

Fun (Often Fun-ctional) Ideas
for Your Garden

LANDSCAPE LUNACY!

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- ❖ Whimsical Projects
- ❖ Time-saving Tips
- ❖ Favorite Plants & Tools
- ❖ And a little phil-lunacy along the way!

LANDSCAPE LUNACY IS LIBERATING!

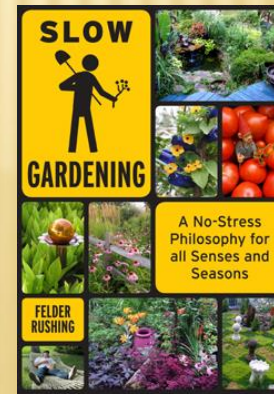
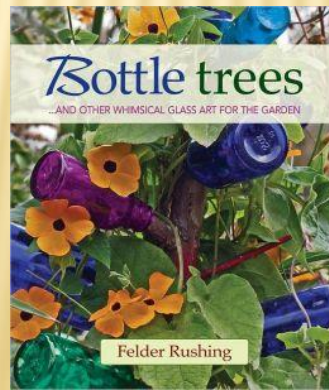
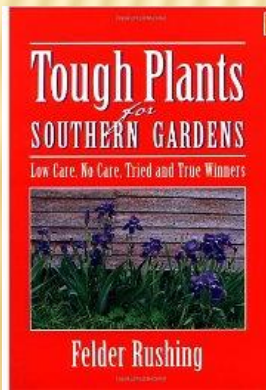
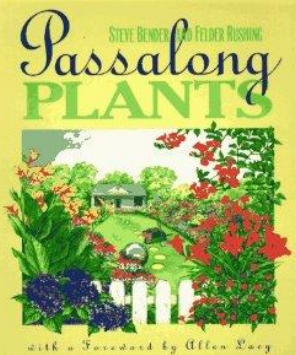
“In his garden every man may be his own artist without apology or explanation.”

-Louise Beebe Wilder

MY PATH TO LANDSCAPE LUNACY...



Felder Rushing,
Irreverent Garden
Maverick

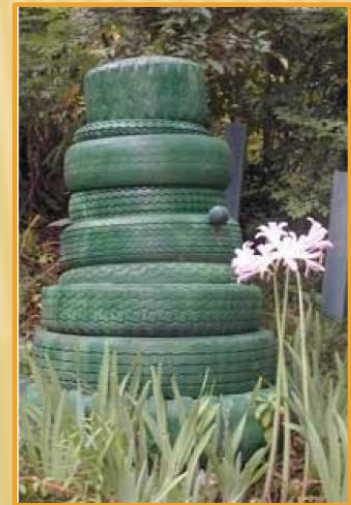


HE HAD ME AT CONCRETE CHICKEN



IT'S OKAY TO GET A LITTLE LOONEY... FELDER RUSHING SAYS SO!

- ❖ I'm a charter member of the scattered tribe called "dirt gardeners" who plant what we like, where we like, and for whatever reason we like.
- ❖ Dirt gardeners don't do soil prep — we plant stuff in the dirt.
- ❖ I garden for the love of it — not for the challenge of it. I have one basic gardening rule: Green side up.
- ❖ I edged my garden - not with “monkey grass,” but with a little train that can carry two beers and some ice.
- ❖ Gardens should have accents. My garden holds 10 bottle trees and one “rubber tree” – a big stack of tires.



