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## PLANNING YOUR SPRING CONTAINER GARDEN

The first day of spring is March 21, just a few short weeks away. This year's real winter hopefully bodes for a cooler, wetter summer, few mosquitoes, many pleasant days and evenings to spend outdoors surrounded by containers full of beautiful



plants. Now is the best time to take stock of and make plans for outdoor living areas, including containers.

Container gardening is a key component of outdoor living, setting the desired ambiance. Watering plants in large pots is more efficient, glazed terra cotta conserving the most water, and even large pots are somewhat portable.

Large pots are being used as garden ornaments, and the bigger the better. At the end of a path, as a prominent feature or subtly embedded, a single beautiful pot makes a strong statement. An urn or pot can make a rather uninteresting garden seem well designed.

Solve a problem spot in the garden by placing an interesting container there, even unplanted. Highlight a collection of herbs, roses, succulents, or exotic plants with a grouping of three pots. Offset nearby plantings with a glazed terra cotta pot of contrasting or complementary colors. Clusters of pots can



break up a large outdoor space and add color to make it feel more inviting, offer a sense of privacy, or to create the form of a walkway.



A large pot can create drama. Some gardeners select smaller pots that fade into their surroundings.



Container gardens can be installed in unusual places, allowing colorful blooms to highlight a feature, frame a view, or to be seen at eye level. Under windows, on gates, atop retaining walls or deck railings, fiberglass window boxes or hayracks are available to fit the need. These containers, as well as pots, can be plumbed for carefree, automatic watering using the garden's sprinkler system. Transform your outdoor living areas this year with large, beautiful containers!

## ENCHANTING YOUR GARDEN

Beginning in the Victorian Era, gardeners have been adding ornaments to gardens trying to recreate the awe and mystery of growing flowers seen through the eyes of a child. In a time where there is so much chaos in the world, try to save a little spot in the garden for the innocence of childhood to thrive. In the nineteenth century, it was commonly thought that children who were good gardeners would grow to become superior adults. It is not an outlandish idea, for anyone who can have patience to wait for the sprouting of a seed or the opening of a blossom and to nurture the plants surely will be better for it.



One of the favorite indulgences of the Victorian Era was to create a fairy garden. It was placed in an unused corner of the

garden, behind a bank of ferns or flowers. With time on their hands, Victorian gardeners would make miniature furniture or stitch blankets from flower petals to attract the wee creatures.

We have found garden ornaments that will serve as the focal point of an enchanted garden. Measuring 10 inches high, the cast stone cottages are replicas of European country homes. Tucked under an arching shrub or fern, any of these cottages will enchant



child and adult alike. Each has a removable roof for the placement of tea lights, or to keep a favorite pair of garden gloves. Cottages can be placed in a large pot landscaped with dwarf plants.

## FRENCH BISTRO LUXURY

Its somewhat dainty appearance belies its strength. French bistro furniture is very durable, appealing, and versatile in nearly 30 gorgeous colors including carrot, apple green, and wisteria, shown here.



The furniture is creative, of high quality, aesthetic, and comfortable. The top-grade steel chairs are sit-tested thousands of times at 300 lbs. for structural durability. The anti-UV DuPont powder paint is applied electro statically, then baked at 193 degrees.

Nearly half of the 400,000 pieces made by this leading French manufacturer are exported to all continents including North America, Australia, and Japan. Some of the furniture ranges fold for portability and ease of storage. The folding furniture made today is from the original patent registered by Mr. Edouard Lecler in 1889.



A few little known facts about the furniture include:

- Hermes chose the furniture in red for their patio on Foubourg St. Honore.
- Requested for events from the Bastille Opera to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.
- Commissioned by the French Senate for the Jardin du Luxembourg in Paris.

The mission of the manufacturer is to design and make outdoor furniture that decorates the garden in a relaxed way. Mission accomplished!

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

Comfort is here in the form of colorful pillows and swings to update the look of your outdoor living area. You will want to throw off your neutral shackles and embrace the stylish colors and designs of this season! Not only are the colors and designs beautiful, the fabric is made to be outdoors. The polyester cover zips off for laundering.

The pink wildflower and lime stripe pillows look inviting in a swing hanging from a tree or a porch support. Everyone who tries these swings is impressed by their comfort. Many of the new prints and stripes coordinate with our outdoor rugs in sizes 4'x6' and 5'x8', also featuring new patterns and colors.



The swing and pillows can be packed into a matching tote for a coordinated gift presentation. A swing in a tote would make a nice housewarming gift.

For those who prefer traditional blue and white, there is the new summer toile with marina blue and white stripes. There are colors

for everyone's taste, patterns for everyone's style, and sizes for everyone's needs.



## MARCH 2007 TO DO LIST

- Lift and divide herbaceous perennials, remove old stalks.
- Plant new lily-of-the-valley pips, ranunculus tubers, and lily bulbs.
- Fertilize the soil around the base of lilacs and primroses, and other early bloomers.
- Mix in compost, manure, and other amendments in planting areas.
- Begin weeding to avoid the spring rush.
- Clip back ground covers such as vinca to encourage dense growth. Add compost and lightly feed with fertilizer.
- Watch for aphids, red spider, and other pests.
- It is not too late to trim Crape Myrtles if done immediately. For How To see April '06 newsletter.

## 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, Mar. 10 Linda Vater "Your Spring Garden"

Sat., May. 5 Linda Vater "Your Summer Garden"

**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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