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SOMETHING NEW FOR FALL

Usually recovering from sweltering summer, we always welcome fall. The cool, crisp air is refreshing, the colors are brilliant and rich; sometimes there is even rain to settle the dust and give every-



thing in the garden a deep, glistening appearance. Each fall we decorate porches and lawns with hay bales, corn stalks, pumpkins, and gourds to decorate our entries and welcome

friends and family. How can we improve upon that? Take this as an opportunity to add one permanent "wow" element to the arrangements of containers and plants on our porches and patios.



To create a more interesting autumn vignette, perch a large black cast stone raven on a step, wall, pedestal, or bench overlooking the pumpkin and gourds.



It's all in the embellishments: small, subtle accents. A very cute small black cast stone raven can browse through pansies in a container or foraging among pumpkins, for imaginary treats.

A cast stone baby barn owl can perch on top of a real Cinderella pumpkin. Mark the way to the entry with a simple fall garden flag that speaks of the personality of the family and the hospitality that lies within the home.



An artful trio of handmade metal pumpkins will last for many years; they can accommodate a pillar candle in a container.

By adding only one new quality element each year, in no time you will have long lasting, versatile accessories to accent your home and garden with style year round.

A KITCHEN GODDESS'S CAPE



While at Market this past summer I was pulled out of the busy aisle by a showroom filled with delightful aprons. I have never been an apron wearer, and have owned just one that was a gift from a friend; a boring, stiff green Williams-Sonoma apron that

was a chore to wear. But these playful, cheerful aprons caught my eye! Their fabrics were soft and their colorful designs were at once retro and modern. Mom and I knew that we wanted to own one, and we immediately placed an order. We finally received our shipment. While I was unpacking our apron selections, customers were with me snatching up their own selections. I chose a pink and green colored apron with loosely drawn roses, accented with ruffles on the neckline and skirt. The first time I wore my apron, I felt like a retro kitchen goddess. I was able to wipe my hands on my apron instead of the tea towel that hangs in its spot across the kitchen. Its softness was (and is) amazing; I hardly could feel the apron at all! I wanted to wear the apron all the time; it was cute and empowering. Now when I step into the kitchen to cook anything, I think to myself, "Oh! I can wear my apron." When friends are over, they comment on my cute apron.



I'm not sure why aprons fell out of style; perhaps it was to cast off women's ties to the home and kitchen. The resurgence of the apron is apparent. Customers have said how much they love aprons, one even told about an apron poem they received. After some searching on the internet, I was able to find it. How dear an ode to her grandmother! I think that everyone could use the security of a grandma's apron.

Grandma's Apron

by Tina Trivett



The strings were tied, It was freshly washed, and maybe even pressed.

For Grandma, it was everyday to choose one when she dressed.

The simple apron that it was, you would never think about;

the things she used it for, that made it look worn out.

She may have used it to hold, some wild-flowers that she'd found.

Or to hide a crying child's face, when a stranger came around.

Imagine all the little tears that were wiped with just that cloth.

Or it became a potholder to serve some chicken broth.

She probably carried kindling to stoke the kitchen fire.

To hold a load of laundry, or to wipe the clothesline wire.

When canning all her vegetables, it was used to wipe her brow.

You never know, she might have used it to shoo flies from the cow.

She might have carried eggs in from the chicken coop outside.

Whatever chore she used it for, she did them all with pride.

When Grandma went to heaven, God said she now could rest.

I'm sure the apron that she chose, was her Sunday best.

I miss you Grandma...

We have aprons in many styles, so come in and choose one for you or as a gift for a friend, daughter, or mother. Try this fall recipe with your new apron.

Pumpkin Bread

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Sift together: 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ C all purpose flour, $\frac{1}{4}$ t baking powder, 1 t baking soda, 1 t salt, $\frac{1}{2}$ t cinnamon, $\frac{1}{4}$ t ground cloves.

Cream together: 1 $\frac{1}{3}$ C sugar, $\frac{1}{3}$ C butter, and 2 eggs. Add to this mixture, 1 C canned pumpkin.

Add the dry ingredients to this mixture in thirds alternately with $\frac{1}{3}$ C milk and $\frac{1}{2}$ t vanilla. Pour into a greased bread baking dish and garnish with pepitas and cream cheese if desired. Bake for about 1 hour.



