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WHICH FOUNTAIN WHERE?

Summer makes gardeners and homeowners wish for cooler temperatures or at least ways to surround themselves with devices such as fountains that make them think cooler. This is not a new concept; the ancient Egyptians used fountains lined with decorative trees extensively in their formal gardens. Shade trees irrigated by the fountains provided respite from the hot summer sun

Fountains, such as these at Longwood Gardens in Pennsylvania, harmonize water and fulfill aesthetic



purposes. It is amazing that designers are able to take a dry, solid monument and transform it into a vibrantly wet and changing work of art that people can use as a pleasurable garden amenity.

Humans need the existence of water to live and crave seeing fountains, hearing running or cascading water; touching it brings pleasure, spiritual satisfaction, reflection and wonder. Perhaps Juame Plenso, the designer of the Crown Fountain in Millennium Park, Chicago, most aptly described how humans feel about fountains when he said of his creation, "A fountain is the memory of nature, this marvelous sound of a little river in the mountains translated to the city. For me, a fountain doesn't mean a big jet of water; it means humidity, the origin of life".

When considering a fountain purchase, people ask "What do I need"? All you need is a grounded elec-

trical outlet; the water recirculates. Given the diverse sizes and shapes of fountains and the potential areas in which to place them, how does a person begin to make a decision?



Think of how a fountain will be used, will its primary appeal be visual or auditory. A fountain can be small enough to fit in the corner of a shady condominium patio amid a collection of ferns and tropicals. They are available in many finishes

from light moss to aged stone, allowing them to complement a variety of situations.

Perhaps a fountain is needed to fit into a special spot in a garden bed near a small tree or among a grouping of small overhanging shrubs. It can serve as a bird bath as well as a fountain. It can be piped from the sprinkler system to fill automatically.



Always remember to consider the view of a fountain from indoors. A fountain visible from an important room in the home will probably require a fountain with height and formality. The elegant classic styles of the past remain popular, with cleaner and simpler lines. If

still water pleases you, moving water will even more. Create your cool oasis, your place to retreat.

GREAT FATHER'S DAY GIFTS

Find wonderful gifts for the Father in your life at Wilshire Garden Market.

Turn rainfall into something even more special, graceful, and poetic with a copper rain chain in one of several styles. Attach to the gutter spout with a gutter clip (included) on



the house as shown and collect rain water in a rain barrel or pot if desired.



Continuing in the copper theme, 60" copper torches create a romantic mood with usefulness and practicality. The fibreglass wick never burns away, and filled with citronella, the torches will help keep away mosquitoes.

Tools are always useful and a pair of Felco pruners



makes work easier, even pleasant according to our customers. Everyone who gets a pair of Felcos swears by them. They have awesome precision and quality that you can feel. It is the only pair of pruners that you will ever need, because you can get replacement parts.

Other quality tools include the Korean weeder, the hand forged perennial shovel, and the incredible soil knife.



All of the men who visit the store linger in front of the weather instrument display. These high quality thermometers, rain gauges, and clocks are made for outdoors and have a lifetime guarantee.



Many men are addicted to our French soaps, using it every day and trying new scents frequently. The extra fragrant honey, lavender, milk, pineapple, and the round sports soaps are among the favorites.



Add peace to Dad's life with a perfectly tuned wind chime. Each time the breezes blow, a peaceful random note will soothe. Each set of wind chimes is expertly tuned with a musical theme in mind such as Beethoven, Mozart, Chimes of Bali, or Gregorian Alto.



Give Dad a soft and comfy swing to hang in his favorite tree or under a sturdy arbor. Dad won't mind too much if you use it as well. The swings and pillows are made of durable polyester. The covers of the pillows zip off for laundering.

Other great gifts include beautiful green glass and brass bird feeders, frog statues, durable terra cotta toad houses made by our potter Mike Paluska, iron cross stakes for the garden, beautiful slag glass stakes for the garden, gloves, bird baths, trellises, rose domes, and more!

ROSE IS THE FLOWER OF THE MONTH



The rose is the symbol for love. The red rose symbolizes love, respect, and courage. It is the most popular Valentine's Day flower.

The pink rose symbolizes grace and perfect happiness. Dark pink symbolizes gratitude; light pink, admiration and sympathy.



Innocence, purity, secrecy, and humility are symbolized by white roses.

Friendship, undying love, and platonic love are symbolized by the yellow rose.



Passion and desire are symbolized by orange roses. Blue or lavender roses symbolize mystery and the extraordinary.

Most roses produce a sweet fragrance; the petals can be steamed and distilled into perfumes. The rose is the national flower of England.

JUNE 2007 TO DO LIST

- Keep new plants watered.
- Check mulch.
- Side dress with compost for mid-season pick up.
- Check foliage for nutrient deficiencies.
- Put houseplants outdoors in the shade.
- Keep deadheading for long season bloom
- Pinch back fall blooming Mums, Asters, Monardia.
- Stake tomato plants.
- Maintenance trims on wisteria.

SEMINAR SERIES 2007

These seminars begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at noon, with time for questions at the conclusion. The fee is \$10 per person; seating is somewhat limited, so call now to reserve a space. Door prizes are given at each seminar. Please join us!

Sat., June 16 Linda Vater Oklahoma Summer Color

You can get interesting garden information by watching Linda Vater's garden segments on KFOR-TV 4:45 Friday News with Linda Cavanaugh.

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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GREAT GIFT GUIDE

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