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ARE YOU READY FOR A CHANGE?

Although this summer has been delightful as summers go in Oklahoma, we will welcome fall with the changes we can see and feel.

It is almost time to change out plantings try to change some planting habits as well. Chrysanthemums have been around since the beginning of time; instead, include plants that are



more current, architectural, evergreen, or edible! Take a critical (but not too critical) look at your entry and patio. Ask yourself if you love what you see; if not, change what you can to make them more attractive, enjoyable and useable. Do your pots flatter the entry to your home? Are they of adequate size and does their style complement your home? Are they attractively planted?



For a dramatic change in your patio, nothing beats new outdoor furniture, or simply update your cushions with fresh Sunbrella fabrics and fringes.



Introduce a new color scheme with a patterned outdoor rug, tying it together all the way down to the floor, creating a center for your patio room.

Make a simple and effective transition with a few dynamic patterned pillows.

Changes add charisma to your fall patio, virtually drawing you to spend more time relaxing outdoors!

WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

It feels like fall, so it must be fall! These galvanized metal pumpkins will translate visually from



the porch to the street and everywhere in between. With beautiful workmanship and great durability, they will hold up in all conditions. A coordinating turkey is a striking companion. .



Freshly hatched, these little baby birds are sitting on a log waiting for someone to take them home and love them. It is one of Campania's new pieces hand crafted in their Pennsylvania studio.



With cooler evenings, this ample copper fire bowl will lend ambiance and warmth to your patio and garden. A number of customers have returned to tell us how much they have enjoyed this accessory.



Just in are these wonderful gift items we were excited to find at Market! New in melamine is the long baguette tray with red handled serrated Laguiole bread knife. A new take on the cheese board, it is also paired with a red handled serrated Laguiole knife. Also new is the set of four dessert bowls bound with ribbon and new deeper red dinner ware. Favorite appetizer plate gift sets bound with ribbon and oval serving bowl are popular gifts.

For the serene garden, this unique glazed terracotta garden lantern bears a rustic Angkor finish with a centuries old appearance. In juxtaposition, the gleeful dancing Buddha makes everyone feel like smiling.



Versatile garden flags add color and movement to your garden. These make great gifts for celebrating holidays, seasons, birthdays, weddings, graduations, and other occasions. Their metal stand is easy to install by pressing into the ground. They are made of fade resistant, washable polyester.

APES COUNTING SHEEP

The OKC Zoo has just picked up another truck full of excelsior from our warehouse after we unpacked numerous pallets of product from Campania.



We are delighted that the excelsior can be used for good and the apes obviously like it, primarily as softness in their huge leather sleeping hammocks, but also as camouflage. It is a winning situation!

CALENDAR TIME NEARS

Your favorite art calendars will be arriving in October:



Susan Wallace Barnes, Four Seasons, Linnea, Kate Libby, and Janine Moore Flowers. **Plan now:** know the quantity and sizes you will need for gifts and your own use. Call 879-1121 to place your order now to make sure you get what you want. Gift wrapping is available at no charge.

HUMMINGBIRDS DEPART

September marks the beginning of the great hummingbird migration back to Central America. It is the males who leave first, followed by the females and young ones on their first trip.

Their fly zone is from Alaska to as far south as Panama in the winter. Some hummingbirds fly over land and some fly 20 hours covering 450 miles over the Gulf of Mexico. To prepare for their migration, hummingbirds gorge on insects and nectar, increasing their body weight from 25 to 40%. If other birds gained that much weight they wouldn't be able to get off the ground.



Do not take your feeders down early. 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. During migration a well-placed feeder can be important to their very existence. Our hummingbird feeders come with a recipe card attached. It is important to follow the nectar recipe precisely. Combine 1 part white sugar to 4 parts water. Bring to slow boil for 2 minutes. Cool before pouring it in the feeder. Store excess in the refrigerator. Never use honey, artificial sweeteners, or red dye. Clean regularly to prevent fermentation and mold—every 3 days in hot weather, every 7 days in cool weather. Hummingbirds will reject old nectar.

A CHICKEN UPDATE



Christy's chickens had one year old during the summer. With the tragic loss (by a hawk) of Puffy, the Buff Polish Lace rooster, there remain 20 chickens. They have eaten great quantities of fruit over the summer. Their new favorite sleeping spot is the apricot tree in their

chicken run. A customer requested a field trip to meet the chickens; if anyone else would like to take a field trip to the farm, just call 879-1121 and we will be delighted to organize one.

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 and dahlias.
- 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!

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