

Garden Writing Contest

The Holland Sentinel reprinted an article from the Los Angeles Times about six-word memoirs. According to legend, Ernest Hemingway was challenged to write a novel in only six words, and he came up with "For sale: baby shoes, never worn." SMITH, an online magazine, challenged their readers to relate their true-life stories, in just six words. (Check them out at smithmag.net)



I was thinking it would be pretty cool to hear people's gardening experiences in just six words, plus it would be easy to share many of them because of their brevity!

Here are a few just to prime the pump:

- ♥ "I came, I planted, I harvested."
- ♥ "She loved men who had gardens."
- ♥ "For sale: rotor tiller, well-used."

Send us your entries via email, snail-mail, or drop them off in person by July 31, 2008, and we'll announce the winners in the fall newsletter

Incentive: The winners (we get to choose how many!) receive \$20.00 gift certificates from Jonker's Garden.



What's an Ellepot™?

As we continue riding the "green wagon", this year we're introducing many of our plants in Ellepots™, a unique plant container made of paper. It's completely bio-degradable. No more plastic inserts to fill up your trash container and the landfill. There's more good news: plants grow even better in Ellepots™, forming more roots, and they continue to grow better when transplanted into your garden.

You'll be able to get strawberries, squash, pumpkins, tomatoes, and many other of your favorite plants in Ellepots™. Many of our Wave™ Petunias will be in them too. Be sure to try some this year.



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Limited Space?

Would you love to grow a few fresh vegetables or herbs for the table, but your condo rules won't allow even the smallest garden plot? Fear not! You can grow lots of vegetables in pots, and the condo police can't touch you!

We carry lots of plants that will do well in larger pots on your porch or patio, or perhaps in a window box or RailHugger™:

♥ Patio tomato

♥ Bush Pickle

♥ Bush Star Melon

♥ Windowbox Roma tomato

♥ Salad Bush Cucumber

In addition to these plants that were bred specifically for growing in pots, rather than in the garden, there are many regular garden plants that you can use, such as onions, peppers, and leaf lettuce. Don't forget that many of your herbs are also good prospects for pots, such as parsley, basil, thyme, and many others.

Just think how handy it would be to step out of your back door and snip some chives or basil, or pluck a fresh tomato to put on your salad of fresh greens, just harvested from your pots.



Going Green is Here to Stay

If you have a compost pile and are using it in your garden like an old-timer, good for you! You already know the benefits of growing the natural way. For the rest of us, there's Organica. They have been making organic products for 15 years. Their mission is to "Reduce the use of chemicals in everyday life" and to make organic products that are safe, affordable, and effective.

Organica has learned how to harness beneficial microbes as active ingredients, microbes that are destroyed when we use chemicals. These products do more than just fertilize your plants, they make the soil healthy again, without chemicals.

Organica has fertilizers for annuals, hanging baskets and containers, perennials, trees and shrubs, plus a full line of products to keep your water gardens clear and healthy. Check them out soon. You'll feel better, and so will your plants and soil!



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Too Hard To Water???

Last year we planted up a bunch of drought-tolerant pots for that worst problem spot of all: the cemetery. Hot sun all day, and who has time to visit 3 times a week to water? But you want something beautiful; something that will be durable and stay beautiful all summer with minimum care. We've found some plant combinations that do just that.

You may have to forgo the geraniums and petunias, but believe me, you'll be happy with the change. We use mandevilla, Dragon Wing™ begonia, purslane, Euphorbia 'Diamond Frost'™, and other drought-tolerant but beautiful plants. These winners are prolific bloomers, they need no dead-heading, and they survive longer periods without water and keep blooming and blooming.

Zandra, our Perennial and Nursery Manager, put one on a relative's plot, and it was so pretty

it got stolen from the cemetery! She wasn't very happy about that, but it looked great.

If you've had trouble keeping your cemetery flowers looking great all season, try one of these great drought-tolerant pots. They come in the same handy pot that 'drops in' the green cemetery pail, no muss, no fuss.

By the way, these pots and plants don't have to go to the cemetery. They'd be just as happy dressing up your deck or porch, or maybe at the cottage where you only can water on weekends!



**Underground nuclear testing,
defoliation of the rain forests,
toxic waste
... Let's put it this way: if the
world were a big apartment, we
wouldn't get our deposit back.**

-JOHN ROSS



COUPON

This coupon is good for **\$3.00 off** each one-gallon pot with annual vines on a trellis, regular price: \$19.99, no limit!

Coupon expires June 14, 2008, while supplies last.
Please present coupon prior to checkout.

Protect Your Ash Trees



Most of us have heard of the very real threat posed by the emerald ash borer. A couple of years of attack by this exotic pest can kill an otherwise healthy, mature tree, and this invader is in our area. The University of Michigan has recommended treating your ash trees with Bayer Tree and Shrub Insect Control. Pour one ounce of this product for each inch of circumference around your ash tree into a bucket, fill the bucket with water, and pour this solution around the base of the trunk sometime between now and June 1. Repeat each year.

As many of us already know, this treatment is also very effective against Japanese beetles. Imagine enjoying your plants all summer without damage from this voracious pest.



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Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. til 8:00 p.m.

Saturday
9:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
11:00 a.m. til 5:00 p.m.
(May 4 - June 8)

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DON'T FORGET: WE DELIVER!
Ask about our delivery, planting, & set-up service for larger trees, statuary, & fountains.

Up, Up, and Away With Vines

Make this the year you add another dimension to your garden, with vines! Vines add color and interest to your garden and pots without taking any room away from your other plants, because vines go up, beyond the usual.

Mandevilla have been widely used for years, and this great heat- and sun-loving vine is available in yellow, white, and red, in addition to the old-time favorite pink.

Cardinal vine has interesting dark-red flowers.

Thunbergia, or Black-Eyed Susan Vine has either lemon or orange flowers.

Candy Corn Vine has flowers that look just like its namesake!

Spinach Vine has ornamental red stems, and the flowers and purple fruit are very decorative. Oh, did I mention the leaves are much thicker and tastier than regular spinach, and are very edible!

These are just a few examples of vines available, there are lots and lots more varieties at Jonker's. To help with your introduction to vines, clip the coupon on page 2.

Top to bottom:
Mandevilla, Cardinal vine,
Thunbergia in yellow and in orange, and Candy Corn Vine.



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each full flat of wax begonias, no limit!

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each full flat of impatiens, no limit!

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