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WHAT IS YOUR GARDEN STYLE?

A garden takes on the personality and style of its owner. Even a minimally discerning observer could tell much about a person by his garden's appearance. We believe there are three predominant styles: contemporary, traditional, and whimsical, with many subcategories.

During our 17 years in business, we have visited the best public gardens across the country and many private ones, including our customers' gardens. We are always impressed with their creativity, and we in turn like to share ideas that might inspire others.



The structure and repetition of this contemporary linear grouping give a feeling of order and symmetry. Each of the five tall black glazed terracotta containers is topped with a single architectural plant, perfect complements one to the other, backed by the expanse of fence and grounded with smooth black stones, making a stunning presentation.



Jockey red Sunbrella custom upholstery accents this customer's traditional style garden and pool. The chaise cushions are piped in braided cording and the bench cushion is trimmed with vibrant red fringe, all fade resistant and weather durable.



Several customers have incorporated these new colorful, whimsical art poles in their gardens. Easily installed, they are made of sturdy weatherproof PVC, topped with a steel cap and require no watering. The PVC is infused with floral images by various nationally known artists. Seeing the colorful piece in her garden makes this customer smile; that's what gardening is all about!

WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE



We are pretty confident that food will actually taste better and cooking will be more enjoyable with these tasteful and charming handmade French ceramic salt, pepper, and herbs de Provence grinders. Useful and fun to use, they make very nice gifts. A new shipment with even more

designs will arrive this week.



The first shipment of fall pillows is in, well in advance of the first official day of fall, September 23. From whimsical to classic, the images are wonderful. We also have dozens of faux pumpkins in many shapes, sizes, and colors, very realistic in appearance, perfect for fall decorating.

Their silky smooth fabric fluttering in the fall breeze, garden flags in autumnal images add brilliance anywhere you place them. Their sturdy metal flag stands are easy to press into the ground, a simple way to incorporate a warm fall ambiance at the entry or in the garden.



Beautiful designer garden tools in the Rosa Chinensis pattern include comfy memory foam kneelers, pink secateurs, and lime green metal watering can from English tool manufacturer Burgon and Ball.

Perfect for use under sweaty drink glasses outdoors, these thick, reusable, recyclable paper coasters sport 24 different images; even the backs have designs. They are one of the nicest products we have found recently.



Tube vases in new 2014 color ways are set to arrive the first week of September. These ceramic vases are small enough to perch on a windowsill and with only a handful of flowers from your garden or the market, make a big statement.

REPURPOSING SUCCESS

We are delighted that the OKC Zoo has found that the excelsior we receive with our Campania shipments is clean and can be used as bedding for the apes and the apes like it, so it is a win-win. The Great Ape Escape staff captured this darling photo of 18 month old Leom learning how to make his night nest. Please notice the cloud someone has caringly painted over his bed.



CALENDAR TIME IS NEAR



come in before they are all gone.

Your favorite art calendars will be arriving in October: Susan Wallace Barnes, Four Seasons, Linnea, and Janine Moore Flowers. *Plan now:* know the quantity and sizes you will need for gifts and your own use and

HUMMINGBIRD LOVERS



Everyone loves hummingbirds; they are unbelievably tiny and amazingly speedy. Hummingbird experts encourage us to leave our feeders up until frost, to make sure the last stragglers have enough energy-boosting nectar to make their journey. It is the males who leave first, followed by the females and young ones on their first trip.



Catching sight of a hummingbird sitting still is a treat. This one, perched on top of the shepherd's hook, is guarding his feeder in Christy's garden. He returned to perch here for several mornings until she could get just the right picture. The feeder is covered with dots of colored glass; the hummingbirds test the dots to see if they are tasty before going to drink from the ports.

FROM PRODUCE TO POULTRY

We will continue to offer Pickel's Hills Farm naturally grown vegetables as long as the plants continue to produce. Customer response has been tremendous and we are glad you are enjoying everything.



We never know who grows the vegetables we find in the grocery store, but we know who grows ours. Here is Josh working in the vegetable garden. You can't get more local than this. Shown here is an Okra plant; customers are freezing it for (winter) gumbo.



Christy has become the proud parent of 22 cuddly baby chicks with fascinating personalities and potentially beautiful plumage like Puffy Head here.



Most of the chicks are all about cuddling and being close to people. Aurora demands attention, even to the extent of pretending to be a hat. Persistence pays off.!



At some point the girls will begin laying eggs of all colors: brown, olive green, aqua, (inside, colorful shell, is normal), and we will add their eggs to our farm raised product selections. I think I hear the Green Acres theme music.



FALL GARDENING

Fall is the best time of the year to plant perennials, hardy shrubs and trees, especially in Oklahoma, because the ground is warm and the temperature of the air is cooler.



Fall is also a good time to take stock of the garden, after an entire growing season is completed you can see which plants succeeded, have become overgrown, or lost the shape that once made them just right for that spot. Perhaps if you have been gardening for decades, you have better ideas for plantings now than you had originally. Give yourself permission to make changes, to get rid of a tired plant and replace it with a beautiful, large, unplanted pot, bird bath, or other garden accent.

FLOWER OF THE MONTH



September actually has two flowers of the month, the Aster and the Morning Glory. The Aster is the symbol of powerful love.

The Morning Glory is the simple symbol of affection. Their leaves are shaped like hearts, making it a very attractive annual vine.



SEPTEMBER TO DO LIST

- Keep treating roses if they have powdery mildew.
- Start thinking about moving houseplants indoors for the winter. *The best time to do that is when temperatures outdoors and indoors are the same!!*
- Plant bare root trees and shrubs.
- Early fall is the ideal time to sow wildflower seeds.
- Start a compost bin if you don't have one.
- Stake tall autumn plants such as salvia, dahlias, and mums.
- Plant winter pansies and fall annuals (dianthus, cabbage and kale).
- Plant peonies.
- Plant fall blooming bulbs.
- Harvest herbs and flowers for drying.
- Divide peonies and bearded iris.
- Plant herbs and ground covers as the weather cools.
- Add organic humus to flowerbeds for a better spring garden!

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!

