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WINTER IN THE GARDEN

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 A wise and talented garden writer recently quipped "Winter is unavoidable." Another has said that winter gives us a greater appreciation of spring. Many people abandon their gardens, containers, and accessories until spring; not advisable. Winter in the garden can be beautiful and carefree with a little creativity. It is called winterscaping!



Evergreens in pots at the front entry is a great winter look before and after the holidays.



Fill empty containers and windowboxes with cut evergreen boughs from the plentiful supply found



in your own garden, your neighbor's (only if they say it is okay), or trimmings from tree lots. The greenery will be colorful for weeks and they often sport colorful berries, providing more visual interest throughout the winter months. Abundance is the

key to creating an attractive arrangement.

Prevent winter damage to fountains by draining the water prior to the arrival of freezing temperatures. Cover with a commercial cover or at least fill the basin with fresh evergreen boughs. If rain or snow collects in a fountain basin and has no way to drain, it can freeze and expand out, cracking nearly any substance. The evergreen branches allow the ice to crack up instead of out.



Treat back porches and patios with the same care as the front entry for beautiful views from inside your winter home. A winter pillow or two on a bench or chairs on a covered porch or patio provides cheer on sometimes cheerless winter days.

The spirit of gardening should continue throughout the year. Have a beautiful winter!

GREAT GIFTS & GOOD CHEER



Susan Wallace Barnes has done it again! Here are twelve more months of intricate water-color images to enjoy throughout the coming year, each brighter and happier than the one before. Give a calendar to friends or to yourself.

Miniature gardening has been *in* for the past several years even though it is taken from the Victorian Era. It evokes a childlike sense of play in making a vignette for imaginary fairies. Now



available in large sets, this 16 piece collection includes everything to create a complete fairy garden. Miniature gardening is a great way to enjoy gardening or time outdoors with grandchildren; however adults admit the tiny pieces make them feel like children.

Perfect companions for miniature gardens, are the darling dwarf conifers. Choose from 10 different varieties to make your own miniature woodland.

The little trees and shrubs also make darling indoor centerpieces or unique hostess gifts.



Small birds that spend the winter here can often have a difficult time finding a place to stay warm.



Roosting pouches provide winter protection, saving up to one third of a small bird's body fat. In the spring the roosting pouches provide privacy and safety during breeding. Their covered design keeps birds warm while the slanted roofs help protect against weather. Small openings keep larger birds out. The pouches attach to tree branches by flexible wire hooks or durable cord. Made of all natural materials, they are adorable as well as useful.

Colorful and unique, eight single tubes create one single vase. Just pop in a flower from your garden or a few from a bouquet and easily create a display that will make you smile. Small enough to fit almost anywhere from a windowsill to bedside table and available in several color combinations including all white, these make wonderful gifts.



This year's new holiday Peace bunny pillow will bring color and holiday spirit to a bench at the front entry or it can even be used indoors as a holiday accent.

Spicy Apple is the fragrance of an apple pie cooling on a windowsill, a crisp apple freshly picked from a fall orchard, a mug of spicy apple cider. Fresh, juicy, and crisp Macintosh apple mingles with a spicy blend of cardamom seed, ground nutmeg; fresh cinnamon and clove bud, sweet tonka bean, vanilla extract, and forest balsam softly chime in. A holiday tradition!



The magic of Provence is illuminated with the Lumiere fragrance candle collection. White Gardenia, Lavender, and Verbena in vintage mercury glass casts a soft glowing light with a burn time of 45 hours.

Set the mood of your holiday table with a selection of mercury glass votive holders. The silver finish magnifies candle light for a magical effect.



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New for gift giving: luxury soaps! Luxurious in size, the lavender, milk, and verbena bars are a large 250g; luxurious in fragrance and feel, shea butter enriched for soothing dry skin. These French soaps are luxuriously wrapped in exotic paper, finished with gold wired ribbon. These soaps make perfect group gifts, friend gifts, and stocking stuffers.





Bring holiday cheer to any entry with an outdoor, machine washable, wool like-alike hooked rug. The bright colors and festive images such as trees, reindeer, snowflakes and cardinals will delight you and your guests every time you walk through the door.



