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TRENDING NOW IN CONTAINER GARDENING

Container gardening has evolved greatly over the 19 years that we have been in business. From red geraniums surrounded by asparagus ferns, to evergreens, to riots of color, to thriller, filler, spiller (which is a good plan), and to the current trend of emphasizing the intricate features that bind plantings together. It is an interesting search to find the colors of veins, backs of leaves, stems, flowers, whatever it is that has the perfect complement that helps bind together a number of plants to make a cohesive, pleasing container planting. After scouring, designing, and re-designing, we have several to offer.



We are particularly fond of jade and celadon pearl planters; it was fulfilling to find heucheras and hostas with a blue tint that blended perfectly with some healthy Japanese painted ferns. The veins of the heucheras and Japanese painted ferns were juxtaposed which adds to the interest. The spear shaped leaves of the hostas contrast with the ruffled leaves of the heucheras and the feathery leaves of the Japanese painted ferns for an interesting variety. This combo would play well in the garden, but the container is its showcase.

Purple is another favorite color; we love the combination of this terra cotta glaze: a shimmery metallic copper rim gives way to a soft dripping mossy green over a pleasant soft purple. This offers many options for color. We chose to emphasize purple. The thriller is a purple Cordyline, softened with burgundy sun coleus with purple veins; the backs of its leaves are purple also. The spiller is dark purple sweet potato vine with lavender flowers.



We love the crazing in the glaze of this *indigo rain* urn. We chose plants that share the same requirements but have different textures with a silvery blue hue that calls attention to the pot's finish. This planting would also work well with grey or black containers. The thriller, an upright spanish lavender surrounded by lacy dusty miller; silver blue sedum and dichondra 'silver falls' spillers share the rim.



FRESH PICKED FOR MOM



A Mom who loves everything of the garden will treasure this replica of one of a pair of antique garden elves from an historic garden in Newport. The Newport Historical Society granted Campania special permission to create molds on site in Newport. These are truly garden jewels.

April Cornell has designed a tea towel just for Mom. A poem scripted in watercolor will have you tearing up: "My home is my Mother, within her heart I live. Her love is like no other; the sunshine it does give, and like the spreading branches of a truly fragrant tree, my Mother's heart and arms have made a perfect nest for me."



One of the newest additions to the solar lantern collection is the floral globe. Add this to Mom's solar lantern collection or start a new one. Made from beautiful, durable parachute fabric, 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. While recharging, they act as a garden accent. Collect a variety of shapes and colors.



Fairy gardening just keeps getting more and more popular and the accessories just keep getting cuter and cuter. This rustic yellow cottage with two chimneys is so durable it can stay outdoors for years. The arbor gates swing open, and the wheelbarrow hauls tiny pots or fairy dirt. The bunnies ride their yellow bicycles over to have a party on the yellow bistro set with cake every day. Display in a pot landscaped with low growing thyme or moss or in a secret hiding place to be discovered in the garden.



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 best garden designers.

Mom will be protected from the sun and stylish at the same time with a hat made from comfortable, crushable, washable grosgrain ribbon in so many colors. We love ours!



MORE FOR MOM



Flora and fauna themed pillows convey love and good wishes for Mom. The new designs for this year provide color, style, and comfort, creating the perfect place for Mom to relax!



Wind chimes add the soothing sound of music in the garden. Hand-crafted in America and beautifully hand-tuned with incredible tones and resonance, these chimes are a welcome feature in the garden. Their chiming, like the sounds of nature, will take you to a simpler

time, a more peaceful place.

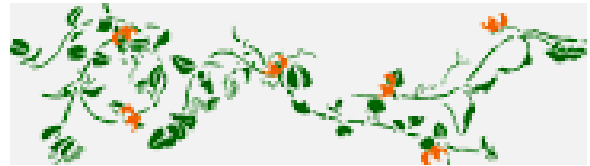
We recently found award winning cold pressed oils that keep their natural flavors and nutrients.



A choice of pecan, peanut, and sunflower infused with herbs are wonderful for cooking or salads.

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.

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