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## PLAN FOR A BEAUTIFUL SPRING GARDEN

There is still time in the New Year for some of us to make resolutions. (Spend more time in the garden!) (Get something beautiful for the garden!) (Take the garden to its next level!) It is a time to organize and make good things happen. Here, in the store, we use dormant winter garden time to take inventory, order spring products, and create new displays.

Looking out at the bleak landscape, we gardeners see what could be there to enjoy in coming weeks and beyond; sometimes we just need a little advice to get started. If the last few summers have taken a toll on your garden, rethink the type of plants you are trying to grow; experiment with native perennials and hardy varieties that will



thrive beautifully with less frequent waterings. Garden smarter. Focus on plants that have delightful fragrances, colored branches, a desired form, have evergreen color for all season interest, or are highly visible in the evening; get the most enjoyment and performance from your plants.

Container gardening is an easy means to consistent beauty. Plants in containers have no



competition for water and nutrients. Several well-planted large containers, whether ornate or restrained, cast stone or glazed terra cotta, are easy care and get even prettier as they mature.

Birds contribute song and movement to our gardens. Attract them to roost and nest in your garden by providing habitat and water. Birds require supplemental water year round; adding birdbaths to the garden will help them thrive and naturally enliven your garden. That is planning for a beautiful spring garden.



## WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

This season Campania International has introduced some gorgeous new colors for their glazed terra cotta containers. Their shapes are just as lovely as their colors. We selected several hard-



to-find low bowl styles specifically for use as centerpiece on tables; orchids look wonderful in these simple bowls. The Misha planter is available in antique pearl (shown) or celadon pearl and comes in a range of sizes.

The Borsa has a pleasing rounded form with a classic trim for design interest, in the ultra-rich indigo rain glaze.



This container is also available in a range of sizes. The indigo rain glaze will be a good visual complement to the blues of most pools.



planted with an architectural plant, these containers have many possibilities in a variety of settings.

The Sonos planter offers great design form and the beautiful, serene celadon pearl glaze. A stunning focal point in the home, left unplanted in the garden, interpreted as a water feature, or



How sweet this is. The Love, Live, Bark flag not only celebrates Valentine's Day for dog lovers (everyone!), but a portion of the proceeds goes to support dog shelters. Get one for your family's dog and show your love for doggies everywhere!

Hydrangeas are a vintage garden favorite. Their huge, luxurious flower heads are impossible to resist. One of our gorgeous new outdoor pillows is covered with hydrangea blossoms, ready to adorn your porch or patio bench and lounge chairs.



The entire collection of print designs is of nature: birds, flowers and plants, bunnies and animals, each prettier than the one before.



The new Mini Blossom Flower Chandelier is environmentally friendly, pretty, and colorful; we want to introduce it before the hummingbirds start their migration toward the state. With a red frame, two recycled glass blossoms topped with brightly colored petals of recycled tin cans, and mini flower blooms dangling beneath, they are sure to be irresistible to the hummers!

## POKING ABOUT THE GARDEN

It is surprising to see what goes on in the winter garden while we're cozy and warm indoors. An early morning tour of the garden revealed awakening treasures. Baby



larkspurs with their heads just up inches out of the ground, nothing near their adult height, their feathery leaves are unmistakable.



Surprise! Daffodils are blooming, just like last year. Still think it is a little too early, but they didn't ask me, so I will just enjoy them and hope they have many siblings. Klee has been planting bulbs here for quite a few years and it is always fun to see them appear each spring.

Bare ground in the garden makes us look to this spring's plant acquisitions. We adored the fragrant corkscrew vine (shown), Brazilian Button, and Green Swan Flower, annuals from Bustani



Plant Farm and will be planting them again. Perennials *Eucomis* 'Tugela Ruby' (Pineapple Lily), Hardy Heliotrope, and Pink Chinese Indigo performed well, earning more places in our gardens.

## FEBRUARY TO DO LIST

- Plant and/or transplant trees and shrubs. It is too late when the buds swell.
- Feed trees, shrubs, evergreens, and roses. Water in well.
- Spray dormant oil on roses to eliminate pests and their eggs.
- Start feeding houseplants with fertilizer strength diluted 50%.
- Feed the birds to keep them nesting in your garden; they eat a lot of insects.
- Start dividing perennials that need it.
- *Carefully* prune *SUMMER BLOOMING* shrubs, tangled honeysuckle.
- *AFTER* their blooms fade, prune forsythia, quince.
- Water deeply periodically.
- Water prior to winter weather event to help hydrate and insulate plants.
- February 8-10 last bulb planting days.
- Examine, clean, and maintain tools.

## 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!

