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## THE ART OF CONTAINERS

Our customers are constantly searching for ways to refresh and beautify their gardens, especially at this time of year, when everyone wants to spend every possible moment outdoors. Often their quest is for new or additional containers. If they have never before purchased glazed terra cotta containers, they will ask "How does glazed terra cotta hold up in winter?" We confidently tell them from experience that they are great in all Oklahoma weather conditions. We prefer having happy customers and strive to offer only quality products. We buy virtually all our containers from Campania International; their glazed terra cotta has been fired to ensure durability. In addition, their designs are diverse and their colors are beautiful, enhancing a variety of palettes from the look of Tuscany to the tropics.



Using unplanted containers is an effective way to add structure and interest virtually anywhere in the garden. Year round, glazed terra cotta containers reflect sunlight, increasing visual depth and sparkle to the garden, providing

beauty even in winter or where planting is not feasible.



Part of the fun of using glazed terra cotta planters is that plants and pot can have such a symbiotic relationship. Dainty, pastel plants can be highlighted in a graceful pot with vertical lines flaring upward visually culminating with the soft explosion of flowers draping over the edge.

Cobalt blue is a popular color for containers; it is especially compatible with pool tiles and water. In shady areas, let in the light with vibrant annuals such as lime green caladiums, variegated ivy, and impatiens of all colors. The glazed surface will also reflect light and add to the shine even in shady spots.



Earth tones are visually compatible with our local stone and soil color. Simplicity is elegance as illustrated by this fired clay planter with clean lines and ancient finish.

Cast stone containers lend necessary weight and balance to entries, leading and welcoming guests into your home. They are available in a vast array of styles from traditional to contemporary, and sizes from massive to diminutive.



The Smithsonian Morning Glory Urn is impressive in design, size, and finish. Pictured in the new rich acid wash, its appearance is that of weathered antique iron. The elegant planter comes in two pieces that bolt together securely for stability.



The Arabesque planters are unique with their graceful rounded shape and small foot; the embossed swirls are a soft contrast to the cast stone material.



English Weave planters are ideal for a traditional home. As with these, most cast stone planters are made in graduated sizes to accommodate use in various situations. All cast stone planters are available in a variety of nine color finishes. Come in and we will help you find the best planters for your garden and home.

## GREAT MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS



A teak garden bench, the quintessential symbol of English gardens, will make any garden more beautiful. Quite comfortable as well, the teak will last for decades. We have the English Garden Benches in stock

along with armchairs, coffee tables and end tables.

Give Mom or yourself beautiful melamine dishes safe for entertaining outdoors. A set of polycarb tumblers or wine goblets will make dining outdoors fashionably simple.



Everyone loves these colorful outdoor swings. Sturdy and comfortable, they add another element of relaxation to the outdoor retreat. Some people have even installed them indoors. Hung from a branch or a pergola beam, it will be truly enjoyed.

The bunny bench is admired by many moms. With a bunny on the seat and bunny legs, it is irresistible. Placed in a courtyard or under a tree, it will add the element of charm.







Good looks meet utility in the flexible tub trug. A tub trug is one of our favorite garden tools. You can carry out your tools, use it to collect clippings and garden waste

(handles are rated to 150 lbs) and squeeze the sides together for easy pouring. For a great gift, fill the tub trug with a pair of our Floral Infusion or Weeder gloves, a pair of Joyce Chen scissors, a short hand rake, a Best Garden Plants for Oklahoma book, and we'll tie it with a big fluffy bow.

Give Mom her own personal fountain.

These fountains are small enough to fit on a patio table. They provide the sight and sound of moving water to be enjoyed close up and personal. How cute is that.



Mom can look cute and protect her clothing while whipping up a little appetizer. Aprons have staged a comeback nationwide and it is easy to see why. This darling creation is all about loving your mama. She would love one and perhaps you can get one to match. This is just one of a collection of garden theme aprons that are beautiful and oh so useful. They also make very nice



hostess gifts; you can also pair one with a tea towel.



Moss is the newest fragrance of botanical candle. Its scent is fresh and natural, evoking memories of walks in shady green woods. Any

of our springtime floral botanical candles will make a beautiful gift.



Tiny things are definitely in style this year. These hand crafted pewter gourmet salt cellars are a tasteful and unique way to dispense sea salt at the table and while cooking.

The darling miniature bird nests with eggs, mussel, shell, bird baths, and fish each come with their



own tiny coordinating spoon. Long handled pewter coffee scoops make measuring for morning coffee a pleasure; mom will think of you each time she makes coffee.

So many more Mother's Day gift possibilities wait for discovery! We are well stocked with fluffy, colorful outdoor pillows, outdoor rugs, copper rain chains, beautiful recycled glass hummingbird feeders and songbird feeders, wind chimes in all sizes, statuary (we have a new selection of St. Francis statues), French tablecloths, and even some surprises. Come in early for the best selection.

**As always, gift wrap is complimentary!**

## LINDA VATER SEMINAR

Saturday, May 14, 2011  
Your Summer Garden and More

These informal in store seminars begin at 10:30 a.m. and are one hour in length, with time for questions at the conclusion. The fee is \$10 per person; seating is somewhat limited, so call now to reserve a space. A door prize is given at each seminar. Please join us!

## PERENNIAL OF THE YEAR 2011

The Perennial Plant Association has chosen for the 2011 perennial of the year the Arkansas amsonia, also known as Arkansas bluestar and threadleaf bluestar. Leslie Hubricht first discovered it in Arkansas in 1942 and his name was bestowed to this species, *Amsonia hubrichtii*. **This amsonia species is also a native wildflower to most of Oklahoma.**



Light blue flowers appear in late April to early May in domed panicles at the ends of the stems. The flowers are attractive to swallowtail butterflies and especially zebra swallowtails.

The grassy foliage ranges from over an inch to 3 inches long and the plants produce clumps about 2 to 3 feet tall. In October the foliage is second to none with a golden to clear yellow color, making it one of the few herbaceous perennials with good fall color that lasts for weeks. The Arkansas amsonia is definitely a star in the garden.

## MAY TO DO LIST

- Gently clean up flower beds.
- Top dress afterward with organic fertilizer, compost, and a layer of fine, dark mulch.
- Edge beds to make a clean defining line.
- Deadhead spring bulbs as blooms fade, but leave foliage intact to ripen bulbs naturally.
- Put grow through supports on peonies.
- Watch for aphids and spider mites.
- Plant lettuce, asparagus, spinach, beans, and herbs. Trim thyme before it flowers.
- Feed lawn with high nitrogen fertilizer and water in.
- Divide iris after bloom.
- Refresh outdoor furniture and pillows.
- Entertain outdoors!

## 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 879-1121 for details or to set up an appointment.



Furnishing fine gardens for 14 years.  
Let us help you enhance your outdoor living room!



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