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## GET READY FOR A FABULOUS FALL

As Oklahoma summers go, this one has been more than acceptable, with plenty of rainwater and only a few weeks of truly hot weather. Even when given a pleasant summer, nearly everyone looks forward to the onset of autumn. Crickets chirp in the morning, the light has that special flat quality that complements fall blooming plants, temperatures are mild, and the garden stages a comeback. It is refreshing to make some outdoor additions to reflect the changing season.



The front entry is the most obvious place to begin. Add new planters if necessary. The size should be in scale with the home and be large enough to contain small evergreens or large annuals and perennials. By mid-month fresh fall container plantings will look wonderful due to the milder temperatures.



Refresh benches and chairs with seasonally appropriate outdoor pillows. This comfortable fall pillow could be complemented by burgundy, bronze and orange foliage, Chrysanthemums, Asters, and burgundy pansies. The pale blue background could be perfectly echoed by pale blue pansies.



A cranberry or pale blue outdoor rug would be the perfect anchoring accent. Make this a beautiful fall.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

These terra cotta pumpkins will stay fresh for years, on the porch or nestled on a bench. A pumpkin of terra cotta will make a wonderful focal point for a fall table centerpiece or as a buffet accent. The soft



terra cotta texture is a perfect accent piece for this time of year to mix with rich, warm tones of autumn.



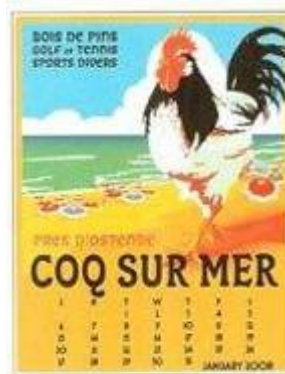
Botanical candles and coordinating potpourri will fill your home with enticing scents of autumn. Mandarin and pepper is a beautiful new candle with an appealing fragrance and an interesting and enticing mix of

sliced green apples, star anise, cinnamon sticks, and Bougainvillea blossoms. Fig and teak is a shorter addition, with green leaves and red flowers embedded in the outer wax. Spicy apple candles will arrive soon, with coordinating potpourri.



## HAIL, THE 2008 CALENDAR SEASON!

This year, we have four calendars: Susan Wallace Barnes, Linnea, Four Seasons, and Hannah in the 5" x 7" and the 11" x 15" poster size with appropriate Lucite easels or hanging frames for each size. Calendars will be available wrapped for gift giving, or unwrapped.



Hannah calendars are a new addition for us this year. They have travel related themes featuring colorful scenes from around the world. Out of town friends may order calendars easily from our website. For large orders, call ahead and reserve your choice gift wrapped at no charge.

The Linnea calendars, designed by Linnea Riley, have a bold and graphic style that utilizes rich colors to capture scenes of nature and every day life. Each month displays different images that are a delight to see and a beautiful piece of art to add to any wall or desk.



Another favorite, the Four Seasons 2008 calendars feature beautiful still lifes, street scenes, and sailing vignettes, from Martha's Vineyard to Venice, Italy. Shown is one month of Peter Rolfe's wonderful artistic style of capturing a scene en plen air.





What an easy way to bring a spot of color and welcome guests to the front of your home! Here is just one of the many styles from which to choose.

We are pleased to once again be able to offer the colorful Toland door mats. We have just received several styles of autumn

scenes.

The small rug shown below is a hand woven colorfast polypropylene and acrylic blend, a very durable rug that will not fade or mildew. It has a special patented twisted hook construction that keeps the threads from picking and pulling out. With their fresh, bright trendy colors and unique designs, these rugs are a new favorite.



## SEPTEMBER 2007 TO DO LIST

- First of all, we must ready our gardens for any type of weather, be it jungle rains, hurricane, tornado, or drought. Best of luck!
- By the end of September, stop pruning and fertilizing; the growing season is over.
- Prepare to bring summer plants back indoors; check first for hitchhiking pests.
- Divide, move, or share perennials.
- Start fall clean up in flower beds, cut back anything that has finished blooming or is diseased.
- Collect seeds from annuals and perennials.
- Take cuttings to root indoors.
- Photograph garden and containers to record the year's triumphs or frustrations.
- Turn the compost pile if you have one.
- Enrich garden beds with compost.

## PRUNING 101

To prevent problems and have the healthiest garden possible, consider the following tips on proper tool selection and pruning techniques. Becoming proficient takes experience and the right tools.



### By-Pass vs. Anvil

- By-pass is one blade that is sharp on one side; one side swings by the curved surface and slices it. Felco pruners are at the top of the must have list.
- Anvil is one blade that is sharp on both sides and comes straight down on a flat surface. Best used on dead wood.

Buy the best tools you can afford. They will pay for themselves in the long run. Good quality tools stay sharp longer and cut more easily.

Keep tools sharpened to make clean cuts that heal faster and puts less stress on your hand.

Keep pruning tools clean. One cut on a diseased branch can spread disease throughout your garden. Always clean tools before putting them away.

## 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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