

PRUNING ROSES

▶ 2019 ARS MINI
NATIONAL
CONVENTION



NOT GOING TO DISCUSS

- ▶ RULES
- ▶ 45 DEGREE ANGLES
- ▶ OUTWARD POINTING BUDS
- ▶ $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{3}$ "
- ▶ #2 PENCILS
- ▶ CRISS-CROSSING CANES
- ▶ ELIMINATING DEAD CANES



PRUNING ROSES SAFELY

ARS NATIONAL MINI CONVENTION,
2019

Santa Clarita News Letter

.ANNE BRONTE

▶ He that dares not grasp the thorn
SHOULD NEVER CRAVE THE ROSE

Quote appeared in Ms. Belendes's newsletter, Rose Ecstasy, Santa Clarita
Rose Society

Getting Stuck By Thorns

- ▶ Has become an accepted fact of life
- ▶ Matter of pride
- ▶ Shows Bravery



Many Facebook Posts

- ▶ Pruned 68 bushes this weekend.
- ▶ Here is a picture of the victorious brave warrior
- ▶ My Brave Husband, My Hero

Acceptance of Rose Thorn TRAUMA

- ▶ As a fact of life
- ▶ If you want to grow roses, be brave enough to get stuck by thorns!
- ▶ A very wrong message to send to prospective new rose growers

Wrong Message

- ▶ Rose Growing is a very Complex Process
- ▶ Lot of Trouble
- ▶ Terrible fungal diseases
- ▶ Terrible pests, such as Aphids, Bud Worms, JAPANESE BEETLES! Deer!
- ▶ Get hurt by hot sun, Freezing weather, No rain, too much rain
- ▶ And yes, did I tell you the thorns will attack you relentlessly and kill you!

Protest What Anne Bronte Said

- ▶ It is like telling your child, if you want to ride a bicycle, you have to be prepared to fall, REPEATEDLY
- ▶ It is part of riding a bicycle
- ▶ I want to say, “Learn to ride a bicycle, so that you will not fall again. Let me help you learn!”

ANNE BRONTE

- ▶ Who is she?
- ▶ What did she say?
- ▶ What did she mean?
- ▶ Should I call her or send an
- ▶ e-mail in protest?

ANNE BRONTE

- ▶ Famous English writer
- ▶ Wrote nice prose and poetry
- ▶ She lived in the 19th century and died in 1837
- ▶ This quote was from her famous poem “The Narrow Pathway”

is the gate,
narrow is the
way,
which leadeth
unto life, and few
there be that find
it."
Matthew 7:14 -

The Narrow Way-by Anne Bronte

"Strait is the gate,
and narrow is the
way,
which leadeth
unto life, and few
there be that find
it."

~ Matthew 7:14 ~

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The Narrow Way

Anne Bronte- 1820-1849

Believe not those who say
The upward path is smooth,

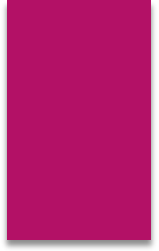
Bright hopes and pure delights
Upon his course may beam,
And there, amid the sternest
heights
The sweetest flowerets gleam.

On all her breezes borne,
Earth yields no scents like
those;
But he that dares not grasp the
thorn
Should never crave the rose

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Lest thou shouldst stumble in
the way,
And faint before the truth.

It is the only road
Unto the realms of joy;
But he who seeks that blest
abode
Must all his powers employ.

Bright hopes and pure delights
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The Narrow Way by Anne Bronte

- ▶ Spoke of difficulties and obstacles a spiritual seeker may face on his journey upwards along the spiritual path as he seeks to find the higher spirit or God!
- ▶ Had nothing to do with growing roses or the thorns!
- ▶ Google and see what comes up!

Growing Roses= Getting Stuck by Thorns

- ▶ This has been conceptually accepted as a fact of life of a rosarian.
- ▶ We are all responsible for that!
- ▶ Let us change that!!
- ▶ You can grow and handle roses without getting stuck by thorns!

