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A GRACIOUS GARDEN RETREAT

Aaahh, at last it is June! Winter is just a vague memory and we can spend time in the garden enjoying the spaces we have created and conjuring up ideas to make them even more wonderful. Whether entertaining friends and family or just yourself, your garden retreat should be as welcoming and as comfortable as the interior of your home.



Start at the ground and work up. Outdoor rugs and carpets make a seating area come alive, signaling a pleasant destination. From subdued earth tones to bright jewel tones, an outdoor rug made from woven recycled plastic is carefree and so durable it will last

for years.

Slightly more luxurious, outdoor carpets are a little newer on the garden scene. The hues are generally more subtle and the patterns diverse from leafy floral to geometric to abstract. Made of Olefin, they are durable as well.



Benches are a timeless garden element and the epitome of a refined garden image. A comfortable seat visually beckons us to come out into the garden to relax and meditate, read, or spend time with family and friends. Add a splash of color with all weather pillows. These small luxuries make your garden retreat your favorite place to unwind or entertain.



Casual and comfortable, swing hammock chairs have become another easy way to add comfort outdoors. They can be suspended from sturdy tree branches, pergola beams or studs in the ceiling. Everyone who sits in one of these swings immediately breathes a sigh.

Welcome your guests with comfort and enjoy your garden retreat to the fullest.

FATHERS DAY GIFT GUIDE

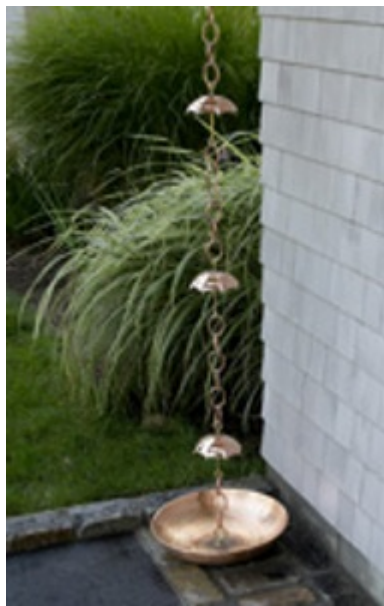
Father's Day is June 19, a day set aside to acknowledge the important role of fathers in raising children and for building a stronger society. Sonora Louise Smart Dodd is credited with becoming the mother of Father's Day during the last century. She appreciated her father and questioned that if there were a Mother's Day, why was there not a Father's Day. Finally in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law that the third Sunday in June would be the official date for Father's Day.



Plan ahead this year and give him a unique gift from Wilshire Garden Market!

Dad can relax like a king in a comfortable hammock chair swing hung in his favorite tree or under an arbor. Swings and pillows are made of durable polyester; covers zip off for laundering.

Rain chains have been growing in popularity for several years and perhaps Dad does not yet have one. Originating in Japan hundreds of years ago, rain chains funnel rainwater from the roof to the ground or into a container to be used to water the garden. Made from copper, they are a decorative alternative to the downspout. Styles range from double loops to fish, umbrellas, or flower cups. This is a great device for the dad who has everything.



Weather is always a topic of interest in Oklahoma, and Wilshire Garden Market has a collection of fine weather instruments from small thermometers and rain gauges to the large Estate Thermometer and Jeffersonian Weather



Instruments inspired by Thomas Jefferson's notable prowess for mechanical invention and his love of country gardens. These high quality thermometers and rain gauges are made for outdoors and have a lifetime warranty. You can select a wind gauge, a rain gauge with mechanical float and lever, or a horizontal thermometer with a protected bimetal coil that reads either Fahrenheit or Celsius even in the sun.



For the dad gardener and OU fan, a bright red watering can is perfect. Their sturdy European design holds 1.5 gallons. The brass rose provides a widespread shower and is removable to provide a solid stream of water. The can is designed with comfort handles; cans are dipped in molten zinc and then powder coated.

Other wonderful gift ideas include fountains, Felco pruners, gloves, statuary, copper torches, large wind chimes, toad house, or a teak garden bench.

JUNE EVENTS AND GARDEN TOURS

Two neighborhood garden tours will compete for our attention on Saturday, June 4: the Nichols Hills Garden Tour and the Wileman's Belle Isle Garden Tour. Wileman's Belle Isle Tour begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at noon; admission and bottled water is free of charge. Seven gardens will be featured; if you **begin at the garden shown in the picture below, 1937 N.W. 56**, you can obtain addresses for the remaining six nearby gardens.



This year marks the 28th anniversary of the Nichols Hills Garden Tour; five gardens will be featured. Purchase tickets to the Nichols Hills Garden Tour for **\$15 in advance at Wilshire Garden Market**, \$20 at the door on the day of the event.

If you plan ahead, you can spend the day touring some of the best gardens in Oklahoma City. Go to both tours, enjoy, and get inspired!

