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FRONT AND CENTER CURB APPEAL

Ready, set, beautify! March 20 is the official first day of spring; daffodils are up, the birds are back, forsythia is blooming, and leaf buds are nearly ready to burst open. Spring is exciting to gardeners; it is thinking about color, shape, and design, and getting our hands in the dirt again.

Thinking about warmer weather, the change of winter into spring, always makes us think of container gardening and container gardening makes us think of containers at the entry. We mention annually the need for large, beautiful containers at the entry and yet there are still potentially beautiful homes that appear half-dressed, so we will remain perched on our soap boxes, continuing to offer ideas.

If you consider the front door very literally, it shelters us from noise, dirt, and inclement weather; it also welcomes guests; there is only one and it is important.



When you approach your home from the street, you think of your front door as the entry to your sanctuary. A sanctuary deserves appropriate furnishings, particularly containers that complement and reinforce the size, style, architectural features, and colors of your home. A related group of pots creates focus on the entry and makes a more welcoming, intimate, interesting approach for visitors. You want to help

them forget their day and begin as they approach your front door to enjoy their time spent with you in your home.

We personally select our containers from the Campania International factory showroom keeping in mind Oklahoma gardeners need containers that hold a large amount of potting material to sustain plants in our unsympathetic seasons. Campania continues



to lead the industry in quality and style year after year. Their creative team and artisans work tirelessly designing new cast stone pieces and finishes. They recently travelled overseas, finding the most beautiful terra cotta glazes ever. Enthralled by the beautiful new colors and styles, we undoubtedly ordered more than ever before.



As you look for ideal containers, consider size, color, style. Measure the space; know the colors of brick and trim. Be aware of architectural features that can tie to the style of a planter; keep a photograph of your home with you for reference. Express your personality; let your containers communicate how you feel about your home. Larger pots foster

lush, healthy plants, creating curb appeal with a flourish; you will definitely like what you see when you come home.

SPRING STYLE 2012



So many fashionable spring accessories for home and garden are exceeding design expectations, we are eager to introduce them! A crisp black and white houndstooth outdoor rug will coordinate with virtu-

ally everything. A new houndstooth outdoor pillow can subtly repeat the design on loveseats and lounge chairs.



Some outdoor pillows for spring resemble beautiful watercolor paintings. The company has made it



easy for customers to start fresh or rejuvenate previous pillow collections. Patterns feature birds and florals,

a darling bunny that is the perfect Easter and spring pillow, as well as geometric prints that coordinate with each of the new pillows.



Our favorite tea towels for spring will include six garden flowers and bunny images, even one with a recipe for cole slaw. The tea towels add a seasonal touch to your home, are delightful to use, and they make darling gifts.



French egg soaps are back in stock. They are Oprah's favorites and ours, too! Hard milled to belong lasting, they provide a nice lather. Made with enriching and moisturizing shea butter, sweet almond oil, and palm oil, no petroleum or animal ingredients, they are beneficial for all skin types and have delicious scents. Available in darling cartons of two or half dozens, they are wonderful gifts.

Miniature gardens continue to capture the hearts of gardeners nationwide. Small handmade European cottage styles can be paired with dwarf conifers and groundcovers, accessorized with miniature arbors, bowers, garden ornaments, and furniture with



amazing effects in large planters or in the garden. Shown above is an original rooftop garden cottage with a tiny tropical plant and accessories.

Pot feet are stylish container accessories that allow for drainage and air circulation while preventing



mineral rings under planters. Available in sizes small to XXL, from decorative acanthus leaf design, flat wedges, or XL lions' heads, they are a must.

CREATE A WILD BIRD RETREAT

This year create a wild bird haven in your backyard.



Urban sprawl and landscape degradation have caused many songbird species to decline, including the darling house finch. Even with very limited space you can provide what wild birds

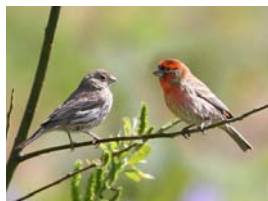
need to thrive. All that is required to become a Certified Wildlife Habitat is: a food source (birdfeeder), a water source (fountain or



birdbath), shelter (birdhouse or roosting pouch), and a place to raise young (as easy as a pot



planted with an evergreen). Go find your binoculars, sit back, and observe the amazing nature that surrounds you!



MARCH 2012 TO DO LIST

- Clean, sharpen & oil tools
- Plant cool season annuals
- Start feeding houseplants
- Prune dead wood out of trees
- Transplant roses, ornamental trees and shrubs before leaf buds open
- Gently clean under plants
- Replace mulch
- Cut back monkey grass before new shoots appear
- Apply organic fertilizer to shrubs & perennials
- Prep water features and birdbaths
- Feed peonies with low nitrogen fertilizer when they are up 2 to 3 inches

DIG THIS FOR SPRING



Use these tools for spring gardening. The shovel is perfect for planting perennials; the gloves keep your hands safe and clean; the purple soil scoop lets you pot plants without spilling potting soil, getting it into small spaces and around the edge of the pot. The hand rake gets rid of debris between plants without damaging tender leaves; the Joyce Chen scissors are

the sharpest and the best for plants. The tub trug is very handy for carrying out your tools and picking up garden clippings, hauling water or rocks. This is a fabulous set of tools you will use every time you garden.



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 (879-1121) to set up an appointment.



Furnishing fine gardens for 15 years; let us help you beautify your outdoor living area!

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