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YOUR WINTER GARDEN

Winter is a quiet gardening time, the absence of green leaves and flowers revealing the garden's



framework and enabling us to evaluate its underlying elements or "bones".

Bones can be fences and walls, or other permanent forms such as arbors, trellises, or metal topiaries.

They contribute vertical interest in all seasons, but especially in winter. .

Often, the addition of garden accessories can provide winter appeal. Planted with winter-hardy evergreens or even empty, containers can be elegant focal points in the garden or in the landscape.



Pieces of snow-covered statuary lend dramatic touches and the suggestion of movement and life.

During winter months, often under a layer of snow, we can appreciate the variety of colors, foliage textures, and forms of evergreen plant material; the lack thereof is more obvious, making the garden appear more desolate and sheltering less wildlife. This is the time to take a critical look at the garden and consider ideas for any needed improvements.



Bird watching is an entertaining and informative winter pastime made simpler by the lack of green plant material. Beautiful hand-blown recycled glass birdfeeders in jewel tones hung in easy view of windows provide natural beauty from the comfort of your home. The birds will benefit from the additional food source.

Little roosting pouches made of sea grass and other natural materials offer winter shelter for small birds, conserving 30% of life saving body fat. Pouches secured in a secluded spot in a holly or other evergreen will be just what is needed to shield them from icy winds; perhaps you will be able to watch your small visitors as they shelter themselves from the cold. The versatile little pouches serve as nests in warmer weather.



WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE

It is the New Year! If you don't know if you're coming or going, a nice art calendar will get you to the right place at the right time: a Linnea, Susan Wallace Barnes, Kate Libby, and/or Janine Moore Flowers.



If you saw The Hobbit or have Hobbit fans in your home, come see our cute little Gnome Village complete with small to large gnome statues, working fountain, wishing well, rural mailbox,

darling cottage, toadstools, and secret door. Retaining wall segments with gate are available also.

Valentine and St. Patrick's Day garden flags are scheduled for delivery immediately.



French heart soaps will delight everyone on your Valentine gift list. From large pink rose, jonquil, lavender and camellia scented hearts, in gift boxes to smaller soaps in a variety of boxes and bags, these are lovely small gifts that anyone will enjoy.



This New Year starts off with a shipment of the cutest outdoor pillows ever designed. We say it every year and every year it is true! From birds, frogs, bunnies, flowers and other fabulous graphics,

there are literally dozens of new mind boggling designs. Included are new stripes in beautiful pinks and gorgeous purples. Finally, there is even a Happy Birthday pillow suggested by Christy! They are truly wonderful! Fortunately, these pillows coordinate with many outdoor rugs.



We have received an early shipment of outdoor rugs, dozens and dozens in all designs



and colors, 5' x 8' and 6' x 9', all woven of recycled plastic that is fade proof and carefree for a lovely, welcoming appearance in the seating area on your patio or deck.

PLANT OF THE YEAR

Polygonatum Odoratum 'Variegatum' has been selected as the 2012 Plant of the Year by The Perennial Plant Association.



The Perennial Plant of the Year award is given to a plant that is:

- Suitable for a wide range of climate types.
- Low maintenance.
- Easily propagated.
- Exhibits multiple seasonal interests.

PLANT SPRING BULBS

For beautiful spring flowers, plant bulbs now! If you think you have waited too long, you have not. Klee Black has tulip and hyacinth bulbs for sale in almost any color and season. Klee and his crew will plant the bulbs for you (minimum of 200) or you can specify color and season and he will leave the bulbs for you at the store.



Call Klee (405-210-6747) to order your bulbs by color and blooming time (early, mid, or late). These are healthy, strong bulbs that will put on a great show in the spring. What a treat!

JANUARY TO DO LIST

- Sow seeds of warm-season annuals
- Set out summer-flowering bulbs
- Plant fall-blooming bulbs
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root fruit trees
- Apply dormant spray to fruit trees before buds swell
- Spray apples, peaches, and pears that have been affected with canker problems
- Plant bare-root perennial vegetables
- Plant seedlings of cool-weather vegetables
- Sow fast-growing warm-season vegetables
- Sow seeds for frost-tolerant perennials
- Sow seeds for tender perennials
- Plant container and bare-root roses
- Plant balled-and-burlapped, container, and bare-root trees, shrubs, and vines
- Plant summer-blooming shrubs and vines
- Plant frost-tolerant trees
- Plant conifers and broad-leaf evergreens
- Supplement water to trees and shrubs

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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