

# WILSHIRE GARDEN M A R K E T

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## CONTAINER GARDENS FOR FALL AND SPRING

Welcome the fall season with its shorter days and cooler temperatures. If you have not already removed the overflowing summer plantings from your entry and patio containers, replace them with fresh, new plant material capable of surviving winter and providing a beautiful show in the spring.

This season try something new. Instead of the usual fall mixture of mums, kale, and pansies, why not experiment? When looking for plant material, venture down aisles that have perennials, shrubs and groundcovers.



You could gather a collection of plants that can be classified as thrillers, fillers, and spillers (tall, full mid-height, and flowing over), that will tolerate the cooler weather. Examples of thrillers could be columnar arborvitae or boxwoods, grasses, or to be really inventive use a tall cast stone statue! Fillers can be Heuchera, Nana Nandinas, Boxwoods, Little Rascal Hollies, or other small evergreens. Spillers can be Pacific Shore Junipers, English Ivy, Vinca, weeping grass, or Moneywort.

Use the most diverse and interesting combination of materials and color blends. A small statue or toadstool bell tucked into the greenery is always a pleasant surprise for you and your guests. Use one of our cast stone cabbages instead of a live cabbage!

For a contemporary look, plant a container with a single plant of bold architectural interest. Dwarf conifers come in a wide array of exciting colors, snazzy shapes, and wonderful textures; you can use them to create a miniature landscape in a container. Their colors can range from greens and blues to yellows and grays. Their shapes vary from

narrow spires, to cones, globes or cascades; while some are stiff and sturdy, others are soft, wrinkly, fernlike, or fluffy. Slow growing, they are virtually maintenance free. A sculptural plant always looks great when planted in a glazed terracotta pot.



Create your own unique spring containers by under planting pansies with an assortment of bulbs.



Choose varieties complementary with the color of your home, such as red and white tulips against a red brick home, or buttery yellow and pink tulips with a light stone home. Decide whether you want all of the bulbs to bloom simultaneously or slightly staggered to extend your blooming period. Fill the

bottom of a container with at least six inches of moisture enhancing potting soil. Place the largest bulbs on that soil, add another few inches of potting soil, layer with another group of medium sized bulbs, and top off with another layer of soil and small bulbs such as grape hyacinths. Always position the flat side of the bulbs facing the wall of the pot so that the leaves and flowers will grow outward. Mixing in bulb food will give bulbs that added boost. Voila! Beautiful planting accomplished.

## THE TRUTH ABOUT GLAZED TERRA COTTA CONTAINERS

Relatively new on the garden scene, glazed terra cotta planters appear to be increasingly popular. Gardeners are less accustomed to using glazed terra cotta than the cast stone containers that have decorated gardens for decades. After visiting the headquarters of Campania International, we decided to ask their expert, who was in Asia at the time selecting their upcoming collection of glazed terra cotta planters, some of our questions regarding the planters. From Asia, Peter Cilio, Vice President and Creative Director of Campania International, answers our questions online.

Q: Glazed terra cotta planters are very popular with our customers. Is that a national trend as well?

A: Yes, over the last five years, we have seen a continuing increase in popularity of glazed terra cotta containers.



Q: In your opinion and experience, why do people like glazed terra cotta?

A: Glazed containers are available in a wide range of colors from bright lipstick glazes to rich gem and earth tones, to sophisticated blacks and bronzes, as well as multi color running and rustic glazes. Over the past few years, available styles have increased dramatically ranging from traditional classic shapes to sleek and sophisticated contemporary designs. As more and more people extend their living space outdoors, glazed containers are a perfect way to bring personal style and decorating themes outdoors. Glazed containers add welcome color and are a wonderful opportunity for innovative planting. Many glazed containers, even unplanted, can work as eye catching sculptural elements in the garden or can be incorporated into water features. Traditional glazed jars and many contemporary shapes are ideal for this application.

Q: What do you take into consideration when purchasing glazed products?

A: Glazed terra cotta should be high fired at above 1000 degrees centigrade for maximum frost

resistance and durability. For outdoor use, containers and other items made of dark clay are more durable than containers made of white slip that is usually machine made and more suitable for indoor use. The best outdoor garden containers are hand pressed dark clay resulting in a thicker walled, heavier piece better suited for use outdoors.



Glazes should be luminous with nice depth of color and **unless the product is rustic in nature**, should cover the entire outside of the piece including the bottom edge. Hairline cracks are not always visible, so always knock on the wall of a glazed terra cotta container to check the pot. If it rings like a bell, the piece is perfect; if the sound does not reverberate, there is a defect.

Q: What would you like our customers to know about your glazed products?

A: Our glazed products are hand made and high fired for the finest "garden quality" containers, spheres and garden seats in the industry. We seek out the best manufacturers and offer exclusive designs and innovative glazes. We also have inspectors on site at our factories in Asia to insure "A" quality products for our customers. We continually work with our Asian partners to source and develop new designs and the latest glazes available.

Q: We have one last question regarding another topic. Cooler weather is approaching and that always prompts customers to ask whether to run their fountains all winter. We have always advised that fountains should be turned off and drained for the winter to prevent damage. What are your thoughts on this issue?



A: Generally it depends on climate. In the Northeast it is not an option but in milder climates with a heater this may be possible. However if there is any risk of freezing, I would not recommend running the fountain regardless of the material.



## BULBS ARE BACK!



On Monday, November 10, Klee Black will bring in bulbs fresh from Holland. Create a house warming gift, hostess gift, or fall birthday gift with a small glazed pot and a collection of bulbs. Purchase bulbs to plant yourself, or arrange with Klee to plant bulbs for you. We have Klee plant bulbs for us each winter, some we select, some we leave to his discretion; in the spring we enjoy discovering the beautiful surprises.

## NEW ARRIVALS, GREAT GIFTS

We have many new containers, fountains, and statuary pieces. There are more planters available now than at any other time of the year. Choose from classic urns and traditional containers to rustic or contemporary styles, just in time to grace

your entry and furnish your patio for upcoming parties and the holidays. Capable of holding sizeable trees or lush plantings, they are suitable for the porch or patio of a large home, and they last a lifetime.

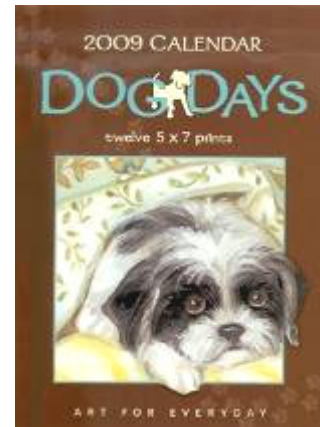


All that you need for a French home spa treatment is this collection of soap, shower gel, bath beads, and lotion.



New acrylic wine glasses and tumblers will accessorize plastic dinnerware, including this new formal pattern perfect for setting a beautiful outdoor table.

Dog lovers will adore twelve images of darling dogs being dogs all year long. These calendars come in the 5" x 7" desk size and the 11" x 15" poster size. We carry five other styles of calendars to accommodate a variety of personal preferences.



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