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TREASURES FROM HOME AND AROUND THE WORLD!

This year we cleverly scheduled our buying trip to Campania a week prior to Atlanta Market, so we gave ourselves 3:30 a.m. wakeup calls twice within two weeks. Both trips were productive and fun, so it was worth the sleep deprivation.



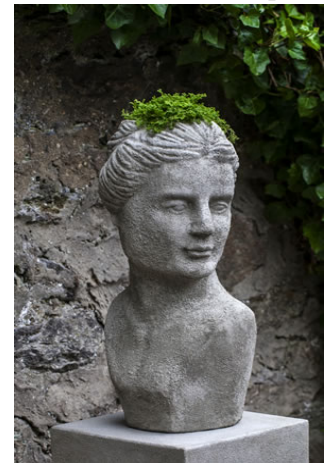
Staying at Bear Creek Lodge at the foothills of the Poconos in NE Pennsylvania is always a treat; the temperatures are always cooler than the ones we leave at home. With Maribeth, our Campania rep, we left Bear Creek early in the morning to find the best of the best from Campania's

huge showroom located within their factory.



The first order of business was to spend a few hours shopping their outdoor area for one-of-a-kind items. (These are being unpacked now in *our* warehouse!)

Campania has introduced hundreds of new products and we are eager to receive our shipment. A hint: we love the light weight contemporary pots that we found. Alternatively, the Newport Mansions Collection is a charming new range of antique cast stone pieces; they made the molds of the gorgeous pieces on-site in Newport.



They have heard the requests of customers and taken to heart the less is more concept, creating many fountains small in



size but big in style. These fountains are the perfect solution for people who have downsized or who want the relaxing sight and sound of water within their patio seating areas. The *Paradiso* is among the attractive new designs.

Our remaining pieces will arrive very soon, during this first week of August; we will unpack as quickly as possible. Unpacking is fun, just like opening presents, except they are heavy and packed with shredded pine—excelsior—which is a story in itself.

The excelsior comes to Campania in large bales, like hay bales. They open a bale, place it in a machine that fluffs it and then they pack it between pieces in the pallets to provide a cushioned ride from Pennsylvania to Oklahoma. After our pallets are unpacked, the excelsior expands even further, producing mountainous heaps.

For years, we could find no one who could use the discarded excelsior and we were forced to rent construction dumpsters to dispose of it. At last, the OKC Zoo researched the cleanliness of our excelsior and found that they could use it in place of hay for bedding; it is shown here in the huge leather hammocks in the Great Ape Escape exhibit. The apes love it, the Zoo loves it, and we love it—a win-win-win situation.



Thanks to Rindy who took this picture on a recent zoo visit with her granddaughters.

On our trips to Campania, we have shared this idea with other garden center owners and they were excited to possibly donate excelsior to their local zoos. The next time you visit the Zoo, look for our Campania excelsior!

TO MARKET, TO MARKET!

Treasures from around the world are always found in Atlanta: chocolates from Canada, salt grinders from France, tools from England, and many garden accessories from the U.S., if one has the arch supports and stamina to find them. Just as important is spotting trends. The current trend is toward an urban contemporary look that combines well with vintage or antique pieces.



For the first time, we ventured into the Gourmet Foods Temporaries. Those vendors are aggressive—nice, but aggressive. Each one wants you to taste their product, not easy if you have just eaten breakfast, or perhaps you simply don't like peppermint candy with a barbecue sauce chaser.



Shown here is a giant tasty chocolate turkey; a chocoholic's Thanksgiving tradition in the making.



Of course, we visited our favorite pillow vendor and discussed his new product ideas for next year. The pillow images for autumn and the holidays are wonderful and we are already placing those orders to be in the first of September.

It is all there, everything in the world created by thousands of talented artists and craftsmen from all over the world. Year after year, we are amazed by what we see and find. It is truly what makes the world go around.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE GARDEN



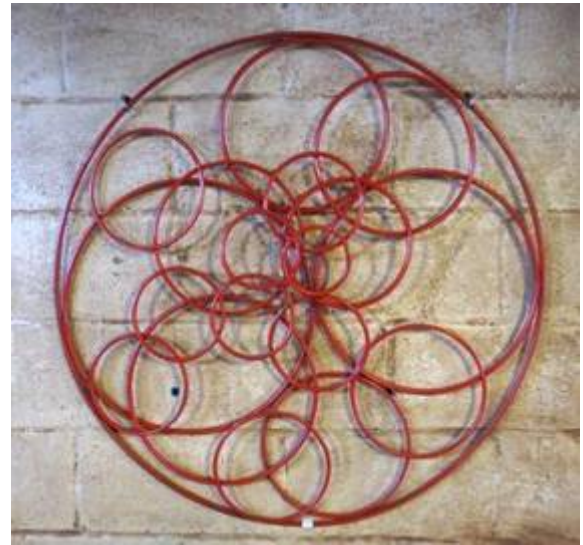
Fresh from Market, is a new urban take on tea towels. Artful images primarily in black and white lend an updated look to the popular cotton flour sack towels. We have also ordered napkins for holiday occasions.



The French have an appealing sense of style and much of it seems to center around the preparation and consumption of delicious things to eat. From the French bistro furniture to gorgeous table linens and kitchen ware, it is about the enjoyment of food anywhere. We saw these grinders at a shop in Pennsylvania and were happy to learn they are a new product of our French soap vendor.



Gorgeous new containers, garden seats, and fountains, many one-of-a-kinds in a variety of sizes and styles, have arrived.



From our metal artisan, this is one of several new creations to adorn large expanses of outdoor walls. In addition to being very attractive, they are very durable. He creates custom pieces to complement varying styles and spaces, and even delivers and installs!



For the garden, these colorful art poles are created by nationally renowned artists who also create art for our garden flag company. They are fabricated from the same material as outdoor fences, making them fade proof. They have a steel cap and a sturdy steel support pole that protects them from toppling over or blowing away. They come in sizes ranging from 3' to 6' high. Imagine how pretty one

or more would look in your garden.

A pretty and handy gift, these *reusable* paper coasters blot up condensation from beverage glasses. Boxed with 24 designs, they are great!



OUR CLEVER CUSTOMERS

A customer from Enid ordered a set of three very large Quinta Bowls in falling jade glazed terracotta by Campania. We wanted to share her abundant, colorful plantings for future inspiration



Using her creativity and design sense, an OKC customer combined several Sunbrella fabrics, creating this striking teak garden bench upholstery.



AUGUST GARDEN TO DO LIST

- Sow seeds of warm-season annuals
- Prune summer blooming shrubs (Hydrangeas, etc.) after flowers finish.
- Plan fall and winter gardens with ornamental grasses and fall blooming bulbs.
- Harvest vegetables to stretch the season.



FRESH, EASY, DELICIOUS!

Use only the finest top-rated ingredients.

2 lbs. *vine-ripened* tomatoes, sliced ¼" thick

1 lb. *fresh* mozzarella sliced ¼" thick

¼ C packed *fresh* basil or arugula washed, dried

¼ tsp dried oregano

3-4 T *extra virgin* olive oil



Fine sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste.

EXTERIOR DECORATING

Are you in need of some inspiration 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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