THORN CLINIC

▶ MONDAY MORNING



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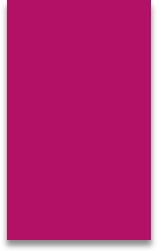
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Bullet Proof AND ROSE THORNS PROOF



HOW NOT TO GET STUCK BY THORNS

- ▶ Thorns do not attack rosarians
- ▶ Rosarians attack thorns







AVOID GETTING STUCK

APPROACH THORNS
FROM ABOVE GOING
DOWNWARDS
NEVER GO UPWARDS
TOWARDS THE THORNS

HOW TO AVOID GETTING STUCK

- ▶ CUT SMALL PARTS EACH TIME
- ▶ CUT FROM OUTSIDE TO INSIDE
- ▶ CUT FROM TOP TO BOTTOM
- ▶ START CLEARING THE CENTER ONLY AFTER REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE BUSH



LOPPERS

GATHERING PRUNED WASTE

- ▶ PLACE EACH STEM AND CANE DIRECTLY INTO WHEEL BARROW
- ▶ NEVER DROP CUTTINGS ON THE GROUND
- ▶ DON'T GIVE THE THORNS A SECOND OPPORTUNITY OR MORE ENCOUNTERS TO STICK YOU!

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FRISKAR PRUNING STICK





WHEN EXACTLY TO PRUNE?

- ▶ EARLY WINTER - ANY TIME AFTER FOLIAGE FALLS OFF
- ▶ EARLY SPRING-BEFORE DORMANCY BREAKS
- ▶ NEW GROWTH CONSUMES A LOT OF STORED ENERGY
- ▶ DO NOT WAIT FOR FORCYTHIA TO BLOOM OR ANYTHING ELSE!

