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TRENDING IN THE 2016 GARDEN

Trends come and obviously go, but they are interesting and some are life changing in a good way. Some are just interesting in that they make you



see things very differently. For instance, there is a trend coming from Europe: people want more color in structures from their houses, to fences and other hard scape structures like pergolas. We anticipate seeing fences painted dark green or dark blue. Black houses and fences are huge in Europe. Here in the U.S. people are painting their houses deep blue or navy as a good foil for their gardens.

Compare the following images. The comparison is striking; the darker pergola changes the look for the better, receding into the background and allowing the plantings to stand out dramatically.



Instead of only bright colors, more appreciation of subtle color ranges like all white or monochromatic gardens are occurring. Gardens will be appreciated more for their details—a stone wall, lovely iron fence, unique edging, or delicate branch patterns.

Outdoor furniture and fabric are now as plentiful as indoor furniture and fabric. In fact, many people use



Sunbrella outdoor fabrics to upholster their indoor furniture due to its durability, stain resistance, and beautiful patterns and colors. There is a huge movement towards individualizing outdoor spaces, with many lines of outdoor furniture from which to choose. People are finally thinking more about relaxing and entertaining outdoors and the outdoor decorating that make it more appealing!

WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

Every year we are amazed at the new pillow images and color combinations available. One of our favorite artists, Tim Coffey shows his talent for intricate details; this year, these images bring the romance of *Paris in the Spring* to our gardens.



It was difficult to decide which new pillows to purchase and to feature in the newsletter; they are all attractive, visually lifting us out of winter.



Imagine a warm spring day with these fanciful, colorful images bringing lightness of mood and



ambiance to a bench in your garden amid containers of flowers and a gently splashing fountain! Up, up, and away to spring. Vive la France!



Valentine's and spring garden flags are here; they make it so easy to add a welcome splash of color to our rather barren winter worn landscapes. Styles range from this watercolor image to tulips, pansies, St. Patrick's Day images, birthdays, and more.

French soaps are always nice to give and receive. Hearts in the 100g size wrapped with a sparkling bow make a great Valentine treat.



Carpet Diem! Seize the day outdoors or indoors with the best made, longest lasting outdoor rugs on the planet! In beautiful designs from traditional and floral to contemporary, woven from recycled plastic and state of the art UV resistant colorants, they add style to any setting. Whether in your kitchen, on the patio or at the beach, they are utterly carefree.

In response to customer requests, we have ordered and love these small pots with a variety of shapes that go anywhere and most have saucers to match! They can serve as cachepots for houseplants or, with their convenient saucers, they can be planted directly. The colors will blend with many situations. Now is a good time to update your houseplants with these trendy new pots!



WORDS OF WISDOM

Gardening is a humbling experience.

Martha Stewart

You have got to love your garden, whether you like it or not!

Garden Rubbish, 1939

Show me your garden and I will tell you what you are.

unknown

When your garden is finished, I hope it will be more beautiful than you anticipated, require less maintenance than you expected, and have cost only a little more than you planned.

Thomas Church

It is forbidden to live in a town that has no greenery.

The Jerusalem Talm

PERENNIAL PLANT OF 2016

The Perennial Plant Association has chosen the Japanese Anemone 'Honorine Jobert' as the 2016 Perennial of the year.



A 5' tall, elegant, woody based perennial, it has dazzling white flowers. It has a double row of petals, giving it substance. Its flowers are held on graceful, upright stems for five weeks. It looks lovely massed in woodland areas or in rock gardens. It is excellent as a cut flower.

The variety has been around for approximately 150 years. It was a "sport", a spontaneous offspring, of the pale pink Anemone x hybrida raised at the Royal Horticulture Society's garden in Chiswick in 1848. The white flower occurred 10 years later on a plant in France that had been grown in England. Soon after, Honorine Jobert made the trip back across the Channel into England.

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!

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