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WINTER CONTAINER GARDENS

Although the weather currently is very mild, and the containers we have potted have survived nicely, it is likely to be cold eventually. Here are a few easy tips to keep your winter containers looking fresh for the holidays and beyond.



Replace dead and frost damaged plant material with evergreens that will stand up to cold temperatures. Abundance is best in winter arrangements. Cut small branches of evergreens from your own plants - hollies, magnolias, and junipers, or ask a local tree lot if you can have their

cuttings; you can be very generous because only the live evergreens will require watering. Add red berries from nandinas or elsewhere for color. Incorporate pine cones and other natural elements from the yard to round out the textural pallet. If you have little or no variety in your yard, visit the grocer for floral greenery.

Fill empty window boxes with cut boughs nestled under small evergreen trees often found during this time of year at nurseries. Add lights for evening sparkle.



Instead of using only plants, incorporate interesting found objects from around the house that are weatherproof. Compose a still life in or next to a container with potted evergreens and the objects. You can even use small statuary pieces within your composition. Be bold and creative when mixing objects.

Make chunky mulch potpourri from garden findings by walking through the neighborhood with this in mind. Bring a gathering bag and get your exercise at the same time. Pine cones, magnolia pods, sweet gum balls, hedge apples, rose hips, and moss can be beautifully blended together in a container or tucked around the base of potted evergreens, and they are free.



The purpose of decorating is to extend a hospitable welcome to guests at the door to your home. As they proceed towards your door, they are noticing the ambiance and have an idea of what to expect once inside. Make sure that guests perceive your holiday spirit and good cheer. Wishing you a beautiful winter season!

GREAT GIFTS & GOOD CHEER

Little Luxuries.



New this gift giving season, the butterfly gift collection, fine shea butter enriched hand creams and guest soaps made in France. Shea

butter is an effective natural skin moisturizer, indispensable for this time of year; bye-bye dry skin!

One of our customers' favorite products year round and an ideal stocking stuffer for anyone, quad-milled French soaps will transport you to a time and place where quality and craftsmanship has stood still. Made with essential oils, enriched with shea butter, every bar produces a rich lather with a delightful scent.



The 180g Gallet soaps are a new addition to our line of fine soaps. Made in the shape of the river rocks from the Durance River in Provence, the handsome form fits comfortably in your hand. Their five crisp, woody scents are a contrast to our other soaps with floral bouquets. We know they will become one of your favorites.

A truly unique gift, the wax curiosities are ideal for someone who has everything, is hard-to-buy-for, or the artistic spirit. Lightly scented Victorian wax sculptures of birds, a bust, or an open hand embedded with natural botanicals,



they serve as artistic potpourri with lovely packaging. Dead Sea mineral salts, an ancient therapy for calming the skin, are available in complementary fragrances. They include a muslin bag to contain the botanical flower petals in the bath water.

Gather Around the Table



Reusable, recyclable, and attractive, these art coasters are an excellent hostess gift, stocking stuffer, and holiday necessity. Each package contains 24 different images by a nationally known artist.

Handmade in France, these sea salt, peppercorn, and Herbs de Provence grinders are a favorite new item. Available in multiple darling designs, you can mix and match, or coordinate with any kitchen décor. These will inspire you to cook!



Always a holiday favorite, printed flour sack tea towels add a special touch to anyone's kitchen. The images are irresistible and the towels are the best for drying glassware and silver free of lint, streaks, or spots.



Bring holiday goodies to a party on this festive melamine and leave the plate behind as a gift. Available in round platter, sets of four appetizer plates, and adorable biscuit trays, their colorful pattern belies their unbreakable quality.

Holiday Home



Everyone has their favorite art calendar, men and women alike. They enjoy the beautiful images that change every month; each change of the month is like receiving a new gift. Two sizes, one for desk and one for wall, make it possible to use them nearly anywhere. With five artists

who have completely different styles, it is easy to find at least one that is appealing.

Start the holidays at your own front door, welcoming guests and the UPS man with one of these cheerful, washable door mats. They will last and last.



Outdoor pillows are just as important to your holiday decorating as is holiday lighting. It is nice to look outside and see their merry images reflecting the season; they look great indoors, too!



Mercury glass votive holders are ultra reflective, adding sparkle to holiday gatherings. Sprinkle them among festive holiday centerpieces.



