Desert Rose

Today on Gardening in a Minute: desert rose.

The desert rose is a succulent plant that produces beautiful blooms with relatively little care, making it a favorite of many gardeners.

During the summer months, desert rose produces dozens of trumpet-shaped flowers in shades of pink, rose, or white.

Since desert rose is sensitive to temperatures below 40 degrees, it’s usually grown in containers that can be brought inside when temperatures drop.

Like many succulents, desert rose needs conditions that are bright, warm, and dry. Take care not to overwater, since overwatering can lead to root rot.

Over time, your desert rose can reach four or five feet tall and the lower portion of the trunk will widen and swell. This interesting growth habit makes it look like a natural bonsai.

For more information about desert rose and many other gardening topics, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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