

# WILSHIRE GARDEN MARKET

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## CREATIVITY ABOUNDS AT CAMPANIA!

It is always a joy to visit Campania because of the lovely staff, the owners, our sales rep, and the change of temperature (lower). But this year, Campania has knocked themselves out with a creative burst, releasing hundreds of new cast stone items, including statues, planters, fountains, bird baths, as well as many new glaze colors.

As usual, our rep Maribeth picked us up at the Philadelphia airport. The hour and a half drive gave



us time to catch up with her. When we arrived at Bear Creek, the ski resort where we stay every year, we were informed that because of high occupancy, the three of us were upgraded to a slumber party in the bi-level suite where we watched the 2016 summer Olympics in front of a glowing fire in August!.

Because this was a test run for a new customer rewards program (just one of their creative ideas), there were two garden store/nursery owners each from British Columbia, Colorado, Salt Lake City, Houston, and us. After a get-acquainted luncheon together we split up for various activities, such as making our cast stone and glazed terra cotta orders for the coming year in the showroom and warehouse.

The smallest new cast stone piece is the ultimate in slowness; we think its name should actually be changed to "Greased Lightning".



bubbles.

The new Arroyo Fountain is made from lightweight fiber cement. A creative feature for nighttime enjoyment: each fountain in the series features an LED light in the center where the water

This new glaze is called Beachcomber, reminiscent of exotic oceans and sunny skies. The finish combines a rustic terra cotta top with the beautiful blue body that will complement pool tiles and blend well with other shades of blue.



Campania has given us many new, exciting products that we can offer our customers. All will arrive and be unpacked the first week of September!

## OUR ANNUAL SUMMER TOUR

Every year after our Campania buying, we travel with our loveable sales rep, Maribeth, to visit a notable Pennsylvania/Delaware public garden. Together we have visited Longwood, Winterthur, Chanticleer, and more. This year, Campania's owners decided to have a group of store owner customers go together to visit several public gardens and garden centers in New York and Connecticut.

Our first stop was walking the High Line in NYC accompanied by a professional horticulturist who could identify every plant by its Latin name. The High Line is a former elevated train track that has been brilliantly transformed into a one and a half mile long elevated *rails to trails* park, which is now a major tourist attraction, its north end culminating next to the Whitney Museum. The walk is bordered on both sides by beautiful and durable prairie-like plantings, including small trees. The vegetation was selected to replicate the plants that were found growing on the abandoned railway. The look has been so well received that others in the area have created like plantings and the end result is a revival of the Meat Packing District.



Early the next morning before public hours, we were given a private tour of Wave Hill Garden, a 28 acre garden near Manhattan which has a lovely backdrop of the Hudson River and the Palisades.

It is a pleasure garden dedicated to fostering connections between people and the natural world. It includes a pergola overlook, flower, herb, and aquatic gardens, woodland, the T.H. Everett Alpine House, and the Marco Polo Stufano Conservatory.



Awe-inspiring views and vignettes everywhere.

## AUTUMN IN THE STORE

Celebrate the change of temperature and welcome visitors with a new seasonal flag! With its colorful collection of fall items, this flag will blend perfectly with your new autumn plantings.



This is one of our all time favorite fall pillows, but it is one of many that reflect the coming season. Covers zip off for laundering and you can change out seasonal covers, reusing the original stuffers.



## 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. The experts no longer advise boiling the water to make the nectar, so that simplifies preparation significantly. It is helpful to make a large quantity and store excess nectar 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 and who can blame them for that.

Let's all help the hummingbirds safely make their long journey!

## CALENDAR TIME IS NEAR

Your favorite art calendars will be arriving in October: 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.



## 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 ¼" 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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