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THE SECRETS OF THE OLD WAREHOUSE

Wilshire Garden Market's warehouse is pretty mysterious. Just what is back there? Many of our customers have never set foot in the warehouse. This month, we reveal its secrets.

Much of our Campania order has arrived via 18 wheeler in the last two weeks: about 15 pallets or "skids" as they are called, each measuring 5'x5'x5',



weighing approximately 1,500 lbs., full of glazed terra cotta or cast stone treasures.



delivery team.

At the Campania factory, our order was collected in an area, our chosen finishes were applied to our cast stone pieces, then the pieces were dried and packed in excelsior (clean shredded pine). For years we tried to recycle or find a use for our mountains of discarded excelsior.

Matt and his crew help when the items are too large for us to remove from the pallets; they are also our responsible and courteous



At last, we have been able to donate it to the Oklahoma City Zoo. We were told that it is better than hay and the apes love to sleep in it in their ham-

mocks. Kelly, a Zoo technician, removes it by making numerous trips.

Unpacking these pallets is like Christmas or a birthday on steroids. Some pieces are one-of-a-kind, always exciting to have.

We often forget pieces we ordered until we uncover them in the excelsior. As we are unpacking we find one favorite after another.

"I'd forgotten we ordered this. The detail is amazing. It is wonderful." Hope you think so too!



WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE



The first of our fall pillows are in, more will arrive this week, well in advance of the first official day of fall, September 22. The 16" orange ceramic sphere picks up the colors in the rug and the pillows. The sphere is not just for OSU fans, but coincidentally there is a 10" black sphere that could be its companion.



Melamine dinner ware and polycarb drink ware are care-free for everyday and outdoor use. This new pattern in aqua and terra cotta is perfect for summer and fall. Drink ware in aqua or pale sage pairs nicely with this pattern.

We also have the fashionable but casual round woven placements in stock.



More mini houses are ready for fall fantasy gardening, along with lanterns, arbors, bistro tables and chairs, and little bags of tiny gravel to create pathways. Tiny ghost trick-or-treaters and pumpkins will be fun to add to little fall landscapes.



A new favorite returns: the bird feeder and thermometer in one. This is great for the garden and a wonderful gift. The easy-to-read thermometer is in an isolated chamber; there are four feeder ports with perches. Its tube is UV stabilized polycarbonate and the finish is bronze patina. Ten year limited warranty.

The garden is personalized by the accessories we add in strategic places. This little hedge hog is an amazingly complex piece of statuary with hundreds of visible quills.



Among our favorite things are the French tablecloths that are designed in Paris and printed using woodblocks with 100 hand movements per tablecloth. These are

the brilliantly designed, complex new patterns in rich colors for this fall and we just couldn't wait to get them. They will make any table look gorgeous.



SUMMER SUCCESSES

The 100+ degree heat barely materialized this summer and with the heavy rains, many of our gardens are quite lush. Our friend and co-worker, Kaye, shared the beautiful planting she created in one of our large pots in her garden. We would appreciate seeing your beautiful plantings in our beautiful containers as well. Email a picture to wgmok@sbcglobal.net and we will be delighted to include it in next month's newsletter.



Below is the beautiful, very spacious southwestern patio of our friends and customers, Helen and Wayne Swinson, who moved to Santa Fe a few



years ago. They have successfully made the style transition while incorporating their fountain and other accessories from their Oklahoma garden into their new surroundings. We miss you, but your new home is lovely! Well done!

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!

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