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ONE POT, TWO POTS, RED POTS, BLUE POTS

June is the best month in the garden and the busiest for plants and gardeners alike. Plants are in their glory, growing to their full potential and if they are growing in pots, they make a more dramatic visual impact on homes and gardens. While perhaps the greatest challenge, the most enjoyable part of gardening is to create beautiful container plantings. From annuals to perennials, from succulents to roses, when plants complement their container and the container highlights the plants, they look beautiful and make you look good too!



Both cast stone and glazed terra cotta are durable in winter weather and display plants admirably. Cast stone pots are heavier and provide a traditional appearance, although there are also sleek contemporary designs. Cast stone can be found in finishes from nearly white to very dark grey. Lush tropi-

cals, evergreens, small trees, roses, small shrubs, perennials, or vines on obelisks are suitable for cast stone pots. They flatter almost any traditional home and make dramatic statements in the garden. Flowers and plants in a pot represent the completion of a beautiful home and garden, as jewelry is for the dress.



Glazed terra cotta is dramatic and colorful, a great addition to many home styles. Sometimes a single architectural plant can be just what is needed to complement a lovely pot. It is also a rewarding accomplishment to plant a colorful glazed terra cotta container with a gorgeous combination of plants.



It has been said that no color is an island unto itself. Putting colors together that create interesting and pleasing visual relationships is part of what makes for good design. Even though a glazed terra cotta pot may be delicate in color or design, the pots are incredibly strong and durable if handled wisely.

The clay can be ½" thick or better and they are high fired for extended periods of time, which makes them frost proof.

If you need more and better containers, now is your chance! Our June warehouse sale is now in effect! Choose from white to iced coffee, rustic red, gold, buttercream, moss, Riviera blue, antique jade, unglazed terra cotta, and cast stone, all pots in the warehouse are on summer sale. Come browse our warehouse and find the perfect pots that will add style in your home and garden! June is a great month for gardens and gardeners! Happy Summer Pot Sale!

FATHERS DAY GIFT GUIDE

Father's Day is June 17, 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

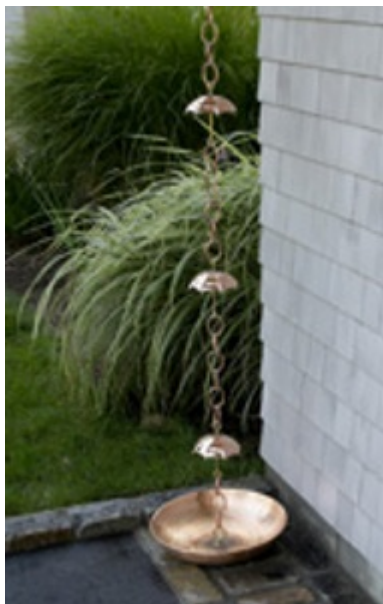


during the last century. She appreciated her father and questioned that if there were a Mother's Day, why was there not a Father's Day. Finally in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law that the third Sunday in June would be the official date for Father's Day.

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. He will not mind sharing on occasion.

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.



JUNE EVENTS AND GARDEN TOURS

The Nichols Hills neighborhood garden tour was held on Saturday, June 2 after sustaining yet another damaging hail storm that occurred on May 30. The homeowners are to be congratulated for their commitment and hard work in having their gardens restored in time for a seamless tour.



This year marked the 29th anniversary of the Nichols Hills Garden Tour; six gardens were featured. Proceeds from the tour benefit the 31 lovely parks of Nichols Hills that bring beauty for everyone to enjoy.

Hopefully you spent the day touring some of the best gardens in Oklahoma City, and found inspiration for improvement to your own garden. If you need more help, let us help you implement! Unfortunately, Wileman's Belle Isle garden tour was cancelled due to hail damage. Hopefully they can reschedule; they have unique, well executed gardens.

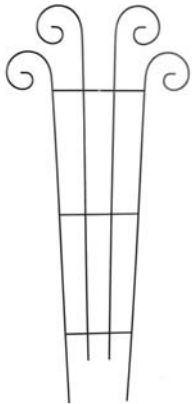
“There are no mistakes in gardening, only experiments that turned out differently than anticipated.....”

WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

Just in from our buying trip last year and well worth the wait, the Chantal pots in "glacier". Their falling glazes drip one color over another and still another to



give an incredibly beautiful effect. The style is available in four sizes, allowing them to be used in a variety of settings.



We are fortunate to have several local artisans who create original custom pieces for us and our customers. Dan and Ted, the metal artisans, have brought in more large and medium size trellises, rose and clematis domes and topiary forms. They create even larger versions for landscape designers when special effects are desired to camouflage or fill in an area. They can custom make

window boxes to fit nearly any size window.

Protect yourself from the sun's rays with radiant tees, long sleeve garden shirts, and hats in a variety of styles and colors. The soft tees are made using materials such as coco fiber or coffee beans! The wide garden hats are made with a moldable wire edged



flat so they can go anywhere!

brim to hold any shape you create. The material resembles rows of gros-grain ribbon. They are a pleasure to wear and they pack

The newest in solar lanterns, the red lanterns are gorgeous!

Made from durable parachute material, just turn them on, hang them where the sun can charge the

battery and they give your dark garden areas a magical glow for hours.



Each week brings a new shipment of pillows and comfortable swing chairs. This meadow mist color way is a favorite that complements many of their print pillows. Swing chairs, hammocks, and pillows can be combined to decorate outdoor living spaces beautifully. All

polyester pillow covers zip off for laundering if needed.

New tablecloths, aprons, and breadbaskets from Le-Cadeaux have arrived, convenient for the best style in casual entertaining. Blue, yellow, and red classic French inspired patterns in durable polyester will be colorful, and carefree.



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 2012 TO DO LIST

- Maintenance trim on wisteria.
- Spring flowering shrubs get pruned now.
- Mulch 3" deep around woody plants after cleaning underneath. Start several inches out from trunks to prevent bacterial infections.
- Patrol weeds; they rob plants of water, 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.

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 879-1121 for details or to set up an appointment.



Furnishing fine gardens for 15 years; let us help you enhance your outdoor living room!

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