Well, as we know by now, you are just a teeny bit of an extremist about your enthusiasms . . .

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Fake Frenchie on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 09:39:36 GMT
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‘In the Damarian antipodes (maybe), the locals ride knagafoos, commonly known as foos. They move at various paces, the foogallop, the foocanter, and, of courser, the footrot. So you may need it one day.’

I love it. Peter is brilliant!

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by b_twin_1 on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 11:02:48 GMT
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Low to mid Fahrenheit 40s and crucially no wind.
Hey, change that F to a C and you have our weather..... :| Isn't Mother Nature amazing?! Oh yeah ... sooooo looking forward to autumn!!

Sunlight would be nice but we can’t have everything.
I tried to send some north. Obviously it got stuck somewhere about Dubai. Sorry. Will try again.

For all my rose mania and general plant greed I am a pathetically fair-weather gardener. I get cold really easily.
I don't like weeding. Or gardening in hot weather. Or.... ;) Glad to know I am not alone in my fair-weatherness. ;)

Possibly because there are over forty roses in the way . . . wait a minute . . . no, I’ve just counted again . . . I think it’s nearer fifty.
Yay! Well done!! :d (Although I think you missed that tinsy corner over there which still has some space....)

Roger Lambelin. I used to grow her.
Oh. Well that explains her little tanty fit with the rabbit-guard I selected for her (and which is now changed.) But she seems happy now. Fresh air and 40C temps .... :|

I Sniffed the Air like a hellhound suspecting the presence of rabbit, and said, that’s frost on its way.
Oooo ..... well done on frost detection skills. :d

And one thing leads to another . . .
It usually does.... ::sigh::

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Krystolla on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 14:00:22 GMT
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Thank you for the post on roses. It's snowing here, after a nice of freezing rain and I'm missing my roses.

Fifty roses in a small yard gives me hope, by the way. My plan was to have a garden with a few roses but it's rapidly turning into a rose garden with some other plants. I'm only up to 9, not even

double digits and three of those are micro-mini cinderella roses so they hardly count as full size.

So I should be able to fit in LOTS more roses, even without annexing my neighbors garden. :)

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Black Bear on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 14:38:50 GMT
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Kathy_S wrote on Tue, 27 January 2009 23:44The roses sound so fabulous! But then I sigh and remember that my sole survivor bit the dust last summer, between the black spot and cankers and Japanese beetles. I need roses that will bloom deliriously without constant intervention. No chemicals except against poison ivy, that's my rule. (That concession was necessary, as I seem to react if I'm anywhere within ten feet of the stuff.) Do such paragons of roses exist?

The only rose I know from a hole in the wall is Knockout, and that's because my first task as a zoo gardener was to plant dozens of them along the entry drive of the Indy zoo. It's a tough cookie, that's not a friendly spot (car exhaust, salt from the roads) and they weren't given a lot of attention other than watering and occasional deadheading when we had volunteers to spare. They've grown into a substantial hedge in 5 years, so they must like Indiana weather OK....

I'm with you on poison ivy. Nuke that stuff from orbit.

And yes, Diane, snow beats ice any day and twice on Sunday. :)

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Mrs Redboots on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 15:07:52 GMT
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Robin quotes Peter as saying:‘In the Damarian antipodes (maybe), the locals ride knagafoos, commonly known as foos. They move at various paces, the foogallop, the foocanter, and, of courser, the footrot. So you may need it one day.’

That is utterly brilliant. Peter at his best. But, alas, we know that in Damar they ride the most utterly gorgeous horses that ever were.....

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by shalea on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 15:29:56 GMT

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Black Bear wrote on Wed, 28 January 2009 09:38The only rose I know from a hole in the wall is Knockout, and that's because my first task as a zoo gardener was to plant dozens of them along the entry drive of the Indy zoo. It's a tough cookie, that's not a friendly spot (car exhaust, salt from the roads) and they weren't given a lot of attention other than watering and occasional deadheading when we had volunteers to spare. They've grown into a substantial hedge in 5 years, so they must like Indiana weather OK....

Oooo, those were your doing? They're very pretty!

Quote:I'm with you on poison ivy. Nuke that stuff from orbit.

I did try non-chemical means to remove a patch of poison ivy back when I wasn't allergic, but as that ended Very Badly, my husband's one outdoor task has become killing the nasty stuff and it's the one thing for which we actually use poison.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Susan from Athens on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 22:27:49 GMT
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‘In the Damarian antipodes (maybe), the locals ride knagafoos, commonly known as foos. They move at various paces, the foogallop, the foocanter, and, of courser, the footrot. So you may need it one day.’

