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GLORIOUS SPRING CONTAINERS

This will be our twentieth spring container planting season. The timing is like a migration. The mood is positive, ever hopeful. The challenge and quest is to plant the most beautiful pot in each gardener's memory.

We understand that each person's home is different and their needs are different. This is why we don't buy containers of the same pots en masse. We go to the Campania factory and hand-select pairs of containers because we know that our customers' needs are unique.

We always ask customers about the style and colors of their home, sun exposure for their new pots, and how much space is available. Most often bigger is better; larger pots (the new small pot diameter is 18") are more visible from the street, support plant life more successfully in our climate, they serve as focal points, and define spaces. Once you decide which pot is best for you, move on to plant selection.



But wait, there's more! This year use a Smart Pot liner in your container. Made in OKC, they encourage root growth and keep roots cooler. They make it easy to bring in or move a plant, not the entire pot. Come in and try them for your own pots!

The huge rustic red Chambord glazed terra cotta planters have great capacity. Filling a 15 gallon Smart Pot liner with potting soil, we planted two hanging baskets of begonias for instant gratification!



Now for something completely different, a classic basketweave cast stone container with Smart Pot liner planted for full sun:



LAYER WITH RUGS

Outdoor rugs are the greatest invention since sliced bread. Woven on a loom and made of recycled water bottles, they add a durable layer of color and elegance to the patio while ridding the world of literally mountains of plastic bottles. We prefer to carry products that are beautiful and will last; our outdoor rugs are a great example of those qualities.

When we are helping customers select a rug for their patio, typical questions that are asked include: "Will these rugs mildew?" No, plastic cannot mildew. Water and rain run through and off the rugs; they dry quickly.

"How do you clean them?" If you ever need to clean them, spray them with your garden hose. "Do they come in round?" No, the looms weave square or rectangular shapes.



There are a variety of styles from Turkish, Oriental, floral, and contemporary, with color ways from neutrals and pastels to bright jewel tones. Three or more color strands of plastic fiber are woven to create a pattern that is reversible on the opposite side. Most popular sizes are 5' x 8' and 6' x 9'.



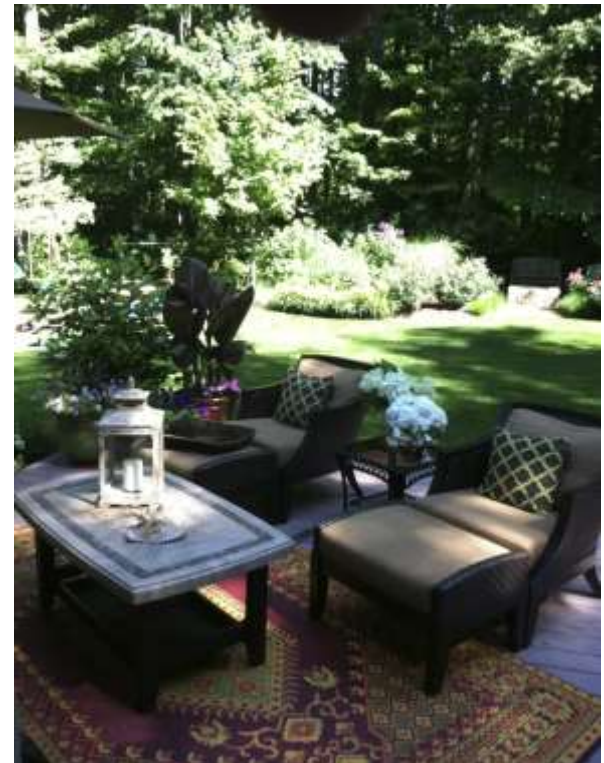
What differentiates these rugs from other "outdoor" rugs made of sisal is that our rugs will last for many

years, whereas sisal mildews and decomposes during a season. Our rugs are zero maintenance.

Rugs create a destination on the patio, bringing the indoors out and creating an outdoor room.



Customers tell us repeatedly that after they incorporate a rug into an outdoor seating group, guests immediately gravitate to the area. A rug softens large expanses of hard surfaces and even masks cracks or other unsightly areas.



Our outdoor rugs are famous for outlasting all others thanks to their unique plastic formula that has been perfected over the span of eight years, using 100% recycled plastic threads. We have personally experienced their high quality over multiple seasons and can say with confidence that they are made to last! We would not be without at least one on our patios.

WE LIKE THESE FOR SPRING



April Cornell linens bring the beauty of spring blooms into your breakfast table. Peonies, a lovely watercolor design, is one of the most beautiful we have seen, with soft aqua and bold burgundy petals melting into pastel pink. Her romantic tablecloths, napkins and frame-worthy tea towels are as gorgeous as paintings. They are art pieces in fabric.



The new Wychwood fountain is a lot of cute packed into a small garden accessory. What a great gift; his would perk up any garden!



A new addition to the Williamsburg collection is the Boxwood Garden birdbath. Classic style makes this piece easy to incorporate into a garden. Any backyard songbird would love this, making for hours worth of bird watching.



Joyce Chen scissors are a garden essential for deadheading and light pruning. A good pair of nitrile ivy touch gloves with spandex and a pair of Joyce Chens and you are set for spring gardening.

Put spring at your entry or on your patio with a beautiful outdoor pillow. This robin says spring is here to stay.



HUMMINGBIRDS RETURNING!



Nothing beats the hummingbird for tiny cuteness. The good news is they are on their way back! The first Ruby throat hummingbird sightings have occurred in TX, LA, and FL. It is likely that scouts are in our area and the others will be following in the next few weeks, exhausted and hungry, so be sure to get your feeders up. Males return to the breeding grounds first; females follow a few days to a couple of weeks later.

Hummingbirds eat flower nectar, sap, and small insects—they love mosquitoes. They often consume 1 ½ - 3x's their body weight a day. Their metabolism is 100 times that of an elephant! To get enough nectar, they have to visit several hundred flowers every day. Cold temperatures or failure to find flowers can mean death.



There are few flowers in bloom in our area at this time of year, so the hummers need our sugar water. The recipe is 1 part white cane sugar to 4 parts water. No need to boil water; the microorganisms come from the hummingbirds' beaks, not the water. The mixture can be kept for 2 weeks in the refrigerator; change the feeder liquid every 2-3 days. Feeders like the *Droplets* above can make the hummingbirds' homecoming a pleasant one!

APRIL TO DO LIST

- Clean up plants and flower beds.
- No crape murder pruning, or tree "topping", please.
- Plant hardy, drought tolerant perennials, especially those that have fragrance, variegated foliage and attract and sustain hummingbirds and butterflies.
- Mulch soil with compost or other organic material to moderate soil temperature and save water. Spread under flowers, shrubs, etc. being careful NOT to let mulch touch stems and trunks.
- After all chance of frost is gone, plant or bring out tropical plants such as mandevilla, bougainvillea, and dragon wing begonias.
- Fertilize everything except spring-flowering shrubs.
- If necessary, prune spring-flowering shrubs and trees after blooming period is over.
- Hang hummingbird feeders NOW!

EXTERIOR DECORATING

Are you in need of inspiration and direction for your entryway or patio? Wilshire Garden Market provides an exterior decorating and small space design consultation service. By appointment, for a nominal fee, we will make a consultation visit and follow-up report to make your garden retreat more charming, cohesive, and useful.

Call the store at 405-879-1121 to set up an appointment.



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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