

Color Design

New Trend: Monochromatic Gardening

(NAPSA)—The flowers that decorate your entryway and backyard, what are they telling the world? Do they welcome guests into your home? Provide a relaxing backdrop?

“When decorating a home, we pay careful attention to the colors that we choose for our walls and furniture because we understand the impact that different colors have on our moods,” said Marshall Dirks, Proven Winners director of marketing. “That same level of care is essential when choosing colors for your outdoor living spaces.”

For example, front porches serve as an entryway. A vibrant splash of color, like red, conveys energy and welcomes guests into your home. On the other hand, if you want your backyard to be a peaceful place of retreat choose passive colors, such as cool blues, which will relax you and your guests.

“Monochromatic gardening is one of the latest trends in outdoor decorating,” said Dirks. “The subtle, sophisticated use of color enables gardeners to create beauty, which also impacts the mood of the outdoor setting.”

Monochromatic gardening involves using various shades of a single color. The use of monochromatic color works well in containers, window boxes and garden borders.

For example, the Sweet Innocence Basket by Proven Winners is a beautiful all-white basket, which contains an assortment of *Verbena* Babylon® ‘White,’ *Neme-*



Flower colors affect more than beauty when you decorate the outdoors.

sia fruticans ‘Compact Innocence,’ *Diascia* hybrid ‘Ice Pole’ and *Sutera* (*Bacopa*) ‘Snowstorm®.’

This basket requires two plants of each variety. Arrange the plants around the perimeter of the basket, ensuring that each like-plant is placed on opposite sides of the container. To find a nearby garden center that sells Proven Winners plants, visit ProvenWinners.com.

“I recommend taking your favorite color and creating a combination using three or four variations of that color,” said Dirks. “Use different shades and textures to create a rhythm for your containers and garden beds. Remember that your choice of foliage is also important and that different textures illuminate different color shades.”