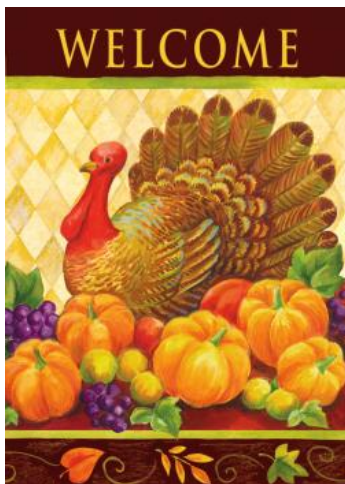
WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE



This cast stone faux bois bench is a new creation of Campania International. Appearing to be crafted from large tree branches, it is the ultimate garden accessory. It would look wonderful high-lighted with a few pumpkins and gourds.



The bunny family is another new design from Campania studios. With their roughhewn look, they will look natural in any garden. The father is reminiscent of the Velveteen Rabbit. In the background, a one-of-a-kind Venetian urn in a rustic antique glaze holds a pair of outdoor rugs.



Colorful flags are small pieces of outdoor art for your home. Adding color and movement, they are a welcoming embellishment at any time and especially during the holidays. Easy to use almost anywhere, even in a patio planter, garden size flags make nice gifts throughout the seasons.



Our handsome woodblock printed tablecloths designed in Paris add unprecedented fashion to any table, indoors or outside in the garden.



We have a large selection of light weight fiberglass wall fountains. Their finish has the appearance of beautiful antique lead, iron, or limestone. With a weight of only 25 pounds, they are easy to mount on the wall, where they will provide a

lovely sound of a mossy grotto.

We also have a new series of small tabletop fountains suitable for up close patio use. We selected those with the most pleasant splashing sounds. A fountain, no matter the size, is part of your garden "bones", a constant source of enjoyment; these diminutive fountains will also make nice gifts for people with small patios.



New French soaps have just arrived to take you from the garden into the bath tub. Made from all natural ingredients, quad milled, some are infused with bits of lavender blossoms, lemongrass, or mint leaves to gently exfoliate skin, leaving it renewed and soft. In delicious scents and colors, they can be paired with a handmade ceramic dish for a lovely small gift.



An 11" x 14" poster or 5" x 7" desk top calendar is a nice gift for yourself or friends. It brings pleasure with each passing month, and the recipient will think of you every time they look at the calendar. This year the artists have outdone themselves; images are wonderful. This is the cover

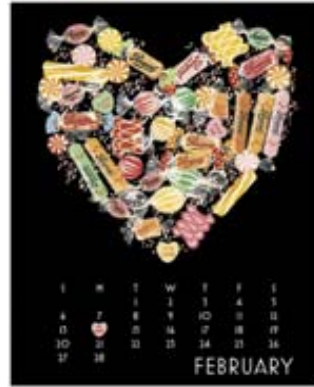
from Peter Rolfe's popular Four Seasons calendar.

Susan Wallace Barnes impressions of Nantucket are as light, charming, and whimsical as ever, in both French and English. In addition, the Susan Wallace Barnes calendar now features a travel, adventure card. Just seeing the images of Nantucket will make you pack your bags.



The Janine Moore Flowers calendars are vibrant and charming; Janine paints from Kennebunkport, Maine, where she has many fans. With this calendar, you will appreciate having a different bouquet of flowers every month! Frames are available as the perfect compliment to display any of

these works of art.



The Linnea calendar is the combined creation of daughter Hannah and mother Linnea. The images are distinctively designed with graphic style. Both youthful and sophisticated, it is easy to see why many people request this calendar.

NOVEMBER TO DO LIST

- Plant cool season vegetables and perennial herbs.
- Divide perennials.
- Replace summer annuals with cool season bloomers.
- Plant roses, trees, and shrubs.
- Sow wildflower seeds.
- Rake leaves, clean beds, make compost.
- Clean and sharpen tools.
- Add organic matter to beds.
- Keep watering.
- Force paper whites and holiday bulbs.

EXTERIOR DECORATING

Give yourself or someone else a garden retreat, or update an existing one. Wilshire Garden Market provides exterior decorating consultation service. By appointment, for a fee, we will make a consultation visit and create a plan to make your garden retreat the most charming, cohesive, and useful it can be. Call the store, 879-1121, to make an appointment.



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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