



Shiny red anthuriums are terrific as houseplants and arrangements.

How could I choose a favorite child? Impossible.

January is not so much a month for planting but for planning. When it's cold and wet outside, sit by the fireplace with a cup of hot tea, garden catalogues, and a garden book (consider my book, "Growing with the Goddess Gardener" filled with 24 months of colorful photos, tips, tales, and tricks available at <http://www.CynthiaBrian.com/online-store>). Peruse the pages, dog-ear the corners, and get out your yellow marker to circle flora that calls to you. Make a dream board of your favorite specimens and a list of names. Make sure to include succulents as droughts



A bouquet of pink oriental lilies add cheerfulness to any winter room.

will become the norm. When spring rolls around, visit your favorite nursery or garden center to see these plants in person and ask the garden professional plenty of questions. Your garden needs to be a reflection of you. What are you drawn to? Let your eyes, heart, and knowledge of your specific soil and microclimate make the decisions. Buy healthy seeds, plants and trees from reputable retailers. Remember you will reap what you sow!

Happy Gardening! Happy Growing!