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WHAT FOUNTAIN WHERE?

It is a universally accepted fact that water features add needed and desired ambiance to a garden area. The sight of moving water is visually interesting and soothing; the sound of trickling water is also soothing, changing the mood of a garden from ordinary to perfection. A fountain is an easy way to add that ambiance. Fill it with water and plug it in. No water source needed, just a grounded plug.



smallest is this Pebble Fountain.

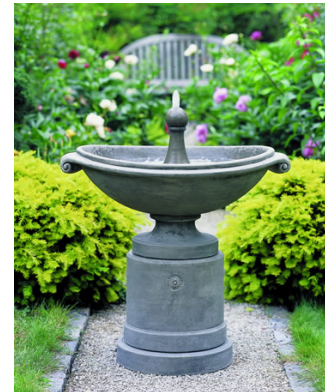
A tabletop fountain is an easy choice for a small patio. The M-Series fountains are interesting and small, with many styles available. The

For a slightly larger space with a wall as a backdrop, the flat-backed Colonna is perfect. Its sound is very pleasant; a light splashing sound, with the water falling into the cup and then into the basin.



Flower beds and islands can be enhanced by a round fountain, the shape allowing the fountain to be viewed from all sides. The height of this fountain would be above most plants in the flower bed, showing it fully.

In a large entry installation or courtyard, a fountain such as the Medici Elipse will lend the necessary presence to be a focal point. With its large single bowl, it is simple to maintain.



Our new bamboo pump kits make it fast and easy to have a patio fountain. Ten minutes is all you need to create a fountain with these kits. It is fun to have more than one!

A VISIT TO MOSS MOUNTAIN

I (Carol) was fortunate recently to have the opportunity to tour P. Allen Smith's Moss Mountain Farm near Hot Springs. Everyone who appreciates a perfectly appointed home with lovely gardens and out-buildings along with an array of farm creatures should take the time to make reservations for a tour and meal cooked by the resident chef.

The home is prominently situated on 650 acres over-



looking the Arkansas River. It is colonial in style, red brick in a special lime wash that gives it a very

aged appearance. Large, plump golden roosters roam the grounds, good for photo ops. Guests are allowed free exploration of the home, a furnished basement and three floors. The tour manager simply requested that no one nap in P. Allen's bed. Smith is a landscape architect, artist, decorator, chef, television personality with his own cable program, appearing often on the Today Show and others. An author as well, he has written numerous garden books and cookbooks. He mentioned that he is considering a proposal for six more books.

Well known for his vegetable paintings: gourds, squash, and melons, he was asked last year to create a collection for a special exhibition at Sotheby's in New York.



this great kitchen.

He calls his kitchen's island a "seven fanny" because seven people can gather around. His television cooking productions are taped in

The window above the sink overlooks a swath of lawn and gar dens. To his design credit, nearly



every room holds a fabulous view. Beyond the dining area and kitchen, a screened in sitting porch spans the entire back of the home. He used copper screening for an unobstructed view of the grounds and the

Arkansas River.

Outdoors, a pond and fountain leads into mirror image flower gardens. Walking through the arches and flower beds, you approach the drying house, a quaint and lovely structure with six sides, chandelier, table, and a carpet of dried pine needles on the floor. There was an appealing dried floral aroma.



A charming glassed in, air conditioned outdoor kitchen is just outside the house. The chef was inside the kitchen preparing our lunch. Across

the drive, an open air gift shop holds books and garden accessories. After delicious salad with grilled chicken and buttermilk pecan pie, there was no question about purchasing a cookbook. The visit was inspiring; every aspect of a lovely home apparent and generous hospitality extended.

PLANT WATERING 101

Summer in Oklahoma is frequently hot with little rain, meaning that our watering techniques can make or break a container planting. Following a few watering tips can be crucial to having container plantings look their best even in the summer heat. Most plants will thrive if you pay attention to the following:

- 1) The pot should have at least one drain hole. Proper drainage is essential for healthy roots.
- 2) To know when a plant needs watering, look at it and touch the soil; damp soil is darker, paper bag brown is dry. Some pots do dry out faster than others.
- 3) 3) Water early in the morning, not at night when any wet foliage may encourage fungal disease to form. Water the soil, not the plants' leaves. Water slowly and thoroughly around the entire root zone, the *outer edges* where the new roots absorb f



. Water until it drains out of the bottom of the pot. It may take a gallon of water to adequately cover a 10"-12" pot. We like to use the shower feature of the hose sprayer and count at least 60 seconds for each plant watered. Do not allow the pot to sit in water.

- 4) Fertilize *after* watering to avoid burning the roots. Remember, water the soil, not the leaves, and water around the outer edges where the soil first dries out.

In the landscape, think of the shrubs and plants as slightly reduced mirror images below the ground as are visible above ground. Water these deeply and thoroughly. Five minutes will not help. Deep watering allows plant roots to grow deep and stay healthy. Water deeply once a week; it is much better than watering shallowly more frequently.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

Fresh for summer, the Anjou Pear beeswax blend botanical candle and reed diffusers have a pleasant light scent and the pale sliced fruit is beautiful.



Fourth of July festivities will be even more festive with fluffy outdoor pillows. Choose a holiday theme or simply fun and summery; washable, they go anywhere!



Serve indoor or outdoor picnics with great looking unbreakable melamine dinnerware and polycarb drink ware in a variety of colors.. See new square plates and new drink ware colors!



Greet guests at your front or back doors with a pretty doormat. The mats are washable, durable,

and very fade resistant.

A PASSION FOR PILLOWS

We definitely have a passion for outdoor pillows, made easy to satisfy with the hundreds of designs created by our pillow companies.

As delicious as icy sorbets, these sea creature images blend beautifully with the outdoor rug in soft gray, ice blue, and yellow; cool colors for the hot summer. Have a seaside theme poolside!



FUN WITH TABLE CLOTHS

Oprah has found our French tablecloths and she



likes them! This floral pattern with its casual flair is perfect for summer dining on rustic sage or white melamine dinnerware.

The pansy is another very popular pattern. Paired with rustic sage melamine and clear drink ware, this would be a fantastic table indoors or outside. The cloths launder very nicely and do not necessarily require ironing. They are very user friendly!



JULY TO DO LIST

- Maintain 2"-3" of mulch in flower beds.
- Snip herbs as first flowers appear for maximum flavor.
- Pinch back leggy annuals and perennials to encourage bushy growth.
- Stop pinching back mums to allow them to set flower buds.
- Water potted plants more frequently in hot weather, water in the morning.
- Pull weeds to keep them from spreading.
- Provide a birdbath full of clean water for the birds in your garden, four or five feet away from feeders so debris does not fall into water.
- Enjoy your garden even more now that things are slowing down.

I drifted into a summer nap under the hot shade of July, serenaded by a cicadae lullaby, to drowsy warm dreams of distant thunder. Terry Guillemets

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!

