Giving to Gardeners

Although the 2022 growing season is mainly in the rearview mirror, the anticipation of 2023 is building. There is no better time to look at the successes and failures (of course there are fails) and use those to help bring about a satisfying new growing season. Not sure on the soil temps? How about a good soil thermometer. Does that decrepit wheelbarrow have another year in it? Checkout some of the garden carts that will lessen rather than aggravate back pain. Garden trugs will make you wonder why you’re carrying around broken down buckets. Did you see your gardener pick up a rock to pound that stake? A lovely, heavy mallet would do that job lickety-split. Don’t be afraid to go with gift certificates. Local or online gift certificates will speak volumes in acknowledging the control any and all gardeners love. Let your gardener decide what and where to spend that beloved gift. If in doubt about how to gift yourself (yes, it’s okay) or your favorite gardener, remember that gardeners spend oodles of time doing intensely physical labor. Whether it’s a relaxing spa day, a tranquil night in, or a great dinner out with like-minded garden fiends, encourage time to rejuvenate, relax, and recharge. Now that’s a gift I can get behind.

*If you forgot a special gardener on your list and need a quick, buy anywhere gift:*

- Three-in-one oil, scrubbie pads, and a sharpening stone wrapped in a cleaning cloth.
- Good bar of hand soap and a lovely nail brush wrapped in a nice hand towel.
- A bandana wrapped around quality sunscreen, bug spray, and a pair of sun glasses.
- Rain hat, poncho, and a pair of garden clogs/boots.
- Basket of beloved snacks for that gardener that forgets to stop for meals.

*Some of my favorites to give and receive:*

- ARS pruning tools – Bypass for big and small hands/cut sizes (gemplers.com)
- Bosmere Down Under Patio Plant Caddie (available in many locations)
- Bully Tools - Floral Spade, Round Point Shovel, Broadfork, Shrub Rake (bullytools.com)
- Dramm – Watering Can, Hose End Sprayer (available in many locations)
- EGO Cordless Tools – Blower, Weed Whacker, Mowers (available in many locations)
- Foxgloves – all models are great (foxglovesinc.com)
- Garden Cart
- Gorilla Tubs (available in many locations)
- Kew 5 Layer Garden Kneeler (available in many locations)
- Radius Pro-Lite Floral Shovel (radiusgarden.com)
- Rain Gauge
- Ultra Fit Work & Garden Gloves (womanswork.com)
- Vertex Garden Seat - with or without cushion (available in many locations)
- Wilcox Garden Tools – great digging and gardening tools, look for the garden set (wilcoxallpro.com)