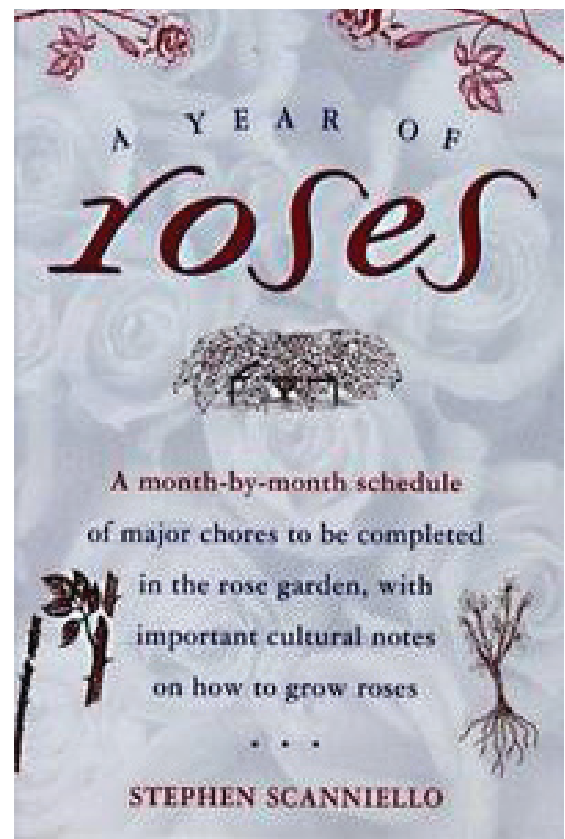


A few Roses

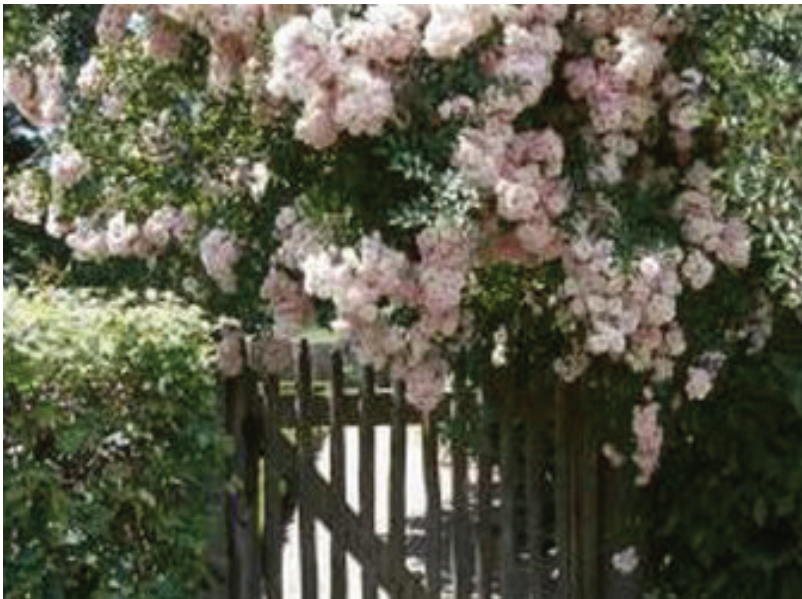
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I grow a few roses, climbers and old shrubs mostly, and I have always waited until March to do what pruning is needed. Along comes Stephen Scanniello's new book, 'A Year of Roses'. The rosarian for the Brooklyn Botanical Garden now tells me I can do this much earlier. As I have already followed him down the banana path (a skin per hole) I got out my saw and pruning gear one warmish February day and went to work on 'New Dawn'. Getting things done early will certainly make the spring rush less hectic. I am also going to follow his advice and use a 10-6-4 organic lawn fertilizer (1/4 cup per rose) after pruning. He has no solution for my rabbit and vole problem, but Mr. Scanniello is quoted as saying his mother swears that garlic powder sprinkled on the ground kept deer away from her roses. (Try it! How offensive can that be?) If you grow roses this is a must book for your reading!

Joan Sargent, a longtime member and master gardener who passed away in August 2012; wrote about 30 gardening columns for NCBL through the years for our newsletter. We are reprinting them again.



This book can still be found-- on amazon, etc.



New Dawn climbing roses.
A double-flowered blush pink with bright yellow stamens that is free flowering and sweetly fragrant and reblooms persistently deep into fall. ... Shrub Roses bloom for months, rather than weeks, in addition to their ever-appealing hardiness and longevity.

