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SPRING CONTAINERS: PLANT OUT OF THE BOX

Container gardening has grown immensely in popularity in the past few years and with good reasons. They



add drama to entrances and create beautiful vignettes from the inside looking out. Containers help to extend the garden visually beyond its normal boundaries, from under trees where nothing thrives, to soil less places like the rooftops of buildings, decks or patios.

This year try something new in containers; plant herbs, vegetables, fruit, roses, perennials, tropicals, or trees.



Put more fun in cooking by having a container herb garden near the kitchen. Plant a variety of herbs that can be snipped and added to meals. This strawberry pot makes a complete kitchen garden at your door.

Some people shy away from growing roses because they presume it will be difficult. Growing roses in containers is easy. Potted roses can be placed in the ideal location with the best light and air circulation; the color of a glazed terra cotta con-



tainer can be the perfect complement to the color of a rose. Elevating a rose in a container brings the rose closer to eye level and allows us to more fully appreciate its beauty and fragrance.

Trees can be grown in containers on a patio to screen a less than perfect view. Trees in pots can create the illu-



sion of an abundant garden, take the sharpness off of a corner, or make a patio look much larger. With containers your garden can be more lush and beautiful and be a little different every year.

GREAT MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS



Give her glorious blooming flowers that will last for months planted in an attractive cauldron container or elegant parasol hanging basket.



Our gloves protect your hands and fit well for greater sensitivity. From short, cool Sun Grips and Weeder Gloves to elbow high Deluxe Rose Pro's gloves of premium goatskin, there is a glove for every garden need.



Colorful tub trugs are the handiest garden accessory. Filled with your favorite tools, it is ready to go at a moment's notice. You can use it "from start to finish" in your garden routine.

Enjoy beautiful al fresco meals served on fashionable melamine dishes that are easily mistaken for Mediterranean crockery. The embossed tumblers and wine goblets are of sturdy dishwasher-safe polycarbonate. Set your table using a Teflon coated country French tablecloth in an array of colors.



Reed diffusers and botanical beeswax candles in Hibiscus Lime make wonderful gifts.

A birdbath will attract more birds to the garden; life and movement make the garden more enjoyable. Birds, cute bunnies, and other statuary pieces add charm and character to a garden. All of these items will be enjoyed for years to come.



MAY TO DO LIST

- Gently clean up flower beds if not already done.
- Top dress afterward with organic fertilizer, compost, and a layer of fine, dark mulch.
- Edge beds to make a clean defining line.
- Deadhead spring bulbs as blooms fade, but leave foliage intact to ripen bulbs naturally.
- Put grow through supports on peonies.
- Watch for aphids and spider mites.
- Prune Forsythia and feed.
- Plant lettuce, asparagus, spinach, beans.
- Plant herbs.
- Trim thyme before it flowers.
- Feed lawn with high nitrogen fertilizer and water in.
- Deadhead spent perennials unless they have showy seed heads or you want to collect seed later.
- Divide iris after bloom.
- Check trees and shrubs for bagworms, borers and winter burn.
- Clean out birdbaths.
- Refresh outdoor furniture and pillows.
- Entertain outdoors!



LAST MONTH FOR SNAIL MAIL



Sign up for our email newsletter; go green, save paper. Sign up on line or at the store. Thank you!

LINDA VATER SEMINAR



Above is a picture of Linda's famous tulip display in her front garden. After the May seminar, attendees will be invited to her Crown Heights home to tour her garden. The 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., May. 2 Linda "Gardening with an Oklahoma Accent"
Vater

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