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ACCESSORIZE THE FALL GARDEN

The weather is gradually turning cooler and even though not a leaf has yet fallen, suddenly it is time to reflect the fall season in the home and garden. It is interesting how many people comment that fall is their favorite season for *something,* from fashion to gardening, these having one common characteristic: rich and robust colors, from yellows and gold to turquoise, fuchsia, and the entire range of subtle, subdued earth tones. The flat light of fall gives greater emphasis and life to these colors.

Color is exciting, if sometimes daunting, with the confusing terminology of analogous, complimentary, monochromatic, tones, hues, and values. But, we have managed to use color in our wardrobes

without much hesitancy, so we should be able to translate it to our gardens. Begin with a good strong statement at the entry since that is where visitors get a sense of the hospitality that lies within, keeping in mind the exterior color of your home and trim as well as what colors are found just inside the entry. A monochromatic scheme is always workable and soothing to the eye; if it is too serene, it is simple to add a little pop of a contrasting color such as these contrasting heucheras.

Add a pair of new pots to the entry, cast stone is usually appropriate for a traditional home and often glazed terracotta is beautiful with Mediterranean, French, and contemporary.

Whether using cast stone or glazed terracotta, choose plant materials that echo their containers and their companion plants,; there is nothing more beautiful than containers brimming with plants that have a common color throughout their blooms, leaves, veins, or stems.. Remove worn out or overgrown summer annuals in existing planters and replace them with plants that will survive frost, such as English ivy or a small trailing or upright evergreen. Incorporate small gourds and pumpkins into the arrangement for a final touch. Remember to plant pots with *thriller, fillers, and spillers* and keep in mind that large containers hold more potting soil and moisture, helping plants survive in extreme temperatures, whether hot or cold.

A fresh fall doormat in compatible colors will help unify the entry vignette. If a bench is at the entry, a seasonal outdoor pillow always provides a finished look. The entry should be coordinated and abun-

dant without being theatrically overdone; not too many orange pumpkins and oddly perfect mums. With a little forethought and planning, the entry décor can also be the inspiration for the color of nearby fall annual pansies and perennials such as heucheras and nandinas in the garden border. Surrounded by such autumnal beauty, perhaps fall will become your favorite season.

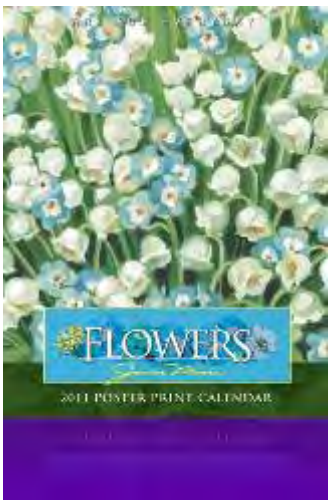
WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

Bring the scent of fall into your home with our beautiful botanical candles. The hand poured beeswax candles contain botanicals and come in fragrances of Birch Woods, Forest, Honey Tobacco, and this Autumn Quince that combines apple, tart quince, fig, nutmeg, and all spice.

Our outdoor pillows reflect the season with their autumn tones and images, color coordinating with striped pillows and other prints.

Outdoor mats are available in several textures and sizes, all with warm fall themes, all washable.

Bring art to your door! Hand made by local artisans, our exclusive metal sculpture pumpkin sets are fashioned with a built in candle saucer. Generous in size, they are an artistic way to celebrate the harvest season.



The 2011 calendars are arriving daily; the first to arrive are the Janine Moore Flowers calendars and the darling Dog Days as well; whether or not you are a dog person, their images are irresistible.

These will be followed by Susan Wallace Barnes, Four Seasons, and Linnea calendars in 5″ x 7″ or 11″ x 14″ sizes. Easels and wall frames will be available as well.

An owl on a pumpkin is the perfect autumn porch décor in solid cast stone, it will not blow away. Our version is in a finish reminiscent of pumpkin hues. Small and large onyx ravens are in also, perfect autumn accent pieces. The cast stone cat statues look like they're ready to pounce.