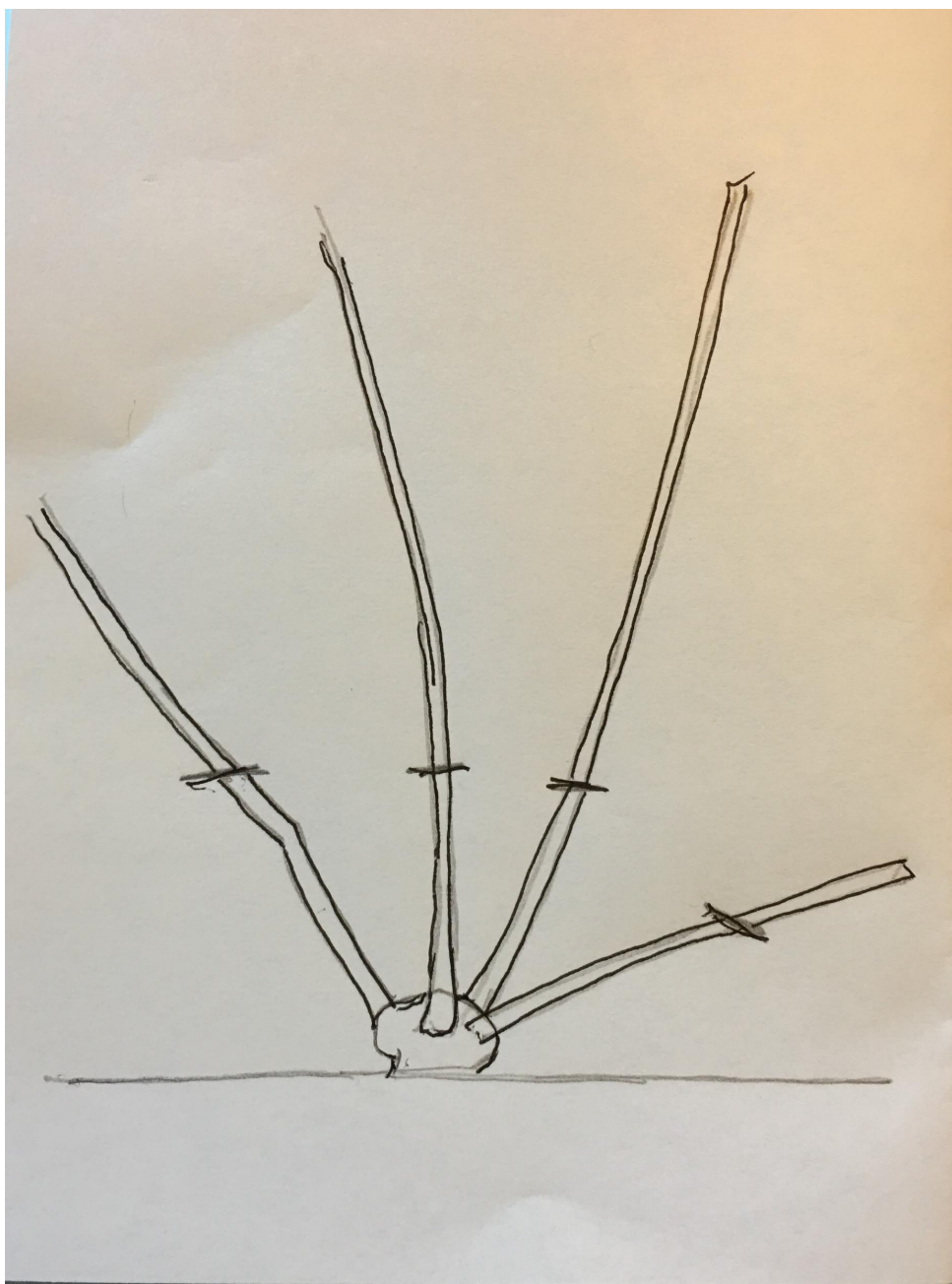


HOW TO AVOID PRUNING SHOCK

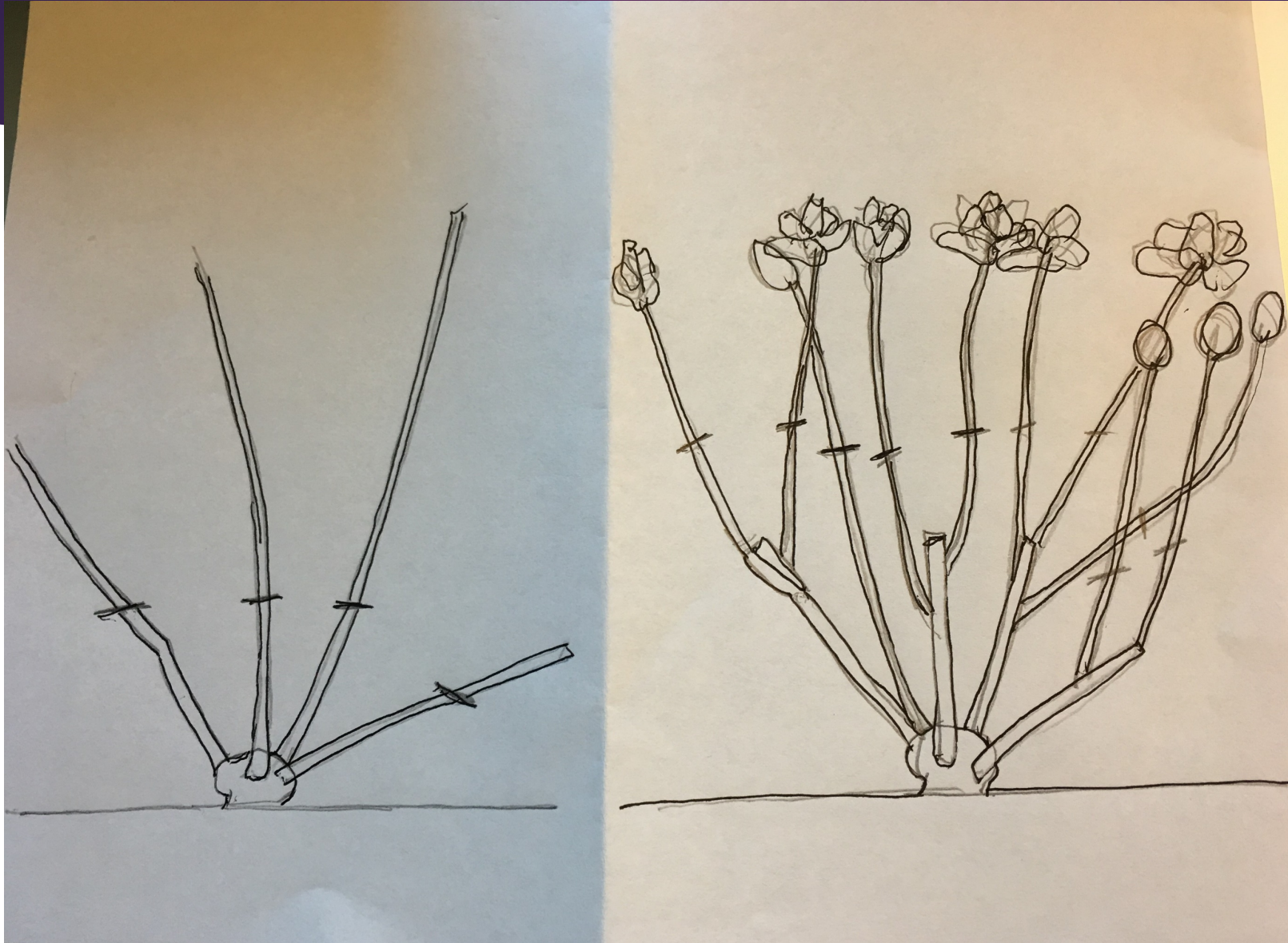
- ▶ WHEN DO PLANTS GO INTO PRUNING SHOCK?
- ▶ AFTER PRUNING IN THE SUMMER FOR FALL SHOWS
- ▶ WHAT CAUSES SHOCK?
- ▶ LOSS OF FOLIAGE

