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NEW AND NOTEWORTHY FOR 2016!

This July was dedicated to finding new products for the home and garden in 2016. Reminiscent of last year, our alarms sounded at 3:30 a.m. twice, first to Campania's factory and showroom, the second time in two weeks we were bound for Atlanta Market. It is always nice to arrive back at Bear Creek Lodge at the foothills of the Poconos in NE Pennsylvania.



At Bear Creek, jackets were needed in the cool night air, as well as morning and evening fires in their fireplaces. As a ski resort, the area is forested and well-maintained, full of wildlife; at breakfast we spied a porcupine waddling downhill.



large, crusty sea turtle.

We always begin by shopping their outdoor area for unique research pieces; those pieces have arrived. One of our favorites is a

We and our customers have loved the light weight contemporary pots that we found last year; there will be more of those, plus some huge pots that are made partially of fiberglass to



weigh significantly less while remaining durable. This classic is 31.5" wide and weighs only 100 lbs.



On the lighter side whimsy-wise, the Yoga Cat is a must-have. The Yoga Cat is one of the hundred new cast stone pieces introduced, many of which were designed by Eddie Martinez, their in-house sculptor who carved the original from a block of plaster; Eddie has been creating artful

cast stone pieces at Campania for 25 years! New and noteworthy applies to glazed terra cotta pieces as well. We chose many large sets of containers, garden seats, hose storage pots, and a handful of small cachepots. We were able to choose from more than 150 new pieces in 14 new glaze colors! They are displayed on their showroom floor with a rainbow-like effect, making it hard to decide.

A favorite is Eau de Nil, a soft but bright spring green that will flatter any flowers you plant in it! We are eager to try these pots among outdoor pillows and rugs to make luscious patio vignettes.



Every garden needs a touch of black. "Galaxy", is a smashing new black glaze infused with little sparkles. It will coordinate nicely with many other containers and plants, from white to black foliage.

This Edo jar, one of our favorites, in one of our favorite glazes, Celadon Pearl, stands on its own as a focal point, or it could hold a special architectural plant. Its softly pearlized glaze and gently rounded shape make it an elegant piece.



We love these hose pots; they are an attractive, safe, and durable way to store and camouflage ugly garden hoses.

We have approved our order for shipping; the new pieces will arrive very soon, during the first weeks of August.

To make as much space as possible for the incoming products, we will extend our warehouse sale until the new pieces arrive.

PENNSYLVANIA FIELD TRIP

Every year after our buying session, our sales rep, Maribeth (you may have heard her name mentioned before), takes us on a garden related road trip. In years past, we have visited Longwood Gardens, Chanticleer, Wintherthur, and Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. This year she found a farm converted by a landscape architect into a unique garden center. We were spellbound; enjoy the pictures



An old stone barn held the office.



Plants looked perfect because it rains often and the temperature never reaches 100 degrees.



This millstone table was the centerpiece for the central area. It was a fabulous excursion. Thank you, Maribeth!

THEN THERE WAS MARKET!



You can find almost anything at Market in Atlanta. Just around the corner from Campania is a booth that carries all kinds of creatures. How would you like to run into this velociraptor in our warehouse?

Thankfully, some vendors go to the other extreme, and demonstrate a great deal of imagination and create a fantastic amount of beauty. These windows of a silk flower showroom were lovely. The entire wall behind the mannequin was pale pink roses.



Their next window was even better, with more moss poodles than we could fit into the picture.



This company sells silk flowers, not moss dogs and floral dresses. It is interesting how they tell a story by using their products. It helps us think of ways to use our products in creative ways.



We are always interested to see what large art form this showroom has created at their entry. This year it was a pair of llamas, because when it is all said and done, who doesn't need a holiday llama?

In another of our favorite showrooms, the theme was "The Holiday Table". They created magnificent tablescapes. Shown here is one with an upside down icy Christmas tree with glass beads to create a chandelier.



The pillow company has hit another holiday homerun! There are many wonderful new pillows to accompany the darling ones from previous years.

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.



WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

Break out of your summer dinner rut. Set a table with pretty summer table linens, some seasonally colorful dinner ware, and make summer meals into dinner parties, even if just for two.

The preparation, serving, and consumption of delicious food are made even more enjoyable with beautiful table linens. We found another vendor



of beautiful linens and our first order will be arriving soon. Designed from nature and culture, they will be perfect on dining tables indoors or outdoors. It was difficult to choose from such a gorgeous collection.



Then, when it is time to clean up, dry your silver and glassware with our no-lint, cotton tea towels in seasonal epicurean and garden designs.

An easy to give and much appreciated gift to receive, the tea towel gift set is one of our favorite products.

COOL WATERMELON SALAD!

With the sweet watermelon and salty, fragrant Feta cheese, this is the epitome of summer salads. Use only the finest ingredients.

Serves 2.

1.25 lb. tub of cubed watermelon

2 oz crumbled Feta cheese

1 large sprig Basil chopped

2T White wine vinegar (or try fresh lime juice or balsamic vinegar).

There are many alternative ingredients that you can try such as arugula, thin slices of red onion, heirloom tomatoes, or chopped mint.



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.



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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