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## A CONTAINER FOR EVERY REASON

We appreciate the beauty and special features of containers more perhaps than the average gardener or homeowner, and we want to share our observations, pointing out some reasons why, in our opinion, the following containers stand out.

An entry is the most noticeable area where it is important to have quality containers of the correct size. A small home is no less in need of beautiful containers than a large home.

New this year, the Fonthill planter will complement all European and traditional style homes. Its open form allows plants to fill out and show off. With a 22" diameter and 13.5" height, it is one of the smaller cast stone containers; its delicate woven design is



lovely.

A perennial favorite due to its simplicity and classic style, the Williamsburg Orangerie Urn is a wonderful mid-size urn. At 18" wide and 22" high, the Orangerie Urn can hold a clipped topiary, an upright fern, or small citrus tree, beautifully flanking an entry of traditional, European, or Mediterranean design.



The Hampton Urn is another favorite that can



complement many home styles due to its size and elegantly simple design. A sturdy 27" diameter and 26.5" height allows it to hold its own at the entry of an estate sized home. It is available in either smooth or rustic cast stone.

For uber large situations, Campania has worked with experts in fiberglass products to develop a line of enormous fiberglass reinforced cast stone containers, much lighter than cast stone, beautiful, and durable. This Umbria Round Planter is 40" wide by 31" high, replicates the look and feel of cast stone but weighing 155 lbs., a fraction of what a solid cast stone container of that size would weigh.



A wise garden designer once said "Great containers have everything to do with good design." What this means is choosing the right container has a lot to do with the architecture and size of your home. A container should contribute substantially to the home's entry, representing you and helping to welcome friends and family to your home.

Planted, filled with water and water plants, or on their own, containers also serve as fabulous focal points in the garden, at the end of pathways, on retaining walls, under trees, in the landscape. They



are the visual interest that breaks up large expanses of green foliage; they are the icing on the cake of gardening. Strong design, shape, size, color, and texture can make a container the most desirable for a focal point. The Siros planter in antique terra cotta is one of our

favorites, simple and classic to complement almost any architecture. The Edo jar in antique pearl is another elegantly classic container. The shape of these containers luscious, fruitlike, gorgeous among greenery; focal points deluxe.



A container's color, shape, size or height offer much to pool areas, patio, and landscape.

Containers that echo or contrast the color of brick, trim, outdoor furnishings, or pool tiles can grace a tabletop or retaining wall, mark an entrance, define an area, create desired serenity or excitement, charming appeal or sophistication, making a garden representative of its owner.



Each year it is fun to attempt to find flowers and foliage to complement or contrast each container; often the results can be very gratifying.

## MOTHER'S DAY GIFT IDEAS

From botanical candles to new pillow designs, the list is long and exciting! A new botanical candle, Apricot Rose, is beautiful and smells fabulous. The refreshing and popular Anjou Pear is back in stock as well.



The Bouquet De Luxe hummingbird feeder comes with its very own hummingbird! A delicate glass hummingbird hangs suspended between the two ports that will feed two humming-

birds simultaneously, with two tiny perches to allow them to rest while they feed.

A darling new cottage, the Tiffany, is a soft shade of aqua with a pretty blue door. Choose a dwarf conifer or a tiny Jacqueline Hillier elm tree from



our new selection of dwarf fairy garden trees for the perfectly scaled landscape.

The new prism pillows feature the color spectrum,



making them a lively addition to seating areas and easy to coordinate with any and all color schemes. The sizes available are 24" x 24" and 19" x 24", perfect for softening up benches and deep seating

chairs. The fabric is a soft but sturdy polyester that cannot mildew; the covers zip off for laundering if necessary. The polyester inserts also prohibit mildew and allow quick drying if they are splashed by rain or the garden sprinkler system. Comfortable and attractive swing sets are available in all stripes and coordinating print pillows.



Dark purple olives adorn the new Cucina melamine pattern. Complemented with rich purple polycarb wine goblets, set on woven rattan placemats, the set is ready to serve a robust tuscan patio supper.

Now to Paris where Petit Fleur, the newest hand printed tablecloth design, was created. The placemats are gorgeous as well.



Speaking of birds, the most ingenious garden product is certainly noteworthy. The Grande View bird feeder features four perches and a large readable thermometer. The combo is attractive, well made, serving dual purposes. It is available in bronze or nickel patina.



The cutest hide-away, the heather roosting pouch is made of nesting material preferred by choosy birds. Tuck these pouches into a wall of ivy or evergreen and they should be occupied in no time. Add a

birdbath and you have a habitat!

These solar lanterns in elegant moss and bronze silk are gorgeous. Their cool shapes will add a romantic glow to your patio and garden.



## MAY 2014 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.

## 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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