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COLORFUL, COMFORTABLE OUTDOOR LIVING STYLE

Outdoor living and outdoor entertaining has become a national past time of huge proportions. Even if you do not have an outdoor kitchen, living room, and bedroom, everyone has common desires when it comes to using outdoor garden spaces for relaxing with family or entertaining. We are not yet a nation of mature gardeners; we are at an awkward teenage stage says garden designer John Greenlee of California "We may warm to the idea of outdoor rooms, but where to start?"

Everyone has different tastes in decorating inside the home, and the same is true of the outside. The outside is a *big* room and it seems to stymie people. They may be at home with decorating their interiors, but they have difficulty in relating those principles to the exterior.



Think of how your area will most often be used. Do you entertain outdoors frequently? An outdoor dining room might be a nice addition. Do you want a peaceful place to read

or relax, or do you want a lively, sensory place with lots of splashing water and delightful scents?

The use of color is a key element. One gardening expert changes the color scheme of her patio furniture and plantings every year. Although that is a little extreme for most, realize that you can change the color of your furniture. If your furniture is green metal, and you want to paint it orange or baby blue, just do it!



Creativity and individuality makes a garden and entertainment area interesting. It is fun to experiment with color combinations. Find an illustration of a color wheel and have it at hand when making color decisions. The repetition of color or "color echoes" in fabrics, paint, and plants can create a garden retreat that is "pulled together".

For best results, keep the color scheme simple by staying with two or three colors. Start with your favorite color on the color wheel. Choose either a complementary color (directly opposite on the color wheel) such as blue and chartreuse, or analogous colors (directly next door on the color wheel) such as pink and purple. After success with two colors, expand to three colors.



There is an explosion of color taking place in outdoor living accessories. Adding comfortable, brightly colored pillows, outdoor rugs, weatherproof outdoor art, and glazed terra cotta pots will enliven an outdoor vignette

SEE OUR RUSTIC ASIAN URNS IN THE JUNE ISSUE OF THIS OLD HOUSE MAGAZINE!

SUPPORT YOUR CLIMBERS

Traditionally, climbing roses have been grown and trained on arching arbors in formal gardens, and on fences and porch posts in the English cottage garden style. Climbing vines have been used largely to adorn, hide, and soften the look of large walls or unattractive fences, or to adorn light posts. They are less often used in the midst of a garden because they require a special structure in order to be seen and to be attractively displayed. Decorative metal structures make it possible to incorporate roses, clematis, and other vines virtually anywhere in the garden while their forms add a design element as well.

For a number of years, Wilshire Garden Market has been working with a local vendor to design these structures in a wide range of sizes and forms. These steel structures will rust to an earthy brown patina to complement the appearance of any garden.



The most basic structure is the classic English rose dome. These dome shaped structures are generally 12" in diameter and stand 5', 6', and 7' high. We have ordered 18" diameter rose domes to allow for more growing space, improve air circulation, and make a more dramatic statement. The rose domes are topped with an attractive finial such as a ball or fleur de lis. They can be used in groups of three in staggered heights to support enough climbing vines to add interest nearly year round

A replica of a very costly rose "umbrella" formerly obtained from an Italian vendor is now readily available and more affordable. A climbing rose grows up through the center column and spills over the umbrella, making a romantic focal point in the garden. This is actually an ideal growing structure for a climbing rose because it allows the sun to reach larger portions of the canes, encouraging it to bloom profusely.



It also allows for good air circulation, lessening the chance for the occurrence of black spot and powdery mildew. We are now offering a smaller version of the rose umbrella for clematis. Some gardeners like to mix a rose and clematis together on a structure while other gardeners prefer to emphasize just one plant.

Add a vertical feature to your garden and extend the blooming interest by planting several climbing vines together,



such as cross vine, passion flower, and sweet autumn clematis. Other vines can include firecracker vine, moon flower, cypress vine, bougainvillea, Mandeville, and pink lemonade honeysuckle



Simple spiral topiaries are good supports for slow growing vines.

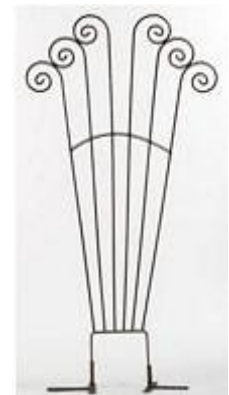
Their classic cone shape with decorative finial makes them ideal for use in entry or patio planters.



Reminiscent of the Eiffel Tower, the new pyramid topiary tower is very decorative as well as useful. Its graceful lines add importance to any area where it is placed. They have been used in groups of three in the landscape, in pots on patios, and even in vegetable gardens.

Wilshire Garden Market carries the most popular styles of flat trellises, the "fan" and the "sunset" in 5' and 7' heights. These are beautiful and sturdy supports for roses or vines against a wall or fence.

The most decorative structure available is the ornate 5' diameter steel gazebo. Placed anywhere in the garden, on a blank area of lawn, it can accommodate a bistro table and chairs. Climbing roses or any perennial climbing flowering vine could gracefully cover the structure in a few years, making it a fabulous focal point and a delightful place to retreat for a moment of solitude.



NEW ITEMS JUST ARRIVED!



This year's newest polyester pillow pattern in aqua and cocoa is shown paired with the newest recycled plastic outdoor Oriental rug also in aqua and cocoa.



Another new polyester print pillow features three shades of blue flowers on a white background. The blues of this pillow will echo the blues of pool water and pool tiles as well. Just zip off the pillow cover if necessary and toss it into the washing machine for easy cleaning.

New patio candles have an attractive Provence gold embossed bucket. Their lime basil fragrance is soft and delicious; also available in citronella.



Cotton napkins have just arrived in strawberry fizz, lemon fizz, and raspberry fizz polka dots in sets of six. They will add a happy ambiance to any dining occasion. The napkins are large enough to be used for placemats as well.

JUNE TO DO LIST

- Mulch ornamentals, vegetables, and flowers to regulate soil temperature and conserve moisture.
- Watch for spider mites. Foliage will be pale and speckled. Junipers will be pale yellow and speckled.
- Watch for first cycle webworms.
- Do NOT fertilize cool season fescue during the summer months.
- Pinch back leggy annuals to encourage new growth.

SEMINAR SERIES 2006

These seminars begin at 10:30 a.m. and are one hour in length, 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!

Fri., June 2 Susan May- "Container Gardening"
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Sat., July 8 Linda Vater "Shade Gardening"

August Linda Vater SKIP IT! PROBABLY TOO HOT!

Sat., Sept. 16 Linda Vater "Best Foundation Plants"

Fri., Oct. 13 Linda Vater "Bulb Container Gardening"

You can get interesting garden information by watching Linda Vater's garden segments on the KFOR-TV4 4:45 News with Linda Cavanaugh every Friday.

EXTERIOR DECORATING

This year give yourself a garden retreat, or refresh the one you have. In response to repeated requests, Wilshire Garden Market now provides an exterior decorating consultation service. By appointment and 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 more details or to set up an appointment.



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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