

WILSHIRE GARDEN M A R K E T

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GOOD DESIGN WITH CONTAINERS

We have been writing about container gardening for 18 years. We could write a book. You might think the subject would eventually bore us, but not so. This growing season we are more excited than ever about the prospect of using containers in new ways.

For instance, customers come in looking for a solution to their problem areas where nothing will grow. You yourself may have such an area: beneath a tree, a hot west-facing patio, a boring balcony. Containers solve the problem of being unable to grow something in the ground in a troublesome location. Place a container in any of these situations for instant ideal growing conditions: color, form, beauty – instant garden.

Rethink what you grow; the beauty and value of plants is not just in blossoms, but in form, leaf texture, and color. A wise garden designer once said “Great containers have everything to do with good design.” With a little forethought, good design actually can be simple.



Once you have selected your pots from Wilshire Garden Market according to your patio or home design style and color scheme, go beyond traditional annuals. Try using plants with no blooms: ferns, shrubs (nandina, boxwood, yew, or rose), dwarf trees, perennials, ground cover, or herbs. Pay attention to the nuances of color and form between the container and your plant material, and how they relate to your home and outdoor furnishings. When all aspects relate well, the results are superb.

If you use an unplanted container as a focal point,



consider its visual relationship to nearby plants. Coordinate texture, color, and design of the container with the texture, color, and growth habit of surrounding plants to create a harmonious vignette.

Soon this dappled willow will grow to encompass the large container; portions of its foliage are the color of the pale terra cotta pot.

Lifestyle also plays a role in the selection of containers and plant material. Sometimes, in addition to beauty, ease and durability are key factors in selecting containers and plants.



Frequent travelers will benefit from large containers planted with durable evergreens, piped for regularly scheduled watering.

Learn More! Join us at the store on Saturday, May 9 at 2:00 for a fascinating presentation by OKC’s gardening expert and host of KTOK’s Garden Party, Julia Laughlin! Call the store (879-1121) for reservations; seating is limited and it will be well attended.

FRESH PICKED FOR MOM

From colorful rocking benches to French market totes full of goodies, we have found a long, very desirable list of things Mom will love!



Turquoise is *the* color this year; it is easy to understand why. It is rich and clear; it is the best complement for other bright colors. This powder coated bench is the perfect size to tuck

into any garden retreat and it rocks!

Solar lanterns add atmosphere to your nighttime garden. Equipped with an LED bulb and replaceable battery charged by the sun, these lanterns will automatically glow for 12 dark hours, recharging the next day.



The Royal Horticultural Society endorsed gardening accessories are the prettiest to be found. The kneeler pad is thick memory foam, a winner. The stainless steel trowel is engraved with a quote from Gertrude Jekyll, one of the world's most renowned gardeners.

Everyone loves bunnies and since ours will not nibble on any plants, they are even more dear. This simple and beautiful piece will add a touch of sweetness to any garden or container planting.



Straight from France, these woven market baskets will keep Mom organized and looking very fashionable at the market.

Fill it with little treasures from Wilshire

Garden Market, from French salt and pepper grinders to French soaps and more.



Speaking of birds, we love both hummingbirds and songbirds



and feeders help them thrive and simultaneously beautify the garden. The twin lunchbox hummingbird feeder is the newest design, topped off with a tiny hanging glass hummingbird.

The most ingenious garden product is a recurring favorite worthy of repeat mention. The Grande View bird feeder features four perches and a large readable thermometer. Attractive, well made, serving dual purposes, it is available in a rich antique bronze patina.



The Marigold Yellow Belle fairy cottage is a darling Mother's Day gift.



It is easy to see why it is their best seller. The roof lifts off and with little no-flame tea lights, its little windows glow warmly, just like home. In the garden, patio, or

even indoors, they are darling.

OUR CUTE ZOO FRIENDS

We were delighted several years ago when the OKC Zoo informed us that they could use the excelsior that we receive in our Campania shipments. Laura Bottaro, Director of the Great Ape Escape and Elephant Park, forwarded these wonderful pictures of the apes enjoying our excelsior.



Bo relaxes in a well-made excelsior bed.



Elok, the orangutan, created a hat or a hiding place.



Cute little Leom takes his excelsior everywhere.



Emily cuddles her tiny new baby.

MAY TO DO LIST

- Sow seeds of warm-season annuals.
- Divide and move perennials if needed.
- Gently clean up flower beds being careful not to disturb new plants.
- Top dress with organic fertilizer and apply compost and mulch. No volcano mulching around woody trunks. Start 2 - 3 inches away. No huge chips and no colored mulch please.
- Edge beds in a clean, defined line.
- When potting plants, consider using something different, such as ferns and hostas.
- Houseplants can go outdoors in bright light areas only after nighttime temperatures are above 50 degrees.
- Begin gently fertilizing houseplants. Remember to always water before fertilizing.

EXTERIOR DECORATING

Are you in need of inspiration and direction 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!

