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SUMMER AT HOME!

Lazy days and party nights! Summer has arrived officially and it is time to live in our outdoor spaces and entertain with flair. Set the summer mood for relaxing with friends, good food, and refreshing warm weather drinks. Plan to make it easy to enjoy yourself; you can host a simple dessert get-together or happy hour on these summer evenings that stretch on longer and longer. Here are some tips for planning perfect outdoor gatherings:

Arrange chairs, loveseats and benches in groups to facilitate easy conversation. Seating in conversation areas should be no farther than about eight feet apart, and arrange small tables with food and drinks within easy reach.

Keep a stash of our unbreakable melamine dishes and polycarb glasses handy. Carefree outdoor entertaining is knowing that you are using the finest and nothing will break. Our washable French cotton tablecloths, runners, and placemats add subtle refinement to the most casual gatherings; among our new favorites are the luxurious quilted boutis runners and placemats.



Impress your guests by creating beautiful arrangements using simple foliage scrounged from the garden. A vase filled with a few fern fronds, hosta leaves anchored to the table by a fruit or two can make a striking still life presentation, all the more clever since you created it from your own garden!

Large empty pots and plastic lined baskets filled with ice can make attractive beverage coolers.



Having taken care of the last minute details the day before, put your feet up and sip a cool refreshing Pimm's.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

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



A new candle for this year, the Apricot Rose is a beautiful candle, deliciously fruit and floral. They are almost too pretty to burn; the key word being almost.



Back to the future! Sunbrella has released a new swatch book, the ICON Collection, a series of stripes and solids straight from the 60's and 70's. Icon is a reflection of the timeless designs that define the spirit of outdoor living. The energetic pattern Volt has 11 solids (inc. purple), eight colorful stripes, and two large block neutral stripes.



Icon draws inspiration from the original 1961 Sunbrella Collection and is reminiscent of the passionate optimism of the 60's and 70's with today's styling. Someone will have a lot of fun with these!

A pretty doormat greets guests at both your front and back doors. The mats are durable, washable, and very fade resistant.



The rustic bird fountain is easy to love. Lightweight, natural, with a nice splash, the birds take turns pouring water onto a matching splash guard. It is a winner!

Speaking of birds, the bird feeder thermometer is a relatively new garden accessory. It is back in stock after having sold out. The combination of bird feeder and large, readable thermometer is unique and useful. This product makes a wonderful, practical gift for almost anyone. Hang it on a tree branch or use one of our 6' shepherd's hooks that press easily into the ground and stay upright. A tip for bird feeders: keep them 5' away from birdbaths, so debris doesn't collect in them.



IMAGES FROM THE PORCH

It is always gratifying when customers take some information and run with it, creating more beautiful, enjoyable spaces for themselves. A dedicated, talented gardener customer sent in several photos of her abundantly planted containers from our store. She followed the suggestions we made during a patio and garden consultation and wanted us to see the results. Superb!



She said, "With Carol and Christy's help and suggestions, my patio now looks like the room I had imagined. The colors of the pots and rug blend with the colors just inside the windows of the living room, making it just what we wanted, a peaceful place to sit or look out at from inside."

Then she went outside to the front to water and realized that there were more things on the shady front sitting porch than on the back porch, so she took more pictures, one of which we share with you. They selected a solid soft aqua Sunbrella fabric for their outdoor furniture, accented by some print pillows and a couple of pots with tropical plants. They were even using their polycarb wine goblets on the front porch.



They created a great looking space that they can also inhabit!

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 thoroughly 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!

