

lises and containers placed here and there; garden ornaments all over the place; and additional items added every day (or so it seemed)? Everyone on the block labeled them as the “eccentric family” (to be nice) and just chuckled ever so slightly as they walked by the house. Well let me tell you, I never would have thought I would take that chuckle back, but I am about to.

In my travels, I have been noticing that more and more houses, in all demographics, are adding a whimsical, fun aspect to their yards. People are planting large flowering shrubs, such as hydrangea, and just going to town with the garden stakes, lawn ornaments, multi-colored lighting and so much more.

and loads that seem to be everywhere or the fun, springy birds that are brightly colored and move around in the wind. Those are just a couple of the products; there are tons of possibilities out there to help make the yard an exciting place. What about the use of colorful lighting systems? Don’t forget the ever-popular animal collections, frogs, rabbits, etc.; garden flags for every season and holiday; accents like spinners that move in the wind; trellises and containers intertwined with bright daisy-like flowers; even things that can be used inside to complement the garden like ornaments, table décor, even food. The whimsy does not have to be limited to just the outdoors.

is the f
ing to
there a
for East
the 4th
colors f
It se
trend o
zone is
sumers
shells a
Don’t b
wake u
have b
family”
your ne
the str
town.
were a



1. Trellis planter

This durable iron planter features classic styling that will maximize vertical space. The large planter measures 45 x 76 x 10 inches. The Garden Market of Larkspur. (800) 783-7318. **Write in 1527**

2. Hose holder

Garden Whimsy Hose Hugger provides an attractive and whimsical option for keeping hoses from carelessly garden hoses. Made of sturdy galvanized steel, these Hose Huggers are available in a variety of colors: peacock, blue, green, silver, pewter and rust. Garden Whimsy. (503) 201-9098. **Write in 1528**

3. Spinner

Springee Spinners are made of metal, and each design is hand-painted and large. When the wind blows, their springed appendages flutter in the wind while the fan-shaped base remains stationary. Available designs include: peacock, dog, cat, bird, elephant, giraffe, cow, pig, rooster, etc. Exhart. (800) 775-5503. **Write in 1529**

4. Wreath

This 23-inch Morning Sun wreath will brighten any room or make a statement on your front door. It is handmade of all-natural plants grown and harvested in Pipestem Creek. When indoor use is satisfied, it may be hung outdoors. Backyard birds will be attracted to its sunflower center. Composed of safflower, bittersweet and durum. Pipestem Creek. (800) 446-1986. **Write in 1530**

5. Stone accent

Linden B. Leaf is the newest design in the Leaf series by sculptor George Carruth. Made in the United States and have a lifetime guarantee. Carruth Studio. (800) 446-1986. **Write in 1531**

which can be shipped anywhere in the world. Great for gifts or corporate promotions!

Call today 800-421-1406 • Fax 705-386-0915
www.thebearchair.com • email info@thebearchair.com



Write in 776



The greenscreen™ trellis is made from recycled steel. The trellis and all parts and packaging are 100% recyclable.

introducing...

a strong, durable, lightweight
3-dimensional trellis

versatile sizes, easy installation

green screen™
home

www.greenscreenhome.com

800.518.0818

Write in 799



10



6. Lighting

This fiber optic lighting system allows for a much smaller size and comes in five different colors of light and comes with the longest fiber optic lights available. EasyPro. (800) 448-3873. Write in 1525

7. Iron planter

Named for its shape, the Mushroom Planter displays a variety of plants. The planter works well for indoor or outdoor use. The planter is made of polyurethane. Ruibal's Topiary Systems and Ironworks. (800) 448-3873. Write in 1525

8. Hydrangea

Hydrangea 'Little Lamb' has small delicate flowers that fluffy blooms resemble little lambs dancing across the garden. More refined than 'Pee Gee', 'Little Lamb' is compact and the bloomer is hardy to Zone 3 and is a great hydrangea for the perennial garden. Spring Meadow Nursery. (800) 448-3873. Write in 1525

9. Chocolates

Spring Pastel Mint Meltaways are milk chocolate meltaways with a mint coating. Long Grove Confectionery Co. (800) 373-3100. Write in 1525

10. Spinner

The Fire Truck Spinner is made with fade-resistant plastic frame and metal fittings. Other designs are available. Write in 1525



Write in 804



MICROBE-LIFT[®] LEGACY KOI & GOLDFISH FOOD

A Scientific Diet for Fish

Setting A Whole New Standard ...
It's not just fish food - it's a complete nutritional feeding system!

Ecological Laboratories, Inc. has selected two strains of probiotics (*Bacillus B. subtilis* and *B. licheniformis*) to make up "Nature's Building Blocks™," which is contained in all 6 styles of the Microbe-Lift / LEGACY Fish Food line.

The strains in Nature's Building Blocks™ produce and secrete a variety of enzymes to break down carbohydrates, proteins and fats into smaller, more easily digested nutrients. The nutrients are used for growth, health and vitality.

Please Note: In addition to the above, the MICROBE-LIFT line of LEGACY Koi and Goldfish Foods taste good. Just ask your fish!

NEW! From the Makers of...
 Award-winning products and a name you can trust




All Foods Contain:
Nature's Building Blocks™







Ecological Laboratories INC.
 Solving Environmental Problems Naturally for Over 27 Years.



Sold through independent dealers nationwide.

Call for the name of a distributor near you! • 800.645.2976 • www.microbelift.com

Write in 789



13

11. Globe

The Platinum Polonaise Heirloom Globes is a collection of glass blowing. Pictured is The Carousel Horse. The globe is blown separately, then silvered, lacquered and intricately hand-painted. Write in 1531

12. Accent

Guido — The Guard Frog measures 10x9 inches and attaches to a 14-inch stake for restraining. It is hand-painted indoors and out. Barbara Hill Studios. (972) 495-8960. Write in 1526

13. Trap

Biter Fighter attracts ticks, mosquitoes and other blood-sucking insects without using propane or electricity. It's lightweight and does not trap beneficial insects. DeWitt. (800) 888-9669. Write in 1526

14. Copper accent

This forged steel and copper Mayfly is one of the many hand-painted garden sculptures. The Mayfly pictured comes in three colors. Blackthorne Forge. (802) 426-3369. Write in 1526

15. Echinacea

Sunrise and Sunset echinaceas are available Spring 2005. First offerings from the Big Sky series, representing 10 different colors. Plants. Fragrant flowers above multi-branched flower stems. Vigorous cone flowers are excellent for cut flowers and arrangements. Novalis. (800) 888-9669. Write in 1526