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YOUR BEAUTIFUL FALL GARDEN

The first day of fall has arrived and the garden has taken on a special feel, look, and sound. The days are warm, the light is flat, almost hazy in the early evening, and the wind is calm. Butterflies are floating through our gardens; crickets can be heard chirping in the mornings.



Certain colors seem to be more beautiful in autumn; yellow and gold radiate in the fall sunlight. Glazed terra cotta containers such as the dark blue bowl above are enhanced by choosing plant colors and shapes to complement the container. Remember that a thriller, several fillers, and spillers are needed to make a great container planting. Use a color wheel (color wheels can be found on the web) to plan your color combinations. For a calm and serene appearance, select colors on the wheel that are next to one another such as pinks and purples. To achieve a brilliant, eye catching container use colors that are opposite on the color wheel such as chartreuse and fuchsia.

Reinforce the impact of the color scheme with outdoor rugs and pillows.

The cranberry color of the rug echoes the cranberry rose of plants in the blue container to the left. An eggplant outdoor rug would also blend with the purple leaves of the Persian shield. Many rugs feature three colors, making them easy to coordinate with existing color schemes.



The ever popular harvest and falling leaves pillows coordinate well with shades of cranberry, brown, and blue. No matter what your existing color scheme is in your outdoor living space, it is easy to find plant material, pillows and a rug to blend. All it takes is a little thought and planning. Enjoy the beauty of fall in your garden!



WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE



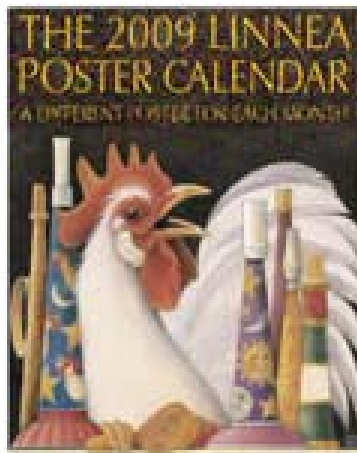
Beautiful and fragrant, they simply can't be topped. Just in: a new shipment of Bitter Orange reed diffusers and botanical beeswax candles in several sizes. Another shipment of spicy apple candles has arrived also. The rich aroma of fall is in the air!

Hummingbirds are leaving for the winter in the coming weeks, so those feeders can be cleaned and put away around the end of October. However, other birds remain with us and will be looking for nourishment during the cold winter months.



These hand blown recycled seed trumpets are garden jewelry and a survival station for our bird friends when seeds are scarce. They are beautiful and they make very nice gifts.

This year we are carrying six calendar artists: Linnea



(her last year to produce calendars), her daughter, Hannah, Susan Wallace Barnes, Four Seasons, Janine Moore (floral), and Erica Leigh (cute dogs). Each calendar is available in the 5"x7" desk top size and the 11"x14" poster size. Get yours early.

We have received two large shipments of planters, both cast stone and glazed terra cotta, including new



styles and Campania showroom-only pieces. Each piece, whether a container, fountain, or statue, is truly a work of art; many are handmade reproductions of garden

antiques found only at Longwood Gardens, Williamsburg, or the Morris Arboretum.



These new glazed terra cotta planters will add visual interest and distinction to the fall garden. Fired in a dragon kiln, the oldest form of high firing glazed terra cotta pottery, each piece is unique. The temperature in these massive open kilns can fluctuate, creating various shades within a glaze.

New fountains have also arrived, from the classic two tiered Williamsburg egg and dart fountain to this simple contemporary style. The contemporary motif of this fountain is softened by a pair of birds perched on top. This particular fountain is the perfect size to be used on a patio and enjoyed at close range.





When seasons change, our gardens reveal changing vistas; a new garden accent can help provide a welcome visual treat in perhaps an unexpected place. Tucked under airy branches, almost hidden from view, a cluster of mushrooms and companion frogs will bring smiles to visitors who happen upon them in the garden. The fall garden can be just as spectacular as spring; it's all about the embellishments.

A WORD ABOUT FALL PRUNING

The word is "Don't". Fall is not a good time of year to prune. Heading back branches in the fall stimulates growth in the buds that formed during the summer. Because the new growth won't have time to harden off before cold weather arrives, it can freeze or be damaged seriously. Limit pruning chores to the removing of dead branches or to doing only very minor thinning.

BUY A PAYNE PREMIER CARD

Payne Premier Cards will be on sale at Wilshire Garden Market later this month. Premier Cards provide savings to shoppers while supporting a valuable non-profit organization benefiting education in Oklahoma. A Card can be purchased for \$50, allowing 20% discounts at many retail stores and if you are organized, you can recoup your \$50 and save much more on your holiday or personal gift giving. Cards can be used from October 31 through November 9, which is 10 days of savings. Come in, shop, and save!

LINDA VATER SEMINARS 2008

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; **payment in advance is appreciated**. Light refreshments are served. Please join us!

Sat., Oct. 11 "Fall Plans for Your Spring Garden"

A visit to Linda's garden is planned following the seminar.

You will get interesting garden information by watching Linda Vater's garden segments on KFOR-TV 4:45 News with Linda Cavanaugh.

OCTOBER 2008 TO DO LIST

- Enrich soil with compost.
- Use garden debris to start small compost pile in unseen part of the garden.
- Plant trees and shrubs.
- Collect dried seeds from flowers or veggies.
- Make sure all vacationing houseplants are checked for pests before bringing them back indoors.
- Plant cool season annuals.
- Cover water gardens with screen or netting to keep out falling leaves.

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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