

WILSHIRE GARDEN MARKET



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GARDENING BEYOND GROUND LEVEL

This spring consider adding color to your garden at different levels. Add color and interest at eye level by incorporating clematis, climbing roses, hanging baskets or hayracks into your garden. Plant a clematis so that it can grow into a climbing rose or a tree. Clematis can be planted in a small area, even a pot, and is available in almost any color; choose a spring blooming variety and the autumn clematis for an extended blooming period. Garden structures such as trellises, arbors, rose domes, and rose umbrellas are ideal supports for clematis and climbing roses; these structures are good “garden bones” as well.



A basket of cascading flowers hanging from a shepherd's hook also adds color at eye level.

Wave petunias are ideal for a splash of pink or purple in a sunny location; ivies, ferns, coleus, or tropical varieties can provide interest in shady areas.



Hayracks add color and interest to walls, fences and windows. In sunny areas, fill hayracks with annual color such as zonal geraniums, million bells, fan flowers, petunias, or sun coleus. For shady areas, fill hayracks with ivies, begonias, or a multitude of tropical varieties. A cast stone or glazed terra cotta pot placed in a flower bed lifts color above the other plant materials. It also acts as a visual anchor, adding interest, and reinforcing the style of the home and garden.



A REMARKABLE ROSE



Introducing “Knockout”, a truly beautiful Rugosa shrub rose. Rugosa roses originated in China and Japan, and were introduced to the West in the 1970’s when breeders began creating new varieties. “Knockout” blooms on old wood, eliminating the need to prune the canes. It is resistant to black spot, rust and powdery mildew. This rose will bloom in either full sun or part shade; it has an extended blooming season. Dense and robust, its thick leaves take on a bronze tint in autumn. This rose is easy to grow.

SPECIAL OF THE MONTH

The first day of Spring is March 20. Celebrate with 20% savings on Felco pruners while supplies last.



LINDA VATER SEMINAR SERIES 2004

Friday, March 26 Linda will be presenting Basic Garden Design. In this seminar Linda will discuss how to design a garden that matches your lifestyle and home.

The seminars begin at 10:30 and usually run for about an hour, depending on the amount of questions and answers. The fee is \$10 per person and seating is limited, so call now to reserve your spot.

The 2004 series is as follows:

March 26	Basic Garden Design
April 16	Creating an Ornamental Kitchen Garden
May 7	Vertical Gardening
June 5	Shade Gardening
July 16	Flower Arranging
Sept. 25	Container Gardening

Very nice door prizes are given at each seminar!!

WHAT’S NEW

- Hand forged in Holland, the **disc weeder** is four tools in one: a weeder, a patio knife, an edger, and a digger.



- The **Trake** is back! A handy tool, it has a trowel on one end and a claw on the other.



MARCH TO DO LIST

- Prune Ornamental grasses.
- Cut back lirioppe, monkey and mondo grasses. Wilshire Garden Market has English trimming shears perfect for that chore.
- Clean up leaves.
- Prune back winter damaged limbs and dead perennial shoots.
- Clean out ponds and fountains. Check the pumps to see if they are working and free of debris.
- Clean off furniture.
- Lawn Care: apply pre-emergent for broad leaf weeds, sow fescue seed, fertilize cool season turf, and mow cool season grass.

TRENDY FIRE PITS

Fire pits are “In”, adding instant ambiance to patios. The lovely scent of smoldering pinon wood in the metal chimenea transports you to Santa Fe, Taos, or Sedona (and it repels mosquitoes).



WEBSITES TO LOOK INTO

As always, for the latest updates on new arrivals, events, seminars, and monthly specials, keep an eye on: www.wilshiregardenmarket.com.

Go to <http://www.highcountrygardens.com> to find new plants and learn about xeriscaping.

Go to <http://www.chilternseeds.co.uk> to find rare and unusual seeds of oriental vegetables, uncommon vegetables, old fashioned sweet pea seeds, Japanese cut flowers, and lots of more seeds ready “for immediate dispatch throughout the world.”

EXTERIOR DECORATING SERVICE AVAILABLE

In response to repeated requests, Wilshire Garden Market now provides an exterior decorating consultation service. By appointment and for a nominal fee, we will make a one hour consultation followed by written suggestions to make your garden retreat more charming, cohesive, useful, and harmonious. We can also plant pots or window boxes. Call the store for more details or to set up an appointment.



Let us help you create your outdoor living room!

ADOPT-A-POT



Wilshire Garden Market has instituted a new program designed to aid orphaned pots. Each month a pot will be featured whose mate has been sold, leaving the remaining pot lonely and dejected. Help find homes for these eager to please onesies.

“Tubby” is a mission style container with a fine heritage. Made from textured reinforced cast stone, 22” wide by 12.5” high, Tubby is gray with a hint of moss green. Fond of annuals and evergreens, Tubby can stay outdoors all winter, likes water, and is potty trained.

Tubby will be discounted 20% to a good home; he comes with a plant tag and plant food.

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Our new interactive website is here. It has the latest news about garden furnishings, seminars, and our Monthly Specials.

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