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GARDEN STYLE IN WINTER

With the desire to be creative, a measure of quality potting soil, and plants suited for this time of year, gardeners can design winter container plantings to achieve beautiful views from both inside and outdoors. These winter container plantings are important for their addition of color and life to the chilly, ever brown landscape. For future reference, it is best to plant winter containers in the fall in order for the plants to have time to establish. However, our winters can have long periods of mild temperatures that could allow for planting. Many plants grown in winter containers will survive year round.

Cast stone, glazed terra cotta, heavy plastic, fiber glass, or iron planters are the most winter durable materials. The average terra cotta planter will crack or shale during the winter.

Colorful, glazed terra cotta pots can provide a color



theme with which to begin the winter composition. The glazes are available in multiple new hues ranging from a light chartreuse green to a deep egg-plant. High fired, then glazed and fired again, these containers can stay outdoors year round, many can withstand temperatures to twenty below zero. Compose a beautiful plant vignette such as this one. Consider the style, materials, and trim

colors of your home when choosing a planter as well as the type and colors of plants.

Hardy pansies, violas, and groundcovers with evergreens can make attractive winter containers. Small evergreens are simple, elegant plants that can serve as focal points of a container planting, or they



can be planted densely in a variety of heights to create a miniature forest or landscape. Adding sections of bright stems, branches with berries, or clipped evergreen boughs to live plantings can fill in spaces or add

interest. The recipe for this container includes:

- 1) Red twig dogwood (cornus alba 'Elegantissima')
- 2) Japanese Holly (Ilex crenata 'Ivory Tower')
- 3) Golden Sword Yucca (Yucca filamentosa)
- 4) Japanese Pieris ('Pieris Japonica')
- 5) Bergenia (Bergenia 'Bressingham Ruby')
- 6) Heuchera (Heuchera 'Caramel')

The recipe for this winter container includes:

- 1) Green Mountain Boxwood (Buxus 'Green Mountain')
- 2) Pansies (Viola X wittrockiana cv)
- 3) Sedge (Carex morrowii 'Ice Dance')
- 4) Sedum (Sedum rupestra 'Angelina')
- 5) Heuchera (Heuchera sanguinea 'Snow Angel')



Consider where a colorful winter container or two could improve the appearance of your home.

WHAT'S NEW IN THE STORE



In time to celebrate Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day, and early spring are colorful new garden flags



and doormats. They are an easy way to add a cheerful greeting and spot of color to the outside of your home or to give as a useful gift to a valentine, or a friend.



New for this season are prints from famous artists Renoir and Van Gogh. Renoir's Girl with Watering Can is available in a standard size or garden flag. Van Gogh's Sunflowers and Starry Night are available in standard flags and also weather resistant door mats.

Brilliant new styles and bold colors are seen this year in unique square glazed terra cotta planters. They can be used indoors, outdoors, planted, or unplanted as a focal point. Adding one of these eye



catching new designs to the patio or into the garden itself will get attention and compliments. These containers can be left empty for structural design, or filled with interesting architectural plant materials, or with some romantic draping flowering plants.

Darling new small statuary pieces will be the perfect accent for your spring garden. Shown to the right is a new piece called Blackbird's Revenge; two birds sit atop a life sized pie, unable to peck off anyone's nose.



New for this season are additions to the Williamsburg collection. These are inspired by eighteenth century American

garden design. The Bounding Bunny figure is the sole statue in the collection. The Williamsburg Orangery Urn is the ideal representation of 18th century American garden design that celebrated form over ornamentation, in contrast to the ornamental design concept popular at the time in Europe



These crisp new black and white outdoor rugs will give chic style to patio and pool areas. Available in 5' X 8', sizable enough to accommodate a seating or dining area. Black and white melamine dishes add a sophisticated and safe accent



for outdoor dining. Attractive new black and white outdoor pillows will complete the picture or a red accent pillow will add punch.

GARDENER VALENTINES

This year clean up on Valentine's Day. Clean up with heart soaps, that is. Hearts for Hope has been set up by one of our soap distributors, and for every



100 gram heart soap purchased a portion of the proceeds are donated to an Emergency Fund for women battling cancer. Use your buying power to help women. These soaps are made in France by a family owned company since 1812. Their specialized milling process, which triple mills the soap, creates a long lasting, rich lathering product, with scent well ingrained until the very end. Shea butter, sweet almond, olive and palm oils are used for natural moisturizing.

A ruby red gazing ball is a wonderful gift for your Valentine. This stainless steel globe will withstand the elements perfectly, and lasts longer than a bouquet of roses. Originally a garden ornament from the Victorian Era, this ball reflects its surroundings, adds form in the garden, and a delightful spot of color year round.



We can't tell our customers enough how much we LOVE the Joyce Chen garden scissors. These will make a great gift for your gardening Valentine. The soft red handles make it easy to hold and maneuver. The long narrow blades make it easy to deadhead deep within a plant, without cutting the wrong stem. The blades are sharp for cleaner cuts and healthier plants!

Show your love by giving a seven gallon red Tub Trug. Every time your gardening Valentine uses it, you will be thanked. This is a great helper in the garden for gathering weeds and leaves, spreading mulch, and for mixing compost tea.



Good quality and cute garden gloves are good gifts to receive. We have several styles to choose from that are holiday colors. The Weeder glove is fast becoming the store favorite. The Weeder glove is lightweight, has reinforced fingertips, longer cuffs, and is the most comfortable nitrile glove on the market. The Sun Grip glove is also a lightweight, tactile glove with double stitched fingertips, but is made with a polyurethane skin. The original Tool Grips are a heavier weight style latex glove, made for tougher work, with an elasticized cotton liner for durability, comfort and breathable.



Linda Vater Presents

"Prelude to Spring"

Saturday, February 9, 10:30AM.

A \$10 prepayment would be appreciated to hold a reservation.



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