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WINTERIZE!

Although generally it has been unseasonably warm this fall, winter is expected sooner or later, and as we all know, it can arrive with little notice. If you are the owner of a garden fountain, and you have not yet winterized it, this is the perfect time to do so. Normally, we set our "winterize fountain" alarms for Halloween, however, this year Thanksgiving will work just fine.

Begin by removing all standing water from your fountain. Bail it out with a plastic pitcher and finish with a small plastic cup or a leaf blower. You want to protect the bowl, any pedestal or finial that rests in the bowl, and the pump from freezing water.



Protect with a Campania cover made of waterproof fabric and drawstring made to fit specific fountain sizes (your fountain is an investment that you should care for). This done, you can relax and have a worryfree winter season.

Winterizing container plantings is important also. As long as water can drain out of cast stone and glazed terra cotta containers, they can remain outdoors all winter planted or unplanted, with no ill effects. They cannot be resting on dirt or mud that prevents them from draining. If you are concerned, raise them up on pot feet.

Winter container plantings can give your home and garden a warm, polished look even when it is frigid outdoors. Given that the containers can



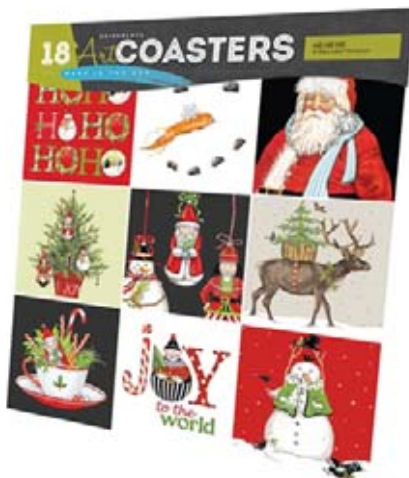
remain outdoors in the winter, the other consideration is the plant material. Know what will survive; English ivy, Vinca, Heuchera, Pansies, and more. Many professional designers use a combination of winter hardy plants, generous cuttings of evergreen branches, and seasonal findings like pinecones and berries to fill out the arrangement; you can even incorporate nonshattering tree ornaments. Use a live wreath or garland to rim a winter container planting. Mulch with moss for insulation and an added green touch. When it is truly cold, you only have to water the live plants about once a month. Enjoy the beautiful winter containers and wait for spring!

GREAT GIFTS & GOOD CHEER

Entertain with Mary Lake Thompson! Her images are cute and cozy, reviving memories from holidays past. Tea towels make a generous, useful hostess gift and will add festivity to your own kitchen.



New!! These sets of four 9" melamine paper-plate-look-alikes are darling, dishwasher safe, and durable. They will make a cute hostess gift or serve you well during the holidays.



Reusable many, many times, these paper art coasters will brighten up any holiday party and save your table tops from drink rings. Featuring 18 two sided coasters, they make a great hostess gift and group gift.

Give friends and the birds a gift that keeps on giving: a sea grass or coconut roosting pouch. The birds will save up to 30% of their body fat as they shelter in the roosting pouches in the cold. In the spring, they are perfect nesting places. Friends will get great pleasure from watching the birds.



French soap is always a good gift! The soaps are made with all natural ingredients and enriched with moisturizing shea butter. As a nice stocking stuffer or paired with a hand-

made ceramic dish, soap is a favorite small gift. From Almond to White Gardenia, more than 20 natural botanical fragrances are yours to enjoy.

Speaking of France, you can easily check people off your list with a gift of C-U-T-E Provencal hand-painted ceramic grey sea salt and pepper grinders.



Whether whimsical robins or stately opposing deer are your style, these pillows make holiday decorating fun! An outdoor pillow adds good cheer and welcomes guests. Polyester throughout, their covers zip off for laundering if needed. Customers love these beautiful designs for themselves and as gifts.



Invite guests into your home with the fragrance of an apple pie cooling on the windowsill. Crisp Macin-



tosh apple mingles with a yummy blend of cardamom, ground nutmeg, fresh cinnamon and clove.



“Forest” mixes Scotch pine, falling leaves, Cedar in a deep woody base of Clary Sage. Choose either fragrance in a 5.5” beeswax blend botanical (120hr), a jewel tone botanica glass (85 hr), and a decorative oval tin with two wicks and a petite matchbook.

The perfect garden accent for this season or actually anytime, “Angel of Hope” stands 21” high.



The 14” Madonna is a popular gift; she can be tucked into the garden or a planter and can be used indoors.



The Cherub Birdfeeder kneeling with a small bowl is 13” high and is a sweet gift for the birds. The detail on this statue is lovely.



Hummingbird feeders are great gifts! Colorful, and handmade of recycled glass, they are little pieces of art in your garden. Droplets are captivating hand-blown creations in dozens of color com-



binations and designs. They make you think spring and the return of the little hummingbirds.

Tools among our favorite gifts include: the narrow hand rake, tiny deadheads for stocking stuffers, the Trake, the Korean weeder, the Hori-Hori knife, and the world famous Felco pruners.

New for 2017, the Spear & Jackson engraved hand trowel. This is your chance to celebrate the *World's Best Gardener* in your life!



DECEMBER TO DO LIST

- Order annual seeds or organize the ones you have.
- Plant fruit trees, roses, and other trees.
- Mulch herbs if the weather gets cold.
- Plant daffodil and tulip bulbs.
- Cut back on watering and fertilizing houseplants. 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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