On Saturday, June 11

Wilshire Garden Market will host and conduct a garden seminar "Your Garden Retreat: Color, Continuity, Ambiance and Embellishments", from 10:30 - 11:30 in the store. Light refreshments will be served. Admission is \$10; proceeds will be donated to Oklahoma City Beautiful. Please RSVP 405-879-1121.

That afternoon we will also host an Open House 1:00-3:00 to showcase original pieces by Oklahoma native and renowned Tucson landscape architect, Margaret Ledbetter Joplin. Joplin is known for her community projects such as the Kennedy Park Fiesta Area; her latest project is a regional Veterans' Memorial where she will craft a number of trees from steel and adorn them with glass leaves, each bearing the etched name of a local veteran.



Her glass pieces catch and reflect the light during daylight hours and the incorporation of LED lights into her pieces allows them to literally glow in the dark. Joplin's work has been featured in a number of publications including Garden Design magazine.

Stop by to meet Margaret and see her interesting and beautiful creations; all pieces are available for purchase.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

To help our customers furnish their gardens with cushions in a wide variety of patterns and color ways, we have installed a new Sunbrella kiosk that holds waterfalls of current fabrics. Relax on our teak bench while you browse the fabric swatch books or flip the panels on the kiosk to find the fabrics that are just right



for your home.

Several new patterns of melamine dinnerware make it easy to entertain outdoors beautifully and safely. The new soft pale sage green looks as cool and inviting as sorbet; paired with this light blue and green Mediterranean design, it is casual elegance.



The fleurs de 'Provence pattern is reminiscent of a classic Soleiado pattern in yellow, red, or blue. The polycarbonate wine goblets, iced tea tumblers, small tumblers, and large lidded pitcher make it easy to be fashionable and unbreakable outdoors.

Other pieces include rectangular serving trays with handles, large salad serving bowl, and oval platters. Dishwasher safe, carefree is the word for this dinnerware.

New 3' steel topiary forms and rose domes have arrived in time to support climbing roses, clematis and all manner of vines. Our metal artisans have created some very pretty spiraling topiary; we also have flat trellises and columnar rose domes. You can request custom made topiary forms and trellises in all sizes and shapes; provide an image and measurements and receive a quick estimate.



A new shipment of dwarf bonsai trees is in. From dwarf elm 'Jacqueline Hillier' (center) to dwarf cotoneasters 'damme Streib's Findlin', they are darling little tiny trees. Make your own mini parks or fairy gardens in containers or in the ground next to a toad house or a miniature garden cottage.

Lots of new oil cloth table cloths in favorite patterns and a few new colors such as a dramatic black. They are available in 63" and 71" round, 48" square, and 48" x 72" picnic size. These are a favorite across the country on our website. New pillows will be in by the end of the week.



ROSE: FLOWER OF THE MONTH

Roses are the most recognizable flower on earth. It is thought that the rose has been cultivated in gardens for 5,000 years, probably beginning in Asia. It is the symbol of love, war, beauty, and it is the June birthday flower.

There are two groups of roses. Old Roses are ones cultivated in Europe before 1800; Modern Roses are ones cultivated in England and France around the turn of the nineteenth century. Until around 1800, all European roses were shades of pink or white.



Mutations of shrub roses, climbers are the acrobats of the rose world. They are especially desirable for their vertical interest in the garden, developing long canes that are easily trained on trellises, rose domes, and arbors. Varieties, such as "Lady Banks", "Pinkie" and "Zephirine Drouhin" pictured above, are virtually thornless. A climber on a structure will provide a glorious focal point and fabulous fragrance.



Shrub roses can be grown easily in containers, giving the opportunity for color and fragrance in all areas of the patio and garden.

If you don't have a rose, by all means, get one. Find one with the perfect fragrance or your favorite color. The impact of the rose can be greatly enhanced by the container's color or style. Roses in containers can complement home styles from Mediterranean to traditional.

A rough guide is a 14" - 16" pot will accommodate a 3'H x 3'W rose; larger roses will require a 20" - 24" container. Wilshire Garden Market has a selection of cast stone or glazed terra cotta pots that will sustain roses even through the harshest weather. You **can** grow roses!

JUNE 2011 TO DO LIST

- Mulch 3" deep around woody plants after cleaning underneath. Start several inches out from trunks to prevent bacterial infections.
- Patrol for weeds; they rob desired plants of water and nutrients.
- Deadhead for long season bloom.
- Some perennials may need to be pruned hard to restart.
- Pinch back fall blooming Mums, Asters, Monardia at least by July 4.
- Stake tomato plants.
- Maintenance trim on wisteria.
- Spring flowering shrubs get pruned now.

EXTERIOR DECORATING

Give yourself (or someone else) a garden retreat, or update an existing one. Wilshire Garden Market provides an exterior decorating consultation service. By appointment, for a nominal fee, we will make a consultation visit followed by written suggestions to make your garden retreat more charming, cohesive, and useful. Call the store for details or to make an appointment.



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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