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CONTAINERS MAKE THE SPACE

This is the month of months in terms of spring. We all have the desire to make our homes and gardens more like a picture in a magazine with products that will stand the test of time. All it takes to be successful is a little knowledge.



Containers play a key role in beautifying the home beginning at the entry. The entry represents the graciousness of your home to passersby and visitors. As guests approach your door, their short journey should make them forget any cares of their day and anticipate time they will spend with you. Containers are an effective way to make the most impact, adding color, scale, weight, or sophistication to your home. Select a material or color to echo or contrast with your home or its trim. Large containers have scale to create drama for your entry. Be bold and choose containers reflecting the size of your home and entry. A pair of containers 18" to 24" in diameter is most often adequate; more spacious entries, as above, require larger and multiple containers.

Containers can make the space, transforming lifeless areas into beautiful havens. There is a huge interest now in large containers; bigger pieces best match the scale of homes, trees, and the outdoors and are the best for softening the harsh lines of



hardscaping. Use large containers in the garden and on the perimeter of the patio to direct traffic, mark entries or exits, at corners to define boundaries and add height. Large containers add color and invite guests into the area.

Use large low containers and bowls on the inner seating areas as focal points.

Select pots that you love and that complement your home and find plants that flatter both!



FROM THE GARDEN



A favorite, the Bunny Bench, returns with the spring weather. This darling small bench beckons the owner to rest and admire the garden.



A new piece, the Standing Terrier is so well sculpted; you will forget it is cast stone.

The Avignon Urn, a beautiful replica of an antique, is both statuary and planter. With her delicate features and ancient finish, she will look beautiful outside in the garden or indoors on a large console or buffet.



The standing lamb is very appealing with its dimensional legs. A vintage touch in the garden and the perfect spring piece, he gently nibbles at nearby plants without causing them any harm.



Solar lanterns are so pretty and so simple! No glass, no electricity, no flame, just beautiful evening ambiance. Made of sturdy parachute fabric, they feature a waterproof solar collection pad on top. Pull them into shape, turn switch to *on*, charge with a day's sunlight and you have hours of mood lighting evening after evening. Party!

One of the most useful garden products is the tub trug. They are strong, flexible, durable, colorful, and handy for carrying garden tools and holding clippings gardeners create. Everyone who tries them loves to use them. They are perfect for gardening, collecting water, scooping, pouring, and more; it is the grab and go garden trug. Filled with gloves, tools, and books, they make a very nice gift.



Among these small tools are the Felco folding saw, the trake and the Hori Hori knife, tools that make gardens beautiful.



Not shown are old favorites: Felco pruners, Joyce Chen garden scissors, and the fabulous hand rake.



Small fountains can be fun to use in a sun-room or on a patio where space might be tight, but the sound of bubbling water is desirable.

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GREAT MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS

In addition to any of the previously mentioned items, a comfortable outdoor hammock swing is a proven Mother's Day gift winner for home or lake home. There is a color and design for every taste, and did we mention they are very, very comfy.



The Aya fountain is a birdbath and fountain in one and it even comes with its own little bird attached. This is possibly our most popular fountain. It is available in a dark grey and/or a woody brown finish.

Hummingbird feeders provide fast energy food for hummingbirds while adding sparkle to the garden. These cute flowers are created out of repurposed juice cans, giving them great colors while putting unusable material to a very good use.



Moms love rabbits and Mother Rabbit is a beautiful gift for Mother's Day presented with a filmy pastel bow. This is one of the most charming rabbit statues Campania has created, a graceful accent in Mom's garden.



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.

If you have a garden and a library, you have everything you need.

Marcus Tullius Cicero

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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