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## BE CREATIVE WITH SPRING CONTAINERS

Welcome spring and express yourself by creating beautiful plantings in beautiful containers! Begin with large containers; you will be in style. In a



recent Paris horticulture show, fashion forward vendors that matter featured only large containers in cast stone and glazed terra cotta. Some people fear the concept of large containers. There is almost no such thing as a container that is too large for any space. A large pot, even unplanted, provides the garden with WOW factor



Another very attractive and low maintenance option is to plug the drainage hole in a glazed terra cotta planter and fill it with water and pond plants. It makes a beautiful contrast in the garden.

Designers in a recent Paris Horticulture Show featured monochromatic plantings in like-colored pots, creating some beautiful container drama.



If there is a spot in the garden where nothing will grow or it needs a focal point, a large container is the



solution. Place a flat flagstone there and position your container on the flagstone for a beautiful effect. Enjoy this season in your garden, a well deserved treat after such a long, cold winter.



## WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE



It is spring and Easter is coming! Oprah's favorite Easter egg soaps are back in stock for darling fragrant additions to Easter baskets. Cute bunny tea towels are a nice hostess gift and fun to have for your own kitchen. Small bunny statues can tuck into container plantings and throughout the garden.



There is much to love about these pillows: watercolor images, washability, fade resistance, and comfort. They add personality to a porch or patio.

Under little striped tents, mini bunnies have a bitsy birthday party on tiny pastel bistro sets with teensy little birthday cakes. Cute!



The Leaf Spiller Fountain is amazing. We saw this one and the others below being carved last year at the Campania headquarters and could not wait to



order each of them. Imagine the Cascading Hosta Leaf Fountain tucked into a large shady hosta bed.



The Smithsonian Lotus Fountain will look wonderful in any garden setting; use it as a lone focal point, in the midst of flowers, or near a pond.



## MAKE YOUR OWN FOUNTAIN

Back by popular demand are the bamboo fountain kits. The kits include handmade bamboo spillers that rest across any glazed terra cotta pot or bowl. A new large rocking fountain spills and fills; they are



available in 12" and 20" sizes. Also called a "deer scarer", it was designed to scare away deer and wild boar, but it has a calming, mesmerizing effect. We have always liked the serene sight and sound of water trickling from a bamboo spout into a glazed terra cotta or cast stone pot. We have put several together and it is so easy. Watch!



We selected a pot. We liked the form and color of this one. We measured the pot's diameter to determine which spout we would need.

Next we plugged the drainage hole with plumber's putty that you can get in a small tub at your local hardware store. We connected the clear tubing from the bamboo spout to the pump.



It didn't take long to fill the container with water. We plugged it in and serenity was achieved.

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## SPRING ESSENTIALS

Spring cleanup will be more enjoyable and fashionable with a few new accessories. Sensitive and breathable, these gloves are a pleasure to wear; the fingertips are double coated for durability and they are machine washable.



One of our favorite garden essentials is the polyethylene garden trug. We use ours to store hand tools, hold garden clippings, bale water out of our ponds, hold dog toys, and as portable party drink coolers. Made in the USA, the handles are weight tested at 225 lbs and they are available in a rainbow of colors.



The Hori Hori knife, Korean Weeder, Trake, hand rake, Bio V Groove, scoops, fork and hand trowel are tools that make gardening easy.



## HUMMINGBIRDS RETURNING!

According to traditional schedules for migration calendars tracking hummingbirds returning from



Mexico and Panama, they will be passing through and returning to Oklahoma in April. They gorged on insects and spiders to add fat to their little bodies in order to make the 500 mile overnight flight across the Gulf of Mexico to the coast. Then, tired and hungry, they travel north in a

wide swath an average of 20 miles per day to reach their target breeding ground, needing nectar from blooming flowers and supplemental food in the form of nectar from hummingbird feeders. The migration is completed by late May.

Because we admire the hummingbirds' beauty, tiny size, and determination, we always have a supply of the best recycled glass feeders in glorious colors to serve their needs. The new red flower ports face upward, eliminating drips and making it easier for the hummingbirds to drink. From banding studies, it is known that hummingbirds return to the place



they hatched, even to the same feeder, so if you "have" hummers, keep them

happy, and if not yet, keep trying!

## APRIL 2014 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.
- By mid-April, hang hummingbird feeders.

## 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.



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