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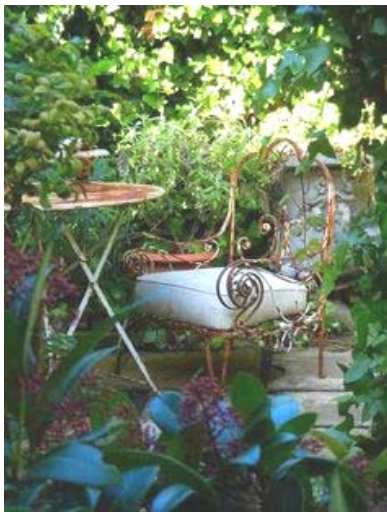
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BEAUTIFUL OUTDOOR SPACES START HERE

June is known as the premier gardening month. The conditions leading up to June have been better than many years: drought broken and temperatures in the 60's and 70's. This is what it is like to live in Bucks County, Pennsylvania: buy plants, take them home, plant them and never think about watering.

Gardening is addictive, but spending time in the garden does not always involve physical labor. As soon as the monsoons end, take advantage of this good fortune; make your garden and outdoor living areas beautiful and comfortable; use them often. It is the perfect time for outdoor parties, dining outdoors, rejuvenating and relaxing, enjoying life surrounded by lush greenery, unfettered by walls.

Create a hideaway in a shady green corner, furnish



it with a couple of chairs and a small table. Or, designate an area, stake out a spot, perhaps with the use of several large planters filled with tall plants; that is your nook. Use this area to listen to music, read a book, relax and reflect, view a garden feature: a bird bath, fountain, sunrise, sunset.

Be spontaneous, have a plain air meal with unbreakable melamine and a bottle of wine on hand. Announce dinner will be outside tonight and enjoy!

Make your space comfortable by adding cushions and pillows;; comfort will draw you out and make you stay. Patios are for lingering, where you can



look forward to relaxing after hours. Enjoy your garden and patio area when the sun goes down. It is amazing what a difference lighting makes. Subtle uplighting highlights large trees and shrubs. Add twinkle lights or party lights on your patio, near where you will be sitting and romantic lighting from candles and solar lanterns.

Create ambiance with a fire bowl. After summer evening s'mores, stay warm on crisp autumn nights.



With some speakers for background music and some guests, you are set. Easy!

FOR YOUR GARDEN

This is certainly the year for rain chains! Install one of the beautiful all-copper designs on your gutter and watch the rain dance down. There are many styles to fit a variety of home types and artistic preferences, from simple round linked chains, squared bamboo links, fish, umbrellas and flowers, wine bottles and grapes, pineapples, and tulips. Styles are available in polished copper or blue Verdi copper patina, in 3' and 6' sections; extra 3' segments can be ordered if needed.



The sight of still water is relaxing and reflective. The cast stone water bowls by Campania have restful designs that call attention to the stillness and beauty of the water. A bamboo fountain kit can be added to turn these bowls into a fountain with moving water. If you prefer, fill the bowl with stones, shells, or other items from nature.

Add ambiance and warmth visually and literally to the patio, backyard, or lake with this attractive fire bowl with spark screen. It is suitable for fires made with kindling, firewood, or charcoal. Built to last of heavy duty steel, this fire bowl is designed for years of use as



the focal point of any outdoor space.



Embrace the bench! De-clutter the patio by exchanging 2 chairs for a bench. This 4' metal bench in bronze patina will grace any garden area and provide additional seating. Add an outdoor pillow or two for extra comfort and charm.



Silk effect solar lanterns are classy and sophisticated, lending an exotic glow to the garden at night. Just flip the switch, hang it up where the solar collector on top is able to store power from the sun, and when it gets dark, you'll have 12 hours of magic. Made of durable material with diamond pattern perforations, this lantern will cast interesting designs. Varied styles and colors are in stock.

Melamine dinnerware is the answer to carefree outdoor entertaining. The patterns are modern classics and the colors are beautiful. Totally scratchproof and dishwasher safe, they are a pleasure to use. Pair with rattan or cloth placemats and polycarb glassware for stylish indoor or outdoor dining.



FATHER'S DAY GIFT IDEAS

Father's Day is June 21! The first Father's Day was celebrated in June, 1910 in Spokane, Washington. Father's Day is designated to complement Mother's Day and to honor fathers, grandfathers, great grandfathers, any father figure who has influenced a person's life. It is celebrated by spending time with the honored person or giving gifts.

Dads are the best home weather men. They set up the instruments and report weather conditions to family and friends. Help him set up his home weather station with a high quality Grande View rain gauge. Whether installed on a wall, in the ground, or in a planter, it will be visible for a distance due to its size.



Some Dads like to feed and watch birds in the garden. This thermometer bird feeder combination is one of the most useful and inventive garden accents that we have seen anywhere. The four perch model holds one pound of bird seed and the thermometer is large enough to see from a distance.

Help Dad unwind with a Zen frog for the garden; they can have guy time and meditate together. Many dads come in and buy themselves gnomes, rabbits, frogs, birds, dogs, and more. Free gift wrapping in manly shades of green.



Many fathers also purchase soaps for themselves. These large gallets are in masculine colors and wonderful scents such as cedar and sandal wood.

JUNE TO DO LIST

- Check roses for black spot, powdery mildew, and aphids. If a problem is detected, treat with Garden Safe Fungicide 3-in-1.
- Plant warm season vegetables if you like to grow them.
- Prune *spring flowering* shrubs NOW.
- Keep newly planted trees consistently moist in preparation for summer heat.
- Divide tall bearded iris every 3 years. Write the name or color on the back of one leaf.
- Cut lavender blooms in the early morning before the sun burns off the aromatic oils.
- Continue sowing carrots, beets, radishes, salad greens, dill.
- Plant Cilantro every two weeks for constant supply.
- Top dress flower beds with organic fertilizer and compost.
- Identify and pull weeds out of flower beds.
- Make sure your garden gets an inch of water each week. Not to worry this year.

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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