So would foo-dies be those who ride around ever vigilant about what others eat, possibly battling the fad-ies and the fatt-ies? And would those who are angry be foo-rious; those that are particularly recalcitrant beasts en-foo-riating; and those given to practical jokes known to be foo-ling around?

ducks and flees

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by AJLR on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 22:43:03 GMT
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There, there, Susan. :pats Susan soothingly: That translation will soon be done... :)

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Susan from Athens on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 22:55:47 GMT
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AJLR wrote on Thu, 29 January 2009 00:43There, there, Susan. :pats Susan soothingly: That translation will soon be done... :)
sobs how did you know? Are the ragged edges showing? ***sobs some more***

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by jmeadows on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 23:29:46 GMT
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Susan from Athens wrote on Wed, 28 January 2009 17:55AJLR wrote on Thu, 29 January 2009 00:43There, there, Susan. :pats Susan soothingly: That translation will soon be done... :)
sobs how did you know? Are the ragged edges showing? ***sobs some more***

Psychic link to me. She just knows things.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by AJLR on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 23:33:24 GMT
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This seems an appropriate moment for a 'Mwahahaha! :)

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by kolokolchiki on Wed, 28 Jan 2009 23:38:30 GMT
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Robin hath written ---
I get cold really easily.** Except, of course, when I get too hot. I frequently don’t like July either.----

Me, too! When I moved to Michigan (from Long Island, via Scranton, PA, Washington, DC, and Moscow, Russia), I was mentally prepared for cold winters. One can always put on more clothes and get closer to the fire place, after all. I was not prepared for rather hot, excruciatingly humid summers. One can only strip down so far, you know?

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Susan from Athens on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 00:00:42 GMT
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AJLR wrote on Thu, 29 January 2009 01:33This seems an appropriate moment for a 'Mwahahaha! :)

shivers at secret powers of moderator Awed and cowed in one, but still exhausted and brain numb. Would love to be sniffing gardenias right now myself, although my hibiscus is flowering outdoors, where it is a full-sized shrub and snapdragons are dancing in the wind.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by GraceNotes on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 00:22:35 GMT
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Julia, I found your "bwahaha" quite expressive of my own reaction. Thank you for your kind words.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by GraceNotes on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 00:28:04 GMT
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kolokolchiki wrote on Wed, 28 January 2009 18:38]
One can only strip down so far, you know?

My opinion exactly! I've said the same many a time.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Robin on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 01:27:36 GMT
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YES. Some 'species' roses, and rugosas, for example. FIND A LOCAL NURSERY AND ASK ADVICE.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by kfoster2047 on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 01:44:17 GMT
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Right there with you! I love gardening in the spring - and then it gets hot and I start hiding inside my comfy air-conditioned house (with my back turned to the garden where the few plants that are still alive are looking longingly into my windows.)

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Kathy_S on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 02:09:23 GMT
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Thank you, everyone, for all the rose advice. A fine thing to contemplate with all that snow outside. :)

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Krystolla on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 13:43:04 GMT
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Kathy_S wrote on Tue, 27 January 2009 23:44I need roses that will bloom deliriously without constant intervention.

Look for Moore's Striped Rugosa, you'll probably need to special order it though. The rugosa heritage laughs at black spot, does fine in poor soil and shrugs off the Japanese beetles. (The beetles seem to prefer my oakleaf hydrangea.) Unlike most rugosas it stays reasonably sized and puts out blooms all year.

Plus, it's striped. Every petal is it's own masterpiece.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by Robin on Thu, 29 Jan 2009 23:44:54 GMT
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There are several rugosas that do not get huge. But I repeat ASK A LOCAL NURSERY for advice.

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by scosborne on Fri, 30 Jan 2009 14:08:10 GMT
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There are several rugosas that do not get huge. But I repeat ASK A LOCAL NURSERY for advice.

I'm flashing back to my time working at a local garden centre. It was always a couple, starry-eyed with buying their first house and planting plants, who had clearly gone straight to the rose section and picked the most vigorous-looking rose there (also, two pyramid cedars and a spirea). Naturally, said rose was a rugosa, so I always asked them, guardedly, "Oh, did anyone help you in the yard today?" If they said yes, I left it at that, and if they said no, I added, "rugosas are lovely, aren't they? So perfect as a hedging plant, they get so big and thorny..."

I knew they were planning a rose for that little 4-foot oval bed smack dab in the middle of their front yard - they needed to be warned it would take over their entire lawn!

Subject: Re: Rose Contemplation in January
Posted by skating librarian on Sat, 31 Jan 2009 00:58:20 GMT
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http://northcreekfarm.org/

This is a great source for Rugosa roses if you live in the Northeast U.S. or the Maritimes. Suzanne literally wrote the book on rugosas, and she had short ones and gives descriptions which include here experience growing them in Phippsburg, Maine.

Phippsburg is just a few miles up the coast from Brunswick (one of Robin's old haunts) and North Creek Farm makes a great outing for gardeners. It's not huge, but cozy, with a dog, cat, and chickens and a garden an ordinary person could aspire to. Of course she does mail order too, and has plenty of short rugosas.