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CELEBRATE THE SEASON!

'Tis the season of parties and whether you are giving or attending them, Wilshire Garden Market can help you prepare. Welcome guests at your door



with this machine washable outdoor mat depicting a serene winter forest, or any one of the other festive styles available..



Sophisticated yet lighthearted, the winter rabbit is a beautifully rendered image on an outdoor pillow for a front entry bench or even for use indoors.

Beautiful and unbreakable, stainless steel orbs in varying sizes can add simple seasonal shine outdoors in entry planters, in fountains, or even indoors in a glass cylinder or bowl.



Indoors, all will be bright and sparkly with mercury glass votive holders at the table and various strategic places in need of a little holiday shine. Mercury glass votive holders create magic effects when lit by an elemental flame.



Be the nicest guest at the party by bringing the host a small token of your gratitude for their hospitality. A good choice is something that can be set aside until after the party, not necessarily elaborate or expensive, a small item for the home such as



soap, a tea towel, or a seasonal decorative keepsake they may not typically get for themselves.

After their last dish is put away and they open your gift, they will say "We should have them back again next year!"

WARM WISHES, WILD BIRDS

Many people are lovers of wild birds. Birds bring life to our gardens with their songs, color, and movement. A gift to a bird lover is a gift to nature, benefitting the birds as much as the bird lover.



Birds need water in winter as much as they need water in warm weather and it is often more difficult for them to find it. A birdbath is a lovely gift, adding sculpture to the garden while offering precious water to our feathered friends. This Juliet birdbath already has a couple of birds

permanently attached! Many styles and sizes are in stock now in either cast stone or colorful glazed terra cotta.

Our generously sized recycled glass seed feeders are garden jewelry for bird lovers. They add glamorous color and sparkle to the garden while serving a valuable purpose. Seed feeders are available in aqua, green, and cobalt and several styles.



While watching a bevy of birds in the habitats we have created, often we want to know more about them, what food they prefer, where they like to nest, and more. A Compact Guide to Oklahoma Birds will be your resource for identifying birds in your area. It is fun to find a new bird species in your garden and be able to identify it on subsequent sightings.



Hummingbirds are amazingly tiny jewels of the bird world, capturing everyone's attention. Our hummingbird feeders and feeder kits are very popular gifts. The hummingbird feeders range from the Bloom feeders on a stake to little Lunch Pails that hang anywhere. The feeders come with an easy nectar recipe; the feeder kits also come with a tiny brush to clean the feeder tube and a captivating hummingbird DVD with song birds singing in the background.



Darling bird statuary pieces are good gifts for almost anyone. Bird figures are posed fluttering, bathing, at rest, and perching three abreast on a log. They will tuck into container plantings, perch on benches and walls, and even serve as interior accents anchoring a small stack of books on a coffee table or in a bookcase.



Free gift wrapping is gladly offered for all purchases.

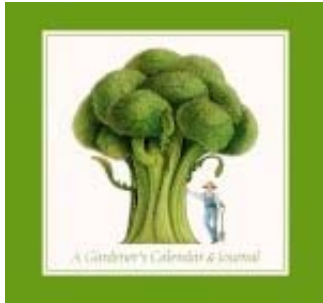
BRIGHT HOLIDAY IDEAS

Calendars are very handy and our art calendars make it fun to move through the year; each month holds a work of art by your chosen artist. From Susan Wallace Barnes' California beach whimsy to Peter Rolfe's beautiful coastal scenes and townscapes, or Linnea's very pleasing graphics, and more; everyone has his or her favorite. Choose from the 5" x 7" desk refills with easel frame or the 11" x 14' poster sizes.

This year Linnea has developed a very cute garden journal complete with pockets to hold seed packets and photos. After you have written notes about all the thriving plants that you have grown, you can use the grid pages inside to sketch your new herb garden or perennial bed.



A small gnome door placed next to a tree trunk inspires all sorts of magical imaginings from children and grownups alike. There are even miniature cast stone lanterns and bridges to give your miniature garden an Asian influence.



Miniature gardens, fairy gardening, and gnomes are very popular nationally. In addition to the darling gnomes themselves, there are darling gnome cottages, a rock wall (shown), a wishing well, a loveseat, a working fountain, and much more. A



Standing 14 inches high, Saint Fiacre (the garden saint), the Madonna, and Saint Francis (the saint of animals) will bless any peaceful garden, or they can be enjoyed indoors.



A seasonal favorite, the Spicy Apple botanical candle, is made with all natural ingredients; real apple slices, bay leaves and cinnamon sticks are imbedded in a warm beeswax blend. With a 200 hour burn time, this hefty candle will fill your home with its delicious scent. This candle makes a very suitable business gift, it is a good friend gift, or for yourself!

SANTA'S LITTLE HELPERS

We all need small gifts for stocking stuffers and group gifts. Small, even tiny, gifts can be a lot of fun to receive.

This pewter salt cellar is tiny, darling, and of high quality. They are available in forms from crowns to bird nests and mussel shells with tiny spoons.



Everyone loves candles; some people even take their favorite small candles when they travel. From the makers of the spicy apple botanical candles, these small apothecary candles in a dozen scents are great stocking stuffers. Choose Earl Grey Tea, Antique Clove, and 10 more.



Miniature gardening accents are perfect stocking stuffers. Treat someone to a tiny bistro chair, a pair of English weave pots, and a garden lantern.



Outstanding triple milled French soaps with shea butter have long been a stocking stuffer favorite. In Milk, Green Tea, Lavender, Honey Almond, Lemongrass, Peony, Lime Zest, Mint, Coconut, and more, customers buy them by the case!

DECEMBER TO DO LIST

- Water the garden if it doesn't rain.
- Order seeds.
- Plant tulips and other spring bulbs.
- Plant ornamental trees before the ground freezes.
- Pre-chill bulbs to force indoors.
- Sow frost tolerant perennials.
- Protect tender plants from frost..
- Celebrate Winter Solstice Dec. 21.

FLOWER OF THE MONTH

Narcissus, aka Paperwhites, is December's Flower of the Month. Some believe that a forced Paperwhite that blooms on New Year's Day is good luck. Please advise if you manage to achieve this!



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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