

# WILSHIRE GARDEN MARKET

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## COOL IT WITH A FOUNTAIN!

Nothing brings life and natural ambiance to your summer garden like a cast stone fountain, its water gently bubbling up and pouring down, making you feel cooler even when it is beastly hot.

We asked ourselves why we treasure our own fountains. A large part of the enjoyment is visual; a fountain adds character to what would otherwise be a static view.



A fountain is elegant and aesthetically appealing. We have placed ours where we can see them frequently; they can be enjoyed visually from afar or closer where the water's sounds can be better heard.



A fountain spices up a bland garden, defining an area and bringing it alive with not only the sparkle of moving water, but the varied species of birds that need and enjoy it. Having birds in your garden adds to the total "feel" of the fountain, turning a modest courtyard into a beautiful personal retreat.

Not surprisingly, humans crave seeing fountains, hearing flowing or cascading water, and touching it for pleasure, spiritual satisfaction or reflection. Fountains harmonize water and thus create a sense of harmony. If you practice yoga or meditation, a fountain's water sound is soothing.



A fountain adds value to a home and contributes much to the pleasantness of a garden; every garden should have at least one.

## SUMMER GARDEN ACCENTS



Brightly hand-painted glazed terra cotta garden creatures have taken up residence at Wilshire Garden Market. Let this horny toad and turtle with an exceptional shell add colorful art to a special nook in your garden. How these will brighten a shady spot!



More critters have appeared in the store in the form of 19" x 24" polyester outdoor pillows featuring a colorful, fun loving fish and a big blue crab. They incorporate so many colors they will complement almost any decorating scheme. These images make everyone smile and they will look great in the pool cabana.



Have a festive and carefree Fourth of July celebration with this red, white, and blue Fleurs de Provence melamine dinnerware. Sip lemonade from unbreakable polycarb glasses, poured from an attractively embossed polycarb lidded pitcher. The apron in the background features the same print as the dishes. Add a red, white, and blue toile tea towel for a finishing touch.



Go one step further, get creative! Decorate for a party and show your patriotism with a trio of red, white, and blue glazed terra cotta pots planted with heat tolerant plants in the coordinating color scheme, such as Guara, Red Salvia, New Guinea Impatiens, Diamond Frost Euphorbia, Supertunias, and Blue Daze or Scaevola, to name a few. Have a beautiful holiday!





New recycled plastic outdoor rugs with an interesting subtle design in fantastic color ways have just arrived. By popular request, these rugs are 2.5' x 3' for smaller areas; great for a back porch or for the lake! They are available in larger sizes as well.



These sun-dappled Turkish design outdoor rugs in 5' x 8' or 6' x 9' sizes are perfect for larger spaces on the patio at home or the lake. They too are reversible and will last for years.

### COLD WATERMELON SOUP

Enjoy this easy, healthy, and flavorful summertime soup. (about 4 servings)

Place 4C cubed seedless watermelon in blender. Pulse 6 to 8 times until smooth and pour into a medium bowl.

Add 1/2C finely chopped fresh pineapple and 1/2C chopped seedless cucumber, 1T fresh lime juice, 2T sugar, 1/8t salt, 1/8t ground red pepper or to taste.

Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Just before serving, stir in 2T finely chopped basil. Garnish with a few basil leaves and a few thin cucumber slices.



### JULY TO DO LIST

- Deadhead and feed perennials.
- Trim back herbs.
- Water deeply, early in the morning,
- After watering, fertilize every two weeks with fish emulsion; follow directions.
- Keep grass 3" high to protect from heat.
- Fill bird baths full of clean water.

### FLOWER OF THE MONTH

The beautiful Water Lily is July's flower of the month. The Water Lily is a water plant with round flat leaves that float on the water's surface. Fragrant and showy, the flowers last only a few days. A few days after the flower is pollinated, the stem tightens into a spring to bring it under the water, where it develops into a spongy berry with up to 2,000 seeds.



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



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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