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CREATE WITH CONTAINERS

Container gardening is the fastest growing segment of gardening. Large pots in particular are popular garden ornaments due to their versatility, effectiveness, and decorative qualities. Container gardening has gained notice by garden writers as the hot trend in gardening for several years. In Oklahoma the larger the container the better the survival rate will be for plants; there is more potting soil to retain moisture for root systems when temperatures rise.

Large containers mark the entrances to our homes, providing a finished, welcoming appearance throughout the seasons. Planted with colors that echo some feature of the home or garden, a pair or grouping of containers at the entry makes a home appear well cared for and inviting.

Trees planted in large pots can add needed shade to a patio or seating area. A variety of evergreens, or espaliered plants placed in containers can provide a privacy screen, serve as walls to create garden rooms, or shield an area from wind.

For those who have patios with limited space, containers can provide needed softness and color Fence and deck rails can support new square side planting hayracks full of seasonal flowers for a garden atmosphere and an attractive view when seen from indoors. Wall mounted hayracks or hanging baskets can even serve as small kitchen gardens abundantly filled with herbs, strawberries, and greens.

Plant an herb or vegetable garden in beautiful pots. A design by an east coast botanical garden led us to plant herbs in beautiful cast stone pots on the store's patio. Combined with a rose tree, it will make a pretty vignette in the summer when the herbs are lush and full. The bigger the container, the bigger the herbs will grow.

Place a large container in a flower bed or in the landscape to add interest or height. Planted or unplanted, it will definitely get "Oohs".

MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 13

Mother's Day takes place at a beautiful time of year, when the weather is warm and flowers are blooming with vigor. Wilshire Garden Market is a primary destination for Mother's Day gifts. The following are just a few selections that we suggest considering from all that we have in stock.

April showers have brought May flowers. We have planted a number of cauldron planters overflowing with colorful sun loving flowers. Unlike cut flowers, these will give continuous blooms all summer long.

Comfort Mom with colorful outdoor pillows from black and white to pink and lime green. All polyester inside and out, their covers zip off for laundering if necessary. Place a couple of those pillows in a swing and hang it from a tree or porch beam and watch her smile.

She might want the charming little French farm house for a special spot in her garden. It would be the perfect accent for an herb garden.

Make a basket of fun for Mom with a pink tub trug, rose clogs, the best pink garden gloves, the *Best Garden Plants for Oklahom by Steve Owen,* green tea body lotion, hand cream, and floral scented French soaps.

Choosy Moms choose Joyce Chen garden scissors, Felco pruners, and the Bahco folding saw.

A rain chain is the newest garden accessory this year. After removing the gutter spout, the rain chain is supported in the opening, secured with its own gutter clip. In shiny copper or aqua verdigris patina, large double link loops or flower cups, a rain chain will entertain the entire family during this year's plentiful spring rain showers. We also have concrete rain barrels to collect the rain water.

Feeding birds will be simple with this beautiful recycled green glass pineapple bird feeder. Just hang it in a nearby tree and watch the birds enjoy themselves. We also have pretty hummingbird feeders along with nectar mix and refrigerator carafes to have plenty of nectar at hand.

If you still can't decide on the perfect item, give Mom a great day with a Wilshire Garden Market gift certificate! All gifts are wrapped at no charge.

SEMINAR SERIES 2007

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!

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

VISIT THE 2007 SYMPHONY DESIGNER SHOW HOUSE

Wilshire Garden Market will present a garden retreat in the brick cottage of the 2007 Symphony Designer Show House garden, opening April 29.

This year the gardens are an important feature due to the layout of the home. The exterior designers have made an effort to create beautiful, attainable results for any homeowner. Our design portrays a soothing getaway for watching birds, listening to the fountain and wind chimes, or reading favorite books while sipping a glass of wine. The furniture is our all weather wicker with Sunbrella outdoor cushions; the serene white iris painting is one of our outdoor art pieces.

SWITCH TO EMAIL NEWS?

We initiated our newsletter in January 2004 and we are happy to have received so much favorable feedback.

We encourage anyone who has email but still receives this newsletter by snail mail to allow us to email the monthly newsletter link to you. The email newsletter is in vibrant COLOR, and you will receive it before the paper version is delivered by the post office.

If you are interested, send us an email at newsletter@wilshiregardenmarket.com requesting this change. You will need Acrobat Reader to view the email newsletter.

MAY TO DO LIST

- Locate perennials sprouting from seed, transplant if necessary.
- Deadhead faded blooms.
- Remove spent/brown spring bulb leaves.
- Divide overgrown iris after they bloom.
- Transplant warm season vegetables.
- Check trees and shrubs for bagworms, borers, and web worms.
- Check rose bushes for aphids, black spot.
- Place grow through supports over peonies.
- Watch for lace bugs, aphids, grasshoppers, spider mites.
- Prune Forsythia stems that have flowered and give the plant a good feeding.
- Plant lettuce, asparagus, spinach, peas, French beans.
- Pick thyme before it flowers.
- Sow and transplant annuals.
- Plant herbs.
- For really green grass, feed lawn with high-nitrogen fertilizer from April to September.
- Entertain outdoors in your beautiful garden retreat.

EXTERIOR DECORATING

This year give yourself a garden retreat, or refresh the one you have. 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 functional. Call the store (879-1121) for more details or to set up an appointment.

Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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