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THE GARDEN IN JUNE

The winter was icy and seemed to be exceptionally lengthy. Spring has been tumultuous and cool, which could bode well for June. June is a season unto itself; spring has peaked; the ground is still cool making the temperatures inviting; the ideal time for entertaining yourself and others outdoors. June is a romantic month and so is the June garden.



Many gardens have the romantic ambiance if you consider what a romantic garden entails: lushness, seclusion, lighting, accessories, and containers. The vignette above featuring a green metal bench nestled under a lush overhang of leafy branches exemplifies lushness and seclusion.



If you create seclusion in your own back yard, you can vacation at home. Reward yourself with the small luxury of a garden retreat, a place where you can go every day, even if it is a simple garden niche; *nest it* into a place where you want to spend time.

It can be as simple as placing a table and chair or a loveseat in any part of your garden, no matter your garden's size. Add some small comforts such as a fluffy pillow, a torch or oil lamp for soft light, and perhaps a wind chime for soothing background tones.



It would be a delightful place to have a date with a book or spend time bird watching, offering a sense of destination that will literally lure you outdoors to a healthier, more peaceful lifestyle.



Garden accessories are important elements of a romantic garden. Finding attractive, well placed garden accessories along the way as you explore a garden makes the journey much more interesting. Choices of garden accessories reveal much about the personalities of their owners and designers.

Containers are an important element in the garden. When searching for pots, the larger the better. Every pot is an opportunity to create a lush and beautiful image, just like a painting. Unplanted, or in the cold winter months, pots serve as a focal point. Experiment with color and texture until you find the ideal combination. Now is the time to try something new. If you can imagine it, it can be yours. You can do it!

FATHER'S DAY GIFT GUIDE

Father's Day is June 20, 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.

However historians claim that 4,000 years ago a son named Elmesa carved a Father's Day message on a clay card wishing his father a long and healthy life. Finally in 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed into law that the third Sunday in June would be the official date for Father's Day. Today, Father's Day is celebrated in a large number of countries around the world.

Gifts for fathers abound at Wilshire Garden Market; find the perfect gift here!



Men visiting the store linger in front of the weather instrument display. These high quality thermometers and rain gauges are made for outdoors and have a lifetime guarantee. An estate sized rain gauge or thermometer would make a very impressive Father's Day gift.

Many men are addicted to our French soaps, using them every day and trying new scents frequently. The extra fragrant honey, green tea, milk, and pineapple are among the favorites. We have a new selection of handmade (and man-made) soap dishes.

Add peace to Dad's life with a perfectly tuned wind chime made in the USA. Each time the breeze blows, peaceful hand tuned notes are played. Each set of wind chimes is expertly tuned with a musical theme in mind such as Beethoven, Chimes of Bali, Mozart, or Gregorian Alto.



Give Dad a garden statue of a Frog Prince, turtle, or dog. He might appreciate a beautiful green or blue



glass and brass bird feeder, an iron cross or slag glass stake, goatskin gloves, a bird bath, or a fountain.



Rain chains in either solid polished copper or blue verdigris are a handsome addition to your home and are entertaining to watch. The fish are an especially handsome accessory for a lake cabin.

A pair of oil torches is a great gift for Dad's evenings on the patio or in the garden. In bright copper or verdigris blue, they are a pleasure to use. A torch holds eight hours of oil. Each has its own snuffer cap attached with a chain.

Dad can relax in a comfy hammock chair swing hung in his favorite tree or under an arbor; he won't mind too much if you use it as well. The swings and pillows are made of durable polyester. The covers of the pillows zip off for laundering.



Mark the calendar for June 20, Father's Day and the Summer Solstice, the longest day and shortest night of the year, and the first day of summer!

WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

New shipments of pots, birdbaths, fountains, rugs, pillows, rain chains, flags, and copper torches have arrived to make your summer gardens more beautiful and enjoyable.



Combine pots, plants, rugs and pillows to create vignettes within a color palette. Pots in unique glacier blue or French blue paired with a blue and cream outdoor rug can make a warm Oklahoma day appear cool. This pale blue container on a brown,

cream, and light blue rug is planted with a shade tropical variety of Peace Lily that features light blue variegation in the leaves.



Containers in blues, cream, or white blend well with this crisp blue and cream floral outdoor rug.

Neutral tones are featured in a beautiful square rug, a perfect companion to the intricate bee collage pillow and glazed terra cotta urn in cognac. Cognac is a new color for containers introduced this year.



A new color, Iced Coffee, was also introduced this year by Campania International and has proven to be a very popular neutral shade.

We have had many requests for red and gold containers; together they can create a sunny, warm Provençal ambiance.



The earthy colors of jade and cocoa combine well in the garden. The soothing tones and simple lines



shown in these containers complement each other. The glaze of the pots gives a sparkle to shady areas, and the coordinating rug adds depth to and a welcoming feel to seating areas.

Torches in polished or verdigris hammered copper cast a soft romantic glow wherever they are placed. The lamp bowl holds enough oil for 8 hours of burn time. Wicks are fiberglass so they never burn away.



Celebrate summer and the 4th of July with a colorful garden flag. From floral watercolor images to traditional stars and stripes, there is a flag for everyone and every occasion, even birthdays!



The gleaming copper hose pot will hold 150' of hose. This is slightly larger than the verdigris brass hose pots. You will enjoy having a hose pot; they are simply wonderful!

NICHOLS HILLS GARDEN TOUR

Those who appreciate beautiful gardens always look forward to the Nichols Hills Garden Tour. This year marks the 27th anniversary of the event; the date for the tour is **Saturday, June 5**. Six gardens will be featured. Tickets are on sale now at Wilshire Garden Market and several other locations. The brochure serves as an admission ticket.

Buy tickets to the Nichols Hills Garden Tour for \$15 at Wilshire Garden Market, \$20 at the door. Go, enjoy; you'll be inspired!

JUNE 2010 TO DO LIST

- Mulch 2" deep around woody plants after cleaning underneath. Start several inches out from trunks..
- Patrol for weeds; they rob desired plants of water and nutrients.
- If the hail didn't do it for you, deadhead for long season bloom.
- If the hail also didn't do this for you, some perennials may need to be pruned hard to restart.
- Ditto, pinch back fall blooming Mums, Asters, Monardia.
- Stake tomato plants or buy new ones.
- Hail or not, maintenance trims 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 set up an appointment.



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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