A holiday favorite, the spicy apple beeswax blend botanical candle gives your home that cozy aroma of baked apple pies without the work! The beautiful 200 hour candle shown is packed with real apple slices, cinnamon sticks, red berries and green bay leaves. A clean

burning natural soy wax blend 85 hour spicy apple, cinnamon pinon, forest, and honey tobacco candles are also available in recycled glass vessels.

In the Garden



One of the best ideas we've ever seen, the combination thermometer and bird-feeder with four ports and perches, is a great gift for just about anyone. The thermometer is large enough to read at quite a distance and the birds are fun to

watch at any age.

Endorsed by the Royal Horticultural Society, and manufactured by English tool maker Burgon and Ball, established in 1730, this set of engraved pink

hand tools, secateurs, and the beautiful Rosa chinensis memory foam kneeler are all superb gifts for the female gardening connoisseur. The beautiful watercolor Rosa chinensis by Caroline Maria Appleby dates from about 1816 and is taken from the Royal Horticultural Society's Lindley Library. Each trowel features an engraved quote by Gertrude Jekyll, one of the most influential garden designers of all time.





In the garden or inside your home, glazed terracotta lanterns imbue the warm ambiance of candlelight to their surroundings. They are available in two sizes and an array of colors.



Solar lanterns are enchanting in the garden. Just turn them on, hang them and wait for sundown. They flicker on and then glow all night long. Everyone loves these; customers have even used them indoors. They are available in white (shown), white with polka dots, blue and white striped rhombus, floral cylinder, and bronze teardrops.

Possibly the most popular religious figure, St. Francis, has earned his place in so many gardens. He is most admired for his decision to rebuild the church while living in extreme poverty and to help those less fortunate; it is said he even preached to animals. The presence of his image is a reminder to live simply and kindly.



The Celtic cross is truly beautiful, its design hand-carved by the artisans at Campania International. Each side is different and the attention to detail is apparent. Pair it with a dove for a quietly peaceful space in your garden.

Cheer up! These Zen frogs will just make you smile. A Zen frog is perfect for a Yoga lover or a down-on-her-luck princess. Anyone who likes gardening or frogs will love either one of them; even use it inside!



New to the Asian accents collection from Campania International, the Celestial Buddha is highly detailed. Buddha statues are the epitome of serenity in many gardens, easily serving as the focal point of a contemporary or traditional garden setting. Buddha statues are available in a range of sizes and poses.

Birdbaths continue to be very popular gifts and every garden needs at least one to accommodate thirsty birds year round. Make your garden gift selection from our many sizes and styles, such as this Juliet birdbath complete with birds.



Affordable and easy to care for, a tabletop fountain by Campania is a welcome gift. Use it indoors or outside to add tranquility to any setting. This Equinox fountain is one of several new small fountains introduced for this coming year and is in stock now.



Possibly the most unique fountain created by the artisans at Campania, the Disappearing Leaf Sculpture fountain was created from a real leaf,

the likeness carved out of plaster to make the mold. This mid-size fountain is truly fantastic.

The Rochefort, another of Campania's mid-size fountain introductions for this coming year, is wonderful for a small space in a French-inspired patio or garden. Imagine a boxwood and rose garden with this fountain as its focal point. The Rochefort has a sculptural presence even when it is empty of water.



And now for something completely different: art poles for the garden. These are truly works of art, designed by nationally renowned artists. Their images add color anywhere in the garden in any season, their materials very durable and they are easily installed by twisting the metal support piece into the ground and inserting two interior corner supports. The top cap is steel and the body is tough, fade resistant PVC.



DECEMBER TO DO LIST

- Order annual seeds or organize the ones you have.
- Plant fruit trees, roses, and other trees.
- Prune Wisteria.
- Mulch herbs if the weather gets cold.
- Plant daffodil and tulip bulbs.
- Cut back on watering and fertilizing house-plants. Water when dry to the touch, fertilize in March.
- Use citrus fruits and garden findings such as rose hips and pine cones to decorate your home.
- Lightly trim magnolias, hollies, and other evergreens for indoor decorating.
- Look forward to December 21, the Winter Solstice.
- Make your list and check it twice.
- **Shop local, shop small**



GIVE THE GIFT OF 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 make arrangements or to set up an appointment.



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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