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MARKET PRESENTS VIBRANT COLOR

This year we went to Atlanta in January to see a recently completed building that now houses the floors of garden accessories and furnishings. With



"The Gardens", "High Design", and other categories in their new spaces, it was a great time to see new products displayed in new ways. Market was well attended; "green" products and U.S. made items were noticeable.

Market buildings connect by glass aerial passageways. There are 20 floors of showrooms in Building 1 and Building 2, 14 floors in Building 3; 10 floors in the new Building 2 West Wing. This state of the art

1.5 million sq. ft. building has many features including a two story fountain; however attendees still have to walk the halls under their own power. In four eight hour day marathons, we covered all 50+ floors and every hallway in Buildings 1, 2, 2W, and some in Building 3. We searched to find unique, relevant, useful, and beautiful garden accessories and gifts made in the U.S. and around the world for the benefit and pleasure of our Oklahoma gardeners. We found some beautiful well priced gifts and new items that will easily incorporate much wanted color and fashion into the garden and patio.



Each year we observe which color(s) is found repeatedly in showroom after showroom, from bed linens to gift wrap to garden furnishings. Many vibrant colors were abundantly present: spring green, hot pink, yellow, red, orange, and blue.



For our gardens, color will definitely be found in our favorite outdoor pillows. Beautiful new prints will enliven and coordinate with perennial favorites. The first shipment of new designs is already in the store.

We are re-introducing one line and adding two new lines of *treated* traditional French table cloths and accessories. Their designs are beautiful, colorful, and timeless, evoking a feeling of comfortable richness to the table, indoors or outdoors.



Pallets of glazed terracotta containers have arrived to complement the various colors found in the outdoor pillows and other garden accessories. The combinations will awaken winter dulled senses and make us long to spend more time outdoors.

Now is the time to design or refresh your own colorful private garden!

GARDENER VALENTINES



This set of pink and green chintz garden trowel and fork will make a darling Valentine gift alone or pair them with a pair of pink garden gloves.

Women *and* men appreciate the wonderful fragrance and quality of these French soaps, luxurious hand cream, body lotion, and bath products. Pack-



aged for Valentine's Day giving, they are a little indulgence that everyone will enjoy receiving. Their special milling process creates a long lasting, rich lathering product, with scent well ingrained until the very last. Shea butter, sweet almond, olive or palm oils are used for natural moisturizing.

For Valentine's Day and spring are the beautiful new botanical candles for 2009, hibiscus lime shown here, and green fig and iris. Making a reappearance this spring is the oval botanical candle in nectarine ginger lily.



Our customers tell us how much they LOVE the Joyce Chen garden scissors. These will make a great gift for your gardening Valentine. The soft red handles make it easy to hold and maneuver. The long narrow blades make it easy to deadhead deep within a plant, without cutting the wrong stem. The blades are sharp for cleaner cuts and healthier plants!



Show your love with a seven gallon red Tub Trug. Each time your Valentine uses it, you will be thanked. This trug is a great helper in the garden for gathering garden debris, mixing compost tea and spreading mulch.



Great for Valentine's or any time of year, this 10" stainless steel Victorian gazing ball will add a reflective quality to the garden. Beautiful, and, it is unbreakable.

High quality, cute garden gloves are good gifts to give and to receive. We have several styles to choose from in spring colors. Lightweight, with reinforced fingertips, longer cuffs, the comfortable nitrile Weeder glove is the store favorite. The Sun Grip glove is also a lightweight tactile glove with double stitched fingertips, but is made with a polyurethane skin. The original Tool Grips are a heavier weight style latex glove, made for tougher work, with an elasticized cotton liner for durability, and comfort.



WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE



Valentine flags and flags for spring have arrived, ready to bring instant seasonal colors to your garden or entryway. They also make great gifts. Easy to install:

just press the flag stand into the ground; they can even be placed in potted plants to brighten a patio.

We have expanded our selection of outdoor rugs. Shown here is a floral pattern available in three color ways. There are new rugs with multi stripes in pastel, primary, and earthtone hues. The most popular size is 5'x8'.

Whether refreshing a patio or obtaining a rug for the first time, there is a rug to coordinate with your colors.



A doormat is another simple way to add style to your entry or patio. Its printed watercolor design will be a spring treat for your eyes, especially now when everything is dormant and drab. Many doormats have coordinating flags.

Mounds of planters in all colors and sizes are appearing on the floor daily, ready to enhance someone's garden.



LINDA VATER SEMINAR FEBRUARY 2009!

Throw caution to the wind and debunk the superstitions of Friday the 13th. This seminar will be pure fun and full of color. **DO YOUR VALENTINE SHOPPING SIMULTANEOUSLY!** These informal seminars begin at 10:30 a.m. and are one hour in length, with time for questions at the conclusion. The fee is \$10 per person; seating is somewhat limited, so call now to reserve a space. A door prize is given at each seminar. Please join us!

Feb.13 Linda Vater "Developing Your Color Palette"

EXTERIOR DECORATING

This year give yourself a garden retreat, or refresh the one you have. By appointment and for a 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 more details or to set up an appointment.



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