It is always an exciting time when we are unpacking our large Campania order. Thousands of pounds of cast stone and glazed terracotta containers, statues, birdbaths and fountains fill the warehouse. It is like Christmas, but the packages are five foot square pallets weighing two thousand pounds each and packed in burlap bags.

CHELSEA FLOWER SHOW TRIP

Join us for a nine day tour of England's best private gardens. Conceived by Travel & Company, the adult division of ACIS, the trip is everything a gardener could ask for. Upon arriving, we will travel on a comfortable private coach, led by their experienced professional guide. The hotels are rated four stars. Included are:

- Royal Horticulture Society membership.
- Members Day at Chelsea Flower Show.
- Tour Manager.
- Private Lectures by Head Gardeners.
- Stourhead *
- Lacock Abbey
- RHS Rosemoor
- Cotehele
- Sissinghurst
- Great Dixter in Sussex
- Local Secrets Revealed by Tour Guide.
- Fifteen Meals and Farewell Dinner.

Watch for a notice of a Q & A meeting in November.

Included in the trip is a visit to Stourhead, one of the finest landscape gardens in the world, often referred to as 'Paradise', was created in the 1740's by a wealthy banker, Henry Hoare II. He had the

River Stour dammed to form a great lake and around it he laid out a landscape garden with stunning views and serene walkways. He add classical features, such as the Temple of Flora, the Pantheon, the Temple of Apollo, and Gothic ruins. The garden is cherished and has been enhanced by his succes-

sors. Another garden, Wisley, the flagship garden of the RHS, has richly planted borders, luscious rose gardens, and the state of the art Glasshouse the size

of 10 tennis courts with three interior climate zones. George Fergusson Wilson, businessman, scientist, inventor, and gardener created Wisley. At his death in 1902, Sir Thomas Hanbury bought the property and in 1903 presented the 60 acre Wisley estate in trust to the RHS for its perpetual use. Imagine strolling though at your leisure. Please join us!

PAYNE PREMIER CARD HERE

The Payne Premier card booklets are in the store and ready to be purchased for use October 29-November 7.

For anyone who is not familiar with the Payne Premier Card, it is sold citywide to benefit the non-profit Payne Education Center. The Payne education Center trains teachers to prevent reading difficulties in children and remediate dyslexia while serving as a resource and referral center.

Did you know?

1 Oklahoman in 5 is functionally illiterate. This is **not** something we can be proud of.

20% of men, women, and children in the US have dyslexia.

1`child in 8 who is behind in reading at the end of the 1st grade will NEVER catch up.

90% of at risk children can overcome their reading difficulties if they receive comprehensive reading intervention by the 3rd grade.

The vision of the Payne Education Center is that every child in Oklahoma will be successful in reading, writing, and spelling.

Purchase a Payne Premier card for $50 and receive 20% off purchases at hundreds of retailers listed in the pamphlet for a week. If you plan your holiday gift purchasing early you can easily recoup the $50 card purchase price and save much more.

At Wilshire Garden Market we prefer to participate in this program than have meaningless sales. Join us in supporting the Payne Education Center and support the welfare of Oklahoma as well.

A VISIT FROM ABIGAIL

Little Abigail Rorie visited Wilshire Garden Market for the first time in her very young life. It was a joyful occasion until she met Prowl the stone kitty statue. No matter how fiercely Abigail barked, Prowl stoically outstared her. Then Abigail went home for a bath and a nap.

A WORD ABOUT FALL PRUNING

The word is "Don't ". Fall is not a good time of year to prune. Heading back branches in the fall stimulates growth in the buds that formed during the summer. Because the new growth won't have time to harden off before cold weather arrives, it can freeze or be damaged seriously. Limit pruning chores to the removing of dead branches or to doing only very minor thinning.

OCTOBER 2010 TO DO LIST

- Plant trees and shrubs.
- Collect dried seeds from flowers or veggies.
- Make sure all vacationing houseplants are checked for pests before bringing them back indoors.
- Plant cool season annuals.
- Cover water gardens with screen or netting to keep out falling leaves.
- It is a great time to divide overgrown perennials.
- Add compost to garden beds.
- Order bulbs if you have not done so.
- Make seasonal changes to outdoor décor.

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 the store for details or to set up an appointment.

Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

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