obtain air, the neutralizing effect of lime on the acidic clay soil is finally curing the malady. Flowers on my tree last spring were a light yellow, albeit not quite as yellow as when it was planted. Hopefully, continued liming will produce a full recovery of the patient.

If you have a similar problem with your prized showpiece, I strongly recommend a prescription of lime. Why settle for a plain white sauce on your asparagus when you can savor Hollandaise? 🍳

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Two flowers of Magnolia campbellii 'Strybing Pink' taken by Strybing Arboretum personnel in San Francisco, California.