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## COOL DOWN WITH WATER FEATURES

It is July, so for those who do not have the cooling sight and sound of flowing water in their garden retreat, it is a good time to add a fountain. 'Fountain' is derived from the Latin word fontis, meaning a spring.



Glazed terra cotta jars adapted to be fountains are popular water features that add colorful style to patios and gardens. With the brilliant color of ocean water and rhythmic splashing sound, a simple

cobalt blue jar fountain (above) can transport you to a vacation getaway just outside your door.

Amid lush, leafy plants or near a stone backdrop, a fountain creates its own soothing microclimate reminiscent of a mossy grotto. Flowing water adds a sensory experience and depth to the garden.

The sight and sound of gently splashing water is serene and calming; indeed it has been said that this tranquilizing influence can help lower blood pressure.



The presence of water flowing over a beautiful ceramic surface makes the observer want to linger to soak in the beautiful, peaceful



ambiance. Water is the key element to the life of a garden. Moving water attracts all creatures of nature, especially birds, making the garden all the more alive and friendly. Butterflies could also find a shallow drinking spot

from any excess water splashed out onto the ground by birds

A little forethought can make owning a fountain an easy experience. Consider which style might look the best with that of your home. Look at its potential location from inside your home. It should be centered and visible from at least one area where you spend time or will entertain guests.

Splashing water seizes attention and enhances a garden's aura of seclusion by drowning out noise with its own pleasant sound. A walled garden with a fountain becomes a sanctuary. Your very own cool, green sanctuary is here within your reach, waiting for you to enjoy!



## SETTING A SUMMER TABLE

The Fourth of July is a great occasion to entertain using the fashionable and very practical melamine dinnerware. Plates, bowls, and large serving pieces



in red, white, and blue will provide the finishing touches to your patriotic décor.

Colorful oil cloth tablecloths make summer entertaining more festive. Tablecloths are available in yellow, red, pink, orange, purple, blue, and green in round or rectangular picnic sizes. They can be easily wiped clean making them ideal for outdoor use.



These pretty oil lamps hand made by potter Mike Paluska will cast a soft light in the center of your



table. Oil lamps are available in assorted colors.

## THIS MONTH IN THE STORE



A whimsical chandelier with the look of nature is great for adding loads of charm to any outdoor area. The chandelier pictured features a small version and a large model combined together.

Some hummingbirds will be starting their return migration in



July. Make sure that you help them by providing feeders and fresh nectar. We have a new shipment of hanging feeders and feeders on stakes.

Our nectar carafes hold a large recipe of nectar in the refrigerator for up to two weeks. The pretty hand-blown glass carafes have an embossed hummingbird motif. Each comes with a nectar recipe.



## USE THESE COOL TOOLS



By now annuals and perennials have had a strong growth phase and most likely need to be dead-headed and lightly pruned to encourage further blooming. A pair of Joyce Chen garden scissors makes deadheading and light pruning much more effective and pleasurable. Our customers tell us how much they like these scissors! They are our favorites.

garden tool from Korea with a specially designed 7" steel blade is great for all purpose digging. The curvature of the pointed blade allows soil to be thrown to the side like a plow which makes it easy to dig holes and trenches. The edges of the blade are used to level, mound, loosen soil, and cover seeds. Our customers tell us that they enjoy using this tool.



The heirloom hand-forged



Made in England, the hand rake is invaluable for cleaning debris from between annuals and perennials or in tight places beneath shrubs. Because it is only 4"-5" wide and has narrow tines, it spares tender leaves while gathering clippings and dead leaves from the flower border. This tool is a favorite, one that a gardener can use every time she is in the garden.

The hand-forged Dutch hand hoe (for lefties or righties) is another favorite. Crafted to yield great strength, it is easily sharpened to keep it slicing through weeds and roots.



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Thank you for your consideration!

## JULY 2008 TO DO LIST

- Play it by ear.
- Keep deadheading.
- Replenish mulch.
- Side dress with compost for mid-season pick up.
- Water deeply.
- Pinch back fall blooming Mums, Asters, Monardia.
- Keep grass 3" high to protect from heat.
- Keep bird baths full of clean water.

## EXTERIOR DECORATING

Give yourself (or someone else) a garden retreat, or update an existing one. Wilshire Garden Market provides an exterior decorating consultation service. By appointment, for a nominal fee, we will make a consultation visit followed by written suggestions to make your garden retreat more charming, cohesive, and useful. Call the store for details or to set up an appointment.



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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