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SPRING FORWARD!!

March brings good news! Look forward to the daylight savings time change with more hours of light in the evenings. Sunday, March 12 at 2:00 a.m. is the day, so celebrate. We have had a number of spring previews throughout the winter (and a few summer days as well!) but it will be official on Monday, March 20. Speaking of 20, with 20 years of garden accessorizing experience, we can help you put together your ideal garden setting.

As this spring season begins, consider how pleased or not so pleased you are with your outdoor spaces. What do you want to do with your garden this year? Would you like to reduce maintenance? Do you simply want to make your outdoor spaces look and feel more inviting? Studies show that the number one reason people love to garden is the exterior decoration of their home; your garden is an extension of you and your home. Dress you garden as you would dress yourself. Think of your outdoor furniture cushions and accent pillows as clothing. Planters and accessories are garden jewelry.

Walk through your garden and note what you like and what you don't. Measure and document these areas with your phone camera to save time.

The transition between indoors and outdoor garden areas starts with an outdoor rug. With the appearance of an indoor oriental piece; it anchors and brings together outdoor seating areas, adding an inviting layer of color and texture with zero maintenance.



The second step in accessorizing your outdoor areas is through containers. We cannot say enough about the benefits of containers. A cluster of beautiful pots can define a space, lead your eye to or away from an area or object, supplying shape and color

to nearly any spot. With the array available, there are pots for every taste and style.



Complete the picture with comfortable furniture upholstered with durable Sunbrella fabric and accented with compatible outdoor pillows. Customers often combine throw pillows of Sunbrella with our other colorful outdoor pillows, printed art reproductions that reflect the seasons.

SPRING ESSENTIALS

Nothing says the arrival of spring like bunnies. Bunnies on pillows, bunnies in cast stone statuary and the French soap eggs they deliver.



Welcome spring to your entry with a fresh doormat in colorful floral patterns and more.



Treat yourself to new pots. Now is the best time to shop our large selection. Varied sizes and colors are available: antique cream, snow monkey, antique pearl, antique terra cotta, aqua, jade, weathered copper, beach comber (shown), graphite, galaxy and more.



Birds appear rather suddenly in spring, singing and making nests for new babies. They need a regular supply of water and you can provide that and decorate your garden at the same time. A birdbath is a quintessential element of the

garden; good gardeners understand this. Shown is the Williamsburg Boxwood birdbath, a new introduction this year. Its classic style will blend with almost any garden setting.

Make this the year you add the soothing element of moving water to your garden. The Boden fountain provides the mesmerizing sight and sound of water to make you forget all of your daily stresses. Its beautiful blue color is restful; its design creates a very desirable sound, and makes for easy maintenance; it retains water very well.



Whether on the patio or tucked into the garden, this is a great fountain.



LINDA VATER WORKSHOP

You are cordially invited to attend a garden workshop with Linda Vater at Wilshire Garden Market, 10:30 Saturday, March 18. Fee is \$15 each. Call 879-1121 to make reservations, seating is limited.

Linda will present "The Importance of Defining Your Garden Space", the why, where, how, when to define your garden spaces. Join us!

FLOWER OF THE MONTH

March is synonymous with the onset of spring in the Northern Hemisphere. The Daffodil is March's Flower of the Month. Daffodil and Jonquil are the common names for *Narcissus*. A gift of these conveys friendship and happiness, and indeed they look like a happy flower. Not everyone realizes that Daffodil bulbs are *poisonous*.



The flower was introduced as a replacement for the humble leek. Daffodils are now grown commercially in mid-Wales to produce galantamine for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease.

MARCH TO DO LIST

- Get your journal ready to record bloom times, temperatures, rains, successes and failures; compare with other years.
- Check mulch.
- Sow seeds of warm-season annuals and/or carrots, beets, radishes and lettuces.
- Set out rosemary, chives and thyme.
- Set out summer flowering bulbs
- Plant summer blooming shrubs and vines.
- Plant conifers and broad leaf evergreens.
- Clean leaves and debris from water gardens and ponds.
- Over-seed cool season grass.
- Cut down ornamental grasses before they sprout.
- Prune dead wood from deciduous trees and shrubs while they are dormant.
- Sow alyssum seeds under roses for a sweet-smelling accent carpet.

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 at 405-879-1121 to set up an appointment.



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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