A favorite hostess gift, these flour sack tea towels have heartwarming holiday images such as this vintage Santa with reindeer and trees. The tea towels come as a set of two tied with ribbon. Towels are available with a wide variety of images; cowboy boots, holly, ornaments, and Santa making them suitable for a wide variety of recipients. Tea towels stand on their own as gifts and can be combined with food or wine.



Hummingbird feeders are very popular gifts. New for 2013, the hand blown Pixie single port feeder has wings. Sparkling in the sunlight, they look like garden jewelry.



Having received these temple bells as a gift, we decided to carry them so more people could enjoy their pleasantly light, crisp chime in the garden. These little instruments of the wind were inspired by ancient Chinese bells. Available in polished brass trio or quintet as shown, their simple design makes a pleasant addition to almost any garden.

Originating hundreds of years ago in Japan, rain chains act as linked funnels and are a decorative alternative to cheerless gutter downspouts. Rainwater playfully dances and flows down these handcrafted copper channels as it is guided from rooftop to ground. Select from a variety of styles from fish, umbrellas, flowers, and double links as shown, to fit the home and homeowner



Made in the Shenandoah Valley, our wind chimes are hand-tuned with incredible tones and resonance, bringing the peaceful songs of nature to your garden.



Popular for their beautiful colors and images, not to even mention their comfort, carefree hammock swing chairs are very appealing; they can even be installed indoors in a bedroom or a sunroom. Give the gift of easy relaxation.

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



The gardener's trio: gloves, Joy Chen Scissors, and 19" hand rake, all gardeners need these. The Joy Chens are sharp and long lasting; the hand rake is perfect for tidying tight spaces between plants and, as a customer pointed out, straightening fringe on oriental rugs. Wearing the gloves is like wearing a watercolor painting.



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.



Will is the spokesdog for the Chattanooga Goodwill Assistance Dog Academy. His mission is to raise awareness for the disabled, raise funds for training service dogs, and ultimately change the lives of appropriate shelter dogs and the lives of disabled persons. This sculpture was created by Hilda Jones, and a portion of each sale goes to fund the Assistance Dog Academy.



Everyone has a favorite animal, bird, or creature in nature. A small Campania statue is a long lasting gift to remind someone of the love of their family and friends.

TASTING ENGLAND

We first met passionate British cooks and enthusiastic tour guides, Tina Boughey and Jennifer Aston-Mills when our friend Jo Logan invited us to attend one of their renowned cooking classes being held in her home. Jo and her sewing club along with their husbands took their first trip with Tina and Jenny in 1997. Tina and Jenny also ran a cooking school in Amalfi, Italy, for 17 years until 1999.

They came to the U.S. this summer on a promotional tour to promote their business, *Tasting England*. Oklahoma was one of their stops because of their friendship with Jo. Soon we became extras in their latest video production. We participated in and were filmed taking an English tea, in tea-time attire complete with hats. They prepared and served tea, delicious little sandwiches, scones and tea cakes. Then it was time to dress for the Downton Abbey dinner scene. We happily changed into formal wear; they provided a supply of vintage costume jewelry and accessories for fun. There was a lot of waiting and being quiet while waiting, but finally we were led into the dining room, where the table was set with candelabras and a beautiful fresh fruit centerpiece, along with a salmon mousse created by Tina and Jenny at each place. It was a warm day; keep in mind if you watch the video, that the majority of the men were wearing Bermuda shorts with their tuxedo jackets!

After hearing that they would adapt their tours to center around English gardens both public and private, we decided to make this opportunity known to our customers.

They are offering two trips:

- 1) May 18-25 which includes a day at the Chelsea Flower Show Tickets must be bought early Dec.
- 2) May 25-June 1

Itineraries can be set to accommodate the interests of groups which are made up of 10 people each.

See their website www.TastingEngland.com.uk for details and let us know immediately of your interest, especially if you want to attend the Chelsea Flower Show. . A number of people have expressed a desire to go; contact us at the shop 405-879-1121 for details of an informative meeting on December 1 complete with Jo's scrapbook pictures.

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; each day afterwards is a little longer!
- Make your list and check it twice.
- **Shop local, shop small**



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!

