

# WILSHIRE GARDEN MARKET

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## BUY WHAT YOU BELIEVE IN

This year we are pleased with our January market trip for several reasons: we were able to squeeze in the trip between winter storms, we were not stranded anywhere and we found products made in the U.S. that are worthy of purchasing. It is fulfilling to find and maintain buyer/vendor relationships with U.S. companies that produce or provide quality products, are introducing "green" products, have a social conscience, and are environmentally friendly in a variety of ways.



Previously, we have introduced you to our cast stone company in Pennsylvania with its quality control procedures wherein each piece is "touched" 37 times before being placed on their warehouse shelves. This year they have even outdone themselves with exceptionally beautiful new designs.



Their imported glazed products are also of the highest grade. We have in stock popular favorites and new designs from small bowls to large urns in colors from antique white, gold, falling jade over brown, iced coffee to this unique soft French blue.

Now let us tell you about our candle company and its philosophy. It is run by a young woman; she recently changed her company to become 100% wind powered. Harmless natural materials fill the outer portion of the gorgeous candles. Recycled packing materials are used and when possible, reused. The company donates 15% of its profits to organizations that support wild birds, elephants, and oceanic preservation. These candles are fragrant, gorgeous, long burning, and friendly.



A new scent, Cherry Blossom, is elegant and soft, in a delicate ivory color filled with birch sprigs and rose colored Larkspur blossoms, combining vanilla, pink freesia and musk for a creamy interpretation of spring's favorite bloom.

The candle Neptune is embedded with small shells, sand dollars, and starfish; its scent is salt water mist, fresh eucalyptus, and cedar. Beautiful for the bath or cabana, the wax coated shells feel rich and luxurious to the touch.



## WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

We always search to find unique, relevant, useful, and beautiful garden accessories and gifts for the benefit and pleasure of our Oklahoma gardeners. Each year we observe which color(s) is found repeatedly in showroom after showroom, from bed linens to gift wrap to garden furnishings. This year color, and lots of it, including spring green, pink, yellow, purple, red, and turquoise was apparent in many products; we even saw an entire showroom done completely in orange.

It was exciting to see the new outdoor pillow designs being introduced this spring to complement and enliven their standard color ways. The first shipment of new pillows has just arrived in the store.



Valentine flags and flags for spring have arrived, ready to bring instant seasonal colors to your garden or entryway. They also make great gifts. They are quick and easy to install: just press the flag stand into the ground; they can even be placed in potted plants to brighten a patio.



A doormat is another simple way to add style to your entry or patio. Its printed watercolor design will be a spring treat for your eyes, especially now when everything is dormant and drab.

## GARDENER VALENTINES

Our French soap company is also dedicated to maintaining quality, purity and responsibility.

By using the finest natural ingredients, shea butter, sweet almond, olive or palm oils, they are making the

world a more soothing, fragranced, responsible, and pampered place for everyone! Not coincidentally, everyone appreciates the fragrance and quality of these soaps, luxurious hand cream, and body lotion. We have large heart soaps and more for Valentine's Day.



Show your love for your valentine and the beautiful hummingbirds with a sparkling etched red recycled glass hummingbird feeder. Hummingbirds are scheduled to return to this region mid-April; until then display it empty for its jewel like beauty.



High quality garden gloves that look like floral watercolor paintings are great gifts to give and to receive. We have been eagerly awaiting their arrival. One size fits all, so they are no hassle gifts. There are also several styles of comfortable gloves in solid pink or lavender;

the comfortable nitrile Weeder glove is a favorite.

Pale pink Sun Grip gloves are a light-weight tactile

glove with double stitched fingertips, with a polyurethane skin.



## FEBRUARY TO DO LIST

- Order seeds for song bird and butterfly gardens from catalogs. You can order online from [www.kitchengardenseeds.com](http://www.kitchengardenseeds.com). There are lots of seeds in these packs, so go in with a friend. Attract birds with food, sheltering evergreens, and preferably moving water.
- Sow seeds of warm season vegetables and annuals indoors. Grow only what are precious and that you will eat. Grow only what you can store or give away. Get one indulgence for fun.
- Sow seeds of hardy spring annuals
- Plant cool season vegetable seedlings.
- Order summer bulbs: lilies, etc.



When the snow melts, go "rooting around" in your garden to see what is sprouting. Leave mulch on the ground and leave the tops of dormant perennials for insulation.



These small 4" Early Sensation jonquils were cut from the garden on Wednesday, January 27, hours prior to the most recent ice and snow storm. The little beauties bring enormous hope of spring until it actually arrives.

## PERENNIAL OF THE YEAR



*Baptisia australis* or False Indigo is the Perennial Plant Association's pick for 2010. Plants are chosen based on qualities of low maintenance, pest and disease resistance, multiple seasonal interest, and availability. The Perennial Plant Association began designating plants of the year since 1990

## LINDA VATER SEMINAR - FEBRUARY 2010!

Saturday, February 20 "READY, SET, GARDEN!"

These informal seminars begin at 10:30 a.m. and are one hour in length, with time for questions at the conclusion. The fee is \$10 per person; seating is somewhat limited, so call now to reserve a space. A door prize is given at each seminar. Please join us!

## EXTERIOR DECORATING

This year give yourself a garden retreat, or refresh the one you have. By appointment and for a fee, we will make a consultation visit followed by written suggestions to make your garden retreat more charming, cohesive, and useful. Call the store 405-879-1121 for more details or to set up an appointment.



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Let us help you create your outdoor living room!**

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