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EYE-CATCHING SPRING CONTAINERS

Early spring is the ideal time to find beautiful containers to decorate outdoor living areas. Container gardening is a key component of outdoor living, helping to set the desired ambiance and softening the appearance of hard surfaces. Containers act as frames around beautiful pictures; your plantings are your artwork. Aside from the decorative aspect, plants thrive in large containers, not having to compete with trees and shrubs for water and nutrients; watering plants in large pots is more efficient.

For 2009, we will be offering a new twist on a classic container: beautiful, decorative and durable Italian terra cotta. Terra cotta is reminiscent of simpler times, featuring subtle accents in low relief; its texture on texture style highlighting lush blooms in an eye catching, romantic, European way. We treasure our personal



of the art technology. Italian terra cotta is made from clay with a high concentration of iron; making it durable. When high fired, terra cotta is very resistant to freezing temperatures. Much of the terra cotta that has been available is made in Mexico and is not high fired; therefore it is not frost proof.

Our most popular styles and colors of large glazed terra cotta containers are also very durable. These containers conserve the most water, and even large glazed terra cotta pots are somewhat portable. Using large glazed terra cotta pots in the flower bed as garden ornaments either planted or unplanted is very attractive and is becoming more widely practiced. Large pots create drama; small pots become clutter and almost never receive compliments.

terra cotta collections and are excited to provide our customers with this affordable, quality product that combines thousand year old tradition with state

Our most popular container sizes range from 18" to 24" in diameter.



This range holds an ample amount of potting soil to sustain plant material in Oklahoma weather and is large enough to make a great impression. Glazed terra cotta containers offer a stunning, affordable way to incorporate a color scheme with other

furnishings on a patio that can look as though it was created by a professional.

Cast stone containers have been used in gardens for hundreds of years. Many of our cast stone pots and urns from Campania International are licensed antique replicas from the world famous Longwood Gardens and Williamsburg, illustrating the point



that cast stone planters can last long enough to become antiques. Gorgeous whether ornate or unembellished, they are stable and reliable in all weather. The uses of containers are many and varied: a single container makes a strong statement or it can fill an empty spot; two containers mark an entry and create balance. A cluster of three can add a blast of color to a blank wall; regularly spaced containers frame a view, define a space, or give privacy. Enhance your garden's charm and beauty with high quality, well planted containers.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

As a service to our customers, we are offering a window of opportunity to place custom orders for any size, style, and finish of containers from our Campania International product catalogs. We have a good supply of product in our warehouse, but for those who need a specific color, style, or size that is not in stock, now is the time, before the factory is back logged, to order for spring and summer. From now until March 31, come in to browse our catalogs, let us know which containers best suit your needs, and they will be delivered to your home (OKC/Edmond) free of charge several weeks later in time for spring planting. This also applies to fountains.

SPRING GARDEN STYLE

The first day of spring is March 20; now is the time to begin planning your outdoor living spaces and garden for the coming season. Have you wanted to try something new, change your colors, and spend more time outdoors? You can do it, get inspired!

Today, more and more people prefer to look at and spend time in their garden rather than tend it. Garden accessories are now available that are reminiscent of interior décor, such as rugs, decorative cushions and pillows, and artwork. Making the best of your outside entertaining space does not only mean garden furniture, but making your outdoor area as colorful, textural, comfortable, and livable as any room inside your home.



Your home has area rugs, indoor plants in attractive pots, art to decorate the walls, soft chairs and sofas, and linens for your table. You can express your individual taste and style through your choice of *outdoor* living accessories, just as you do indoors.

The first layer of texture and comfort can be a carefree outdoor rug available in various sizes, styles, and colors. An outdoor rug anchors and brings together your outdoor seating area. Our customers tell us that as soon as they put out their rugs, people are drawn to their seating area as never before.



The second layer of texture is achieved by defining the area with big, beautiful, lushly planted pots. As illustrated above, hard surfaces and edges of the patio are softened by the attractive pots overflowing with plant material. Groupings of three are visually balanced and make an impression; they can fit into corners and other spaces nicely. They should be generous in size to be noticed (small pots rarely receive compliments), with enough soil to retain moisture, for enough plant material to “put on a show”. A small pot on a small patio makes everything look small, whereas a generous pot in a small area becomes a focal point.

Cushions and pillows form the third layer of texture and comfort; they are carefree polyester, colorfast, soft, and washable. They look beautiful from indoors and they are so comfortable that they will en-



tice you to linger outdoors reading, talking, or simply listening to and enjoying nature. They are the most durable, sensible, and fashionable to be found.

The fourth layer is the table top. A beautifully set table is alluring and irresistible with bountiful color and artistic patterns. You can strike any mood from casual picnic to elegant dining with easy care table cloths suitable to use indoors or outside.



For traditional elegance with a romantic flair, French table linens are perfect. These new Paris designed styles are handmade with care and the utmost attention to detail, their intricate

patterns are carried out through hand blocked printing. French linens are ideal for formal or everyday use; put a table cloth on your spring checklist!

Traditional Provencal prints are also beautiful. Treated with Teflon, spills are easily wiped away



and washing is most often unnecessary. Accessorize with a coordinating baguette basket and napkins. Round or square chair cushions can be ordered.

Also on the chic spring table is melamine dinner ware.

Identical in appearance to expensive Mediterranean ceramics, the plates, bowls, and serving pieces are triple weighted, dishwasher safe and virtually unbreakable for safer use outdoors.



Live life at its natural best; unwind and relax. Enjoy!

MARCH 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.
- Plant Sweet Pea seeds before St Patrick's Day

LINDA VATER SEMINARS

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, Apr. 4 Linda "Garden Renovation"
Vater

Sat., May. 2 Linda "Gardening with an Okla-
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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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