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COLOR WHERE YOU LIVE

Spring is the time to enjoy preparing the garden for another colorful season. With so many beautiful colors from which to choose, it is often difficult to coordinate the color palette of the garden and house for an artful appearance and cohesive design.

Think of your home as the backdrop to your garden and patio. Keep a simple color scheme initially. Use a color wheel for reference to select plants and other garden accents. The colors are arranged in progression; harmonious colors beside each other, helpful in giving a garden balance.



A pale blue or green house would look beautiful with cool colored containers, plants, and accessories, accented by a few pastel yellow or cream contrasts from the opposite side of the color

wheel. Likewise, a house in warm pastel apricot, pink, or yellow would look well with harmonious warm pastel flowers and accessories.

Green, brown, or beige houses blend easily with many containers, plant materials, and furnishings. Red, orange, and yellow brick works well with other hot colors. The colors opposite each other on the color wheel (yellow and violet or orange and blue) will give an



exhilarating feeling to the garden.

When touring a garden, color is generally the most prominent feature that draws our attention and admiration. Color symbolizes festivities and fun, or restfulness, relaxation, and tranquility. A well designed garden features proper color combinations, complementary or contrasting.



Pastel colors set a mood of peace and tranquility. Rosebud pink bistro furniture combined with a profusion of pink roses and geraniums, a pink floral rug, and a pastel pillow will put a cozy little courtyard over the top of the precious meter.

Black and white creates a chic, sophisticated look. Here black French bistro furniture is highlighted by comfortable black and white outdoor pillows, anchored by a black and white area rug. Black, dark grey or white planters overflowing with lush masses of white flowers and a number of classic garden ornaments would complete the picture elegantly.



MOTHER'S DAY IS MAY 11

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 the hundreds we have in stock.



Color is in and this birdbath is a beautiful cobalt blue. High fired for winter durability, the top will screw on and off of the base for ease in moving.

Also in cobalt blue, a gorgeous high fired ceramic garden seat can be placed anywhere in the garden as an accent, or as a place to sit and enjoy the flowers on a beautiful afternoon. This garden seat is also available in antique jade.



Mom would love an attractive, sturdy cauldron planter overflowing with colorful sun loving plants and an ornate parasol hanging basket with large, healthy blooms cascading over the brim. Unlike cut flowers, these will give continuous color all spring and summer long.



Inspired by nature, filled with beeswax, real spices, flowers, and fruit, the botanical candle is always a lovely gift. Fragrant with a long burn time, each hand poured candle takes two days to make. Damask rose, honeysuckle, mandarin and black pepper, balsam and lemon peel, fig and teakwood, and apple pear are favorites for spring and summer.

Choosy Moms still choose Joyce Chen garden scissors, Felco pruners, a folding saw, and the small and handy hand rake. A



new pair of Weeder gloves would be good, too.

Mom can always lean back against some colorful oil-cloth pillows and rest in her beautiful surroundings. These water resistant pillows in candy colors could cheer up anyone.



On a hot day, Mom can invite you to join her for liquid refreshments from her new drink cooler. How handy, the bowl has a drain hole and cork for draining the melted ice water, no lifting necessary. Several styles are available in azure, cobalt, and antique green.

There are also rain chains, bunny statues, bird statues, cat and dog statues, silk flowers, wreaths, Best Garden Plants for Oklahoma books, hummingbird feeders, antique glass bird feeders, polyester outdoor pillows and swings, outdoor oriental rugs in an assortment of colors and sizes, bistro furniture sets, garden flags, delicious French milled soaps, and more. If you still can't decide on the perfect item, give Mom a great day with a Wilshire Garden Market gift certificate!



We happily wrap gifts at no charge.

SEMINAR MAY 2008

The fee is \$10 per person; seating is limited, so call to reserve a space. Do some Mother's Day shopping, and after the seminar visit Linda's cottage garden in Crown Heights. Join us!

Sat., May 10 Linda Vater "Your Summer Garden"

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.
- 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.
- 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 for more details or to set up an appointment.



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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