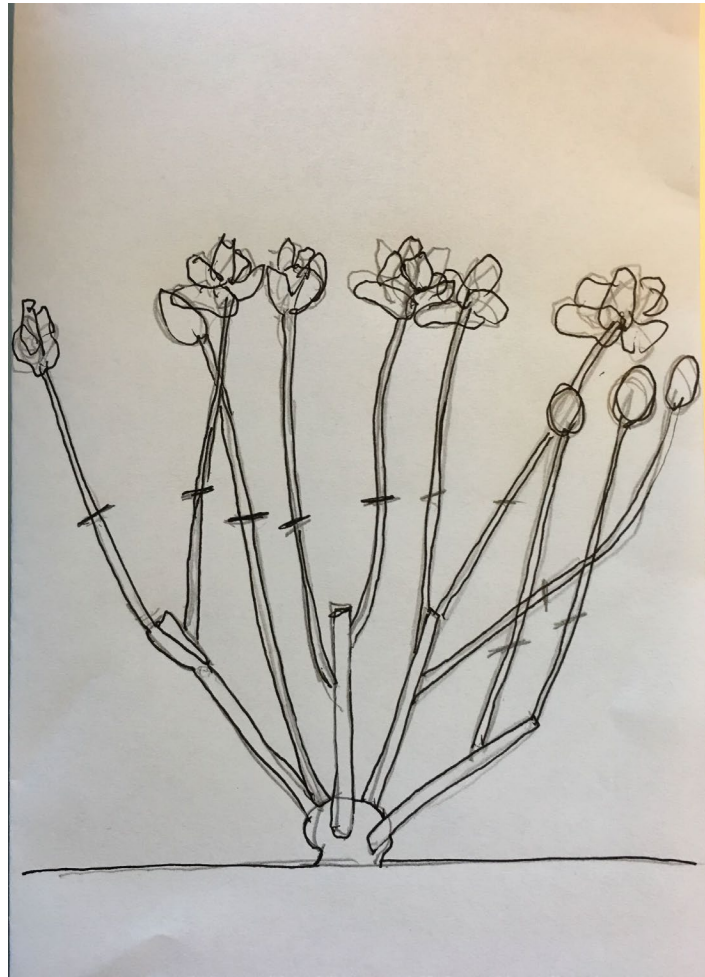
HOW TO AVOID PRUNING SHOCK

- ▶ MINIMIZE FOLIAGE LOSS
- ▶ CUT NO MORE THAN A THIRD OFF
- ▶ DO NOT CUT BEYOND THE LATEST BLOOMED STEM



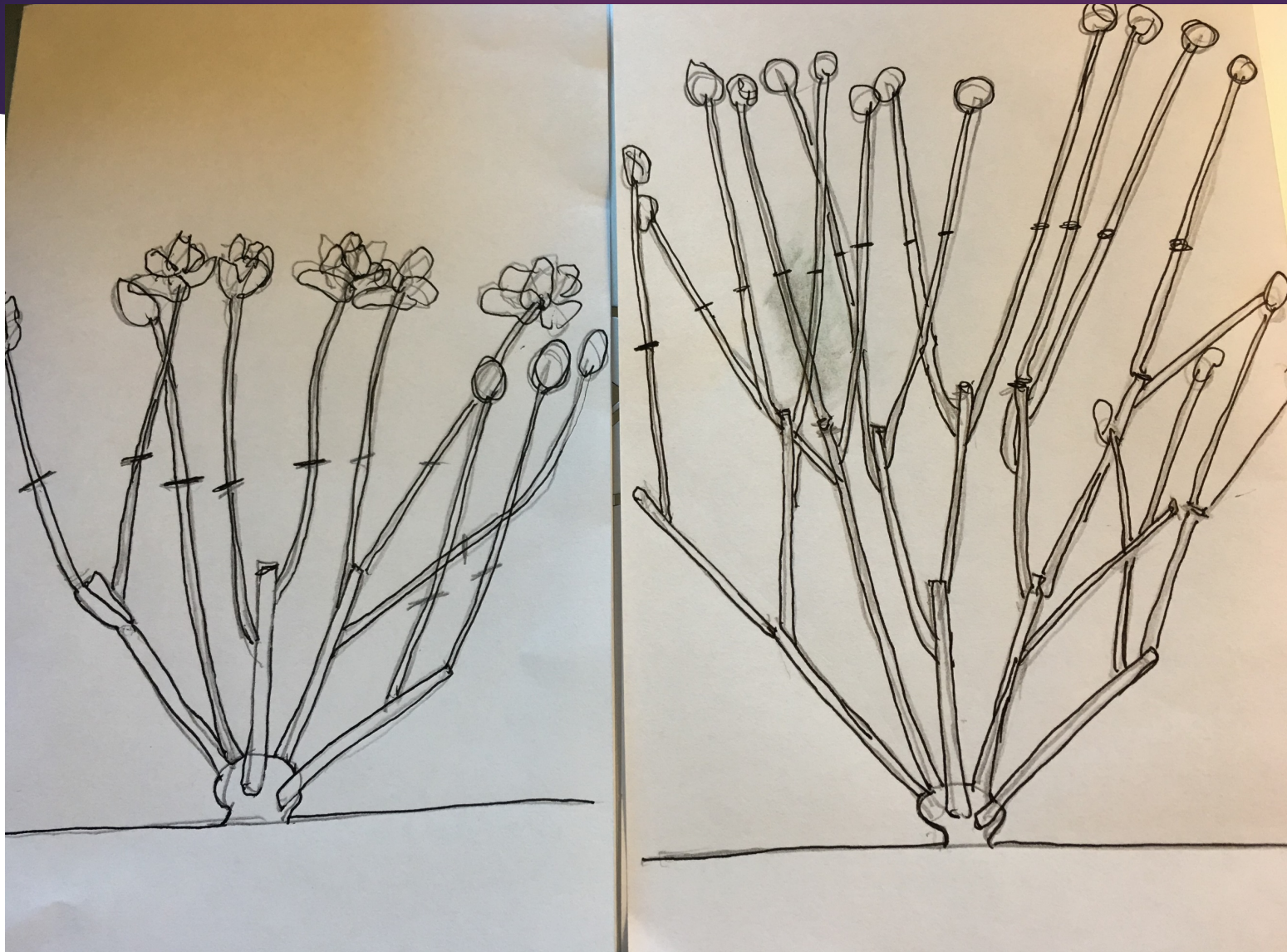
First Blooming Cycle

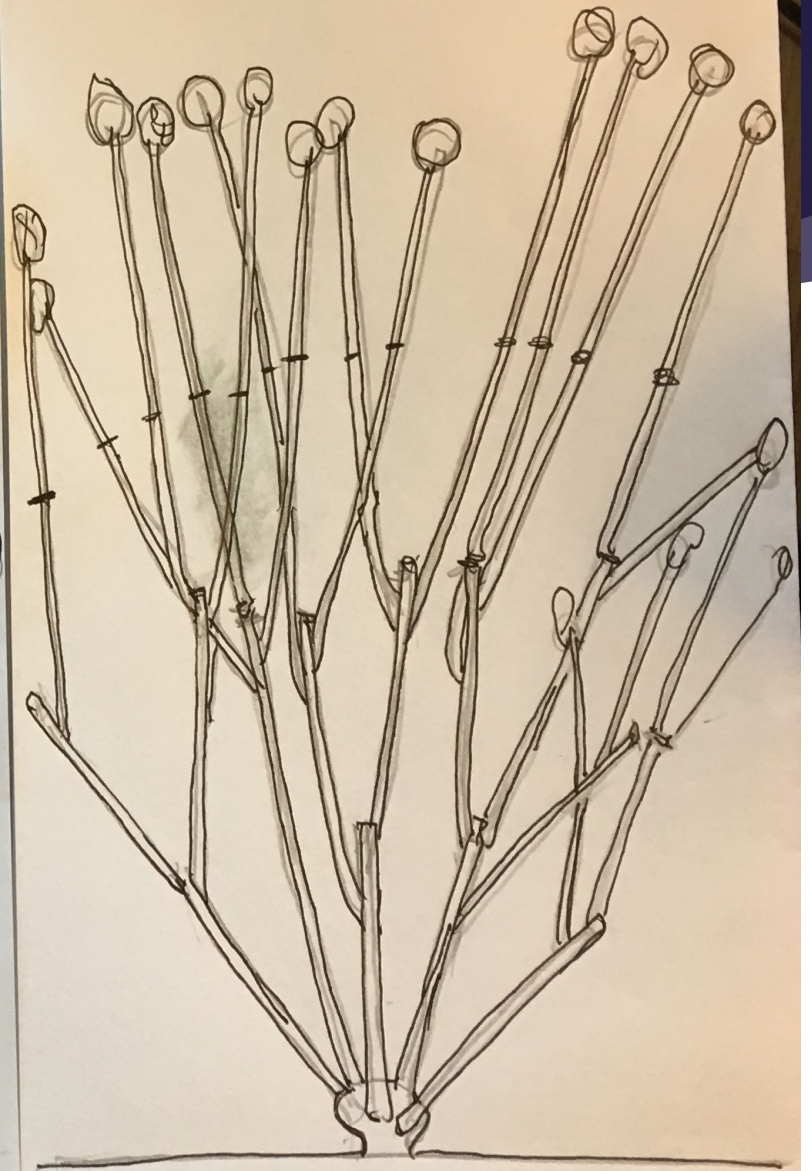
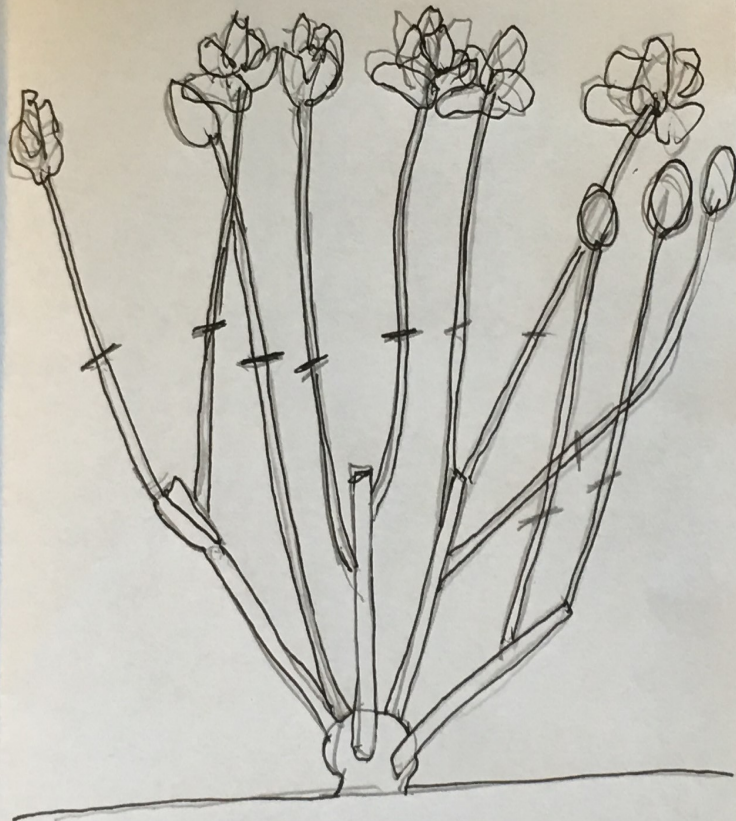
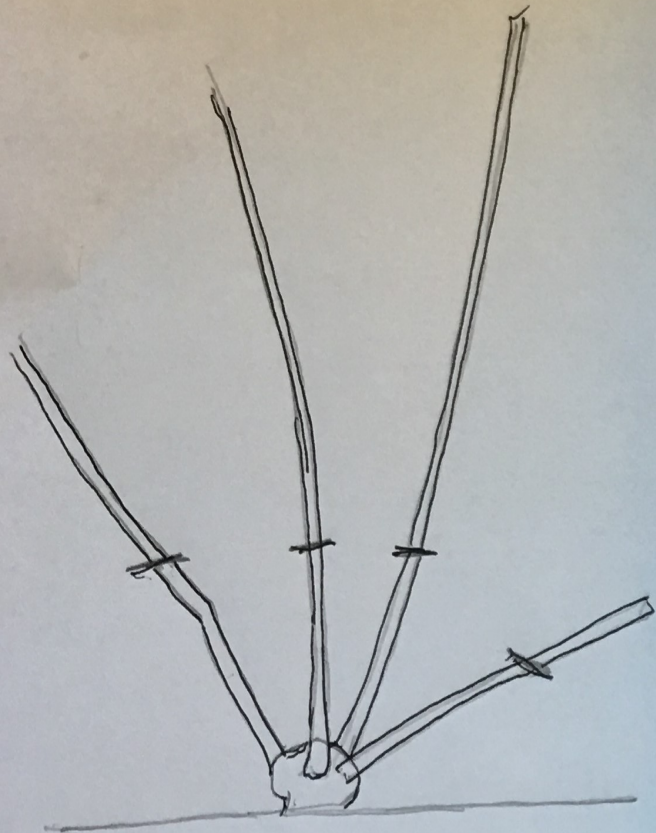




SECOND BLOOMING CYCLE

FALL PRUNING





BANANA TREE

- ▶ WHY BANANA TREE?
- ▶ WHY IS THIS NOT PRODUCING BANANAS?
- ▶ NEED 18 FULL LEAVES TO PRODUCE A BUNCH





MATURING PROCESS FOR PLANTS

- ▶ TOMATOES
- ▶ PEPPERS
- ▶ WON'T PRODUCE UNTIL THEY MATURE!
- ▶ BUILDING FOOD-MANUFACTURING FACTORIES
- ▶ FOLIAGE BUILDING!

SACRIFICING FLOWER BUDS

- ▶ 50 -60% BUDS ARE SACRIFICED
- ▶ NOT SPOKEN OF VERY MUCH!
- ▶ ENERGY IS RE-DIRECTED TO REMAINING BUDS
- ▶ CAN'T ALWAYS PREDICT WHICH BUDS ARE GOING TO BLOOM TO BECOME QUEENS!

Take home message

- ▶ BE MINDFUL OF THORNS
- ▶ CAN GROW ROSES WITHOUT GETTING STUCK
- ▶ GETTING STUCK BY THORNS IS NOT AN ESSENTIAL PART OF GROWING ROSES