GARDEN ACCENTS – à la Felder



Requisite Bottle Tree



Requisite Tire Garden

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Can Flowers



Mower Blade Flowers

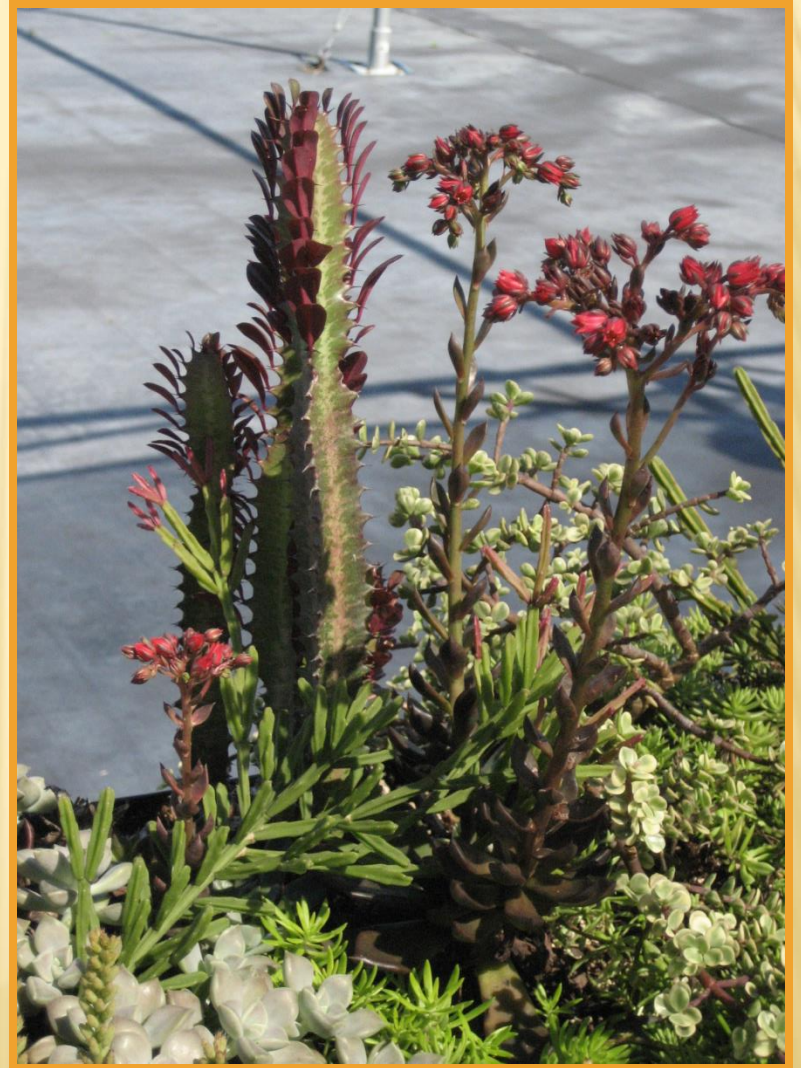


FELDER RUSHING'S GREEN ROOF ARBOR

MY GREEN ROOF DOGHOUSE



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HOW ABOUT A GREEN ROOF PLAYHOUSE...



OR A GREEN ROOF CHICKEN COOP?



OR TOOLSHED?



http://buildgreen.ufl.edu/Fact_sheet_Green_Roofs_Eco_roofs.pdf

SUCCULENTS - Ultimate plants for looney landscape projects



SUCCULENT HANGING GARDENS

MORE SUCCULENT PROJECTS



OH, THE POSSIBILITIES!

- ❖ **SUCCULENT FOUNTAIN**
EPCOT 2013
International Flower
Festival



CONCRETE BLOCK PLANTER

- ❖ EPCOT 2013
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CONCRETE BLOCK PLANTER

- ❖ UF-Plant City Teaching Garden

HOW TO BUILD A CONCRETE BLOCK PLANTER



- ❖ Lay courses of concrete blocks angling them to create plant pockets.
- ❖ Glue blocks together with outdoor adhesive or mortar.
- ❖ And/or drive rebar through open holes.
- ❖ Make hardware cloth baskets and push into each cell.
- ❖ Line with landscape fabric.
- ❖ Fill each cell with soil, plant, and top dress with pebbles.

BEHR'S SEMI-TRANSPARENT CONCRETE STAIN



TOOL TIME



Ames Yard Cart

Small, lightweight; plastic wheels; storage bin in front

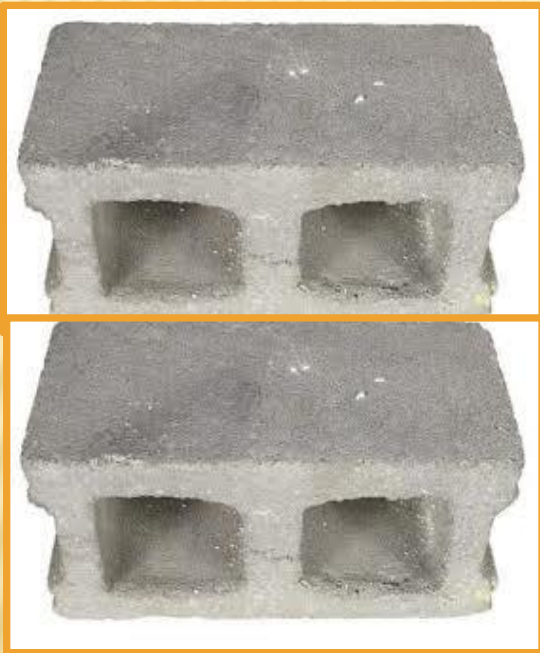
GOLDFISH SUN ROOM





CHIHULEY INSPIRED GOLDFISH SUN ROOM

HOW TO BUILD A GOLDFISH SUN ROOM



Build a base with two concrete blocks.



Place single-cell block (or bricks) on concrete block base.



Hold the bowl underwater and fill to top; invert and set into block without breaking the vacuum.

TOOL TIME



**Hula Hoe
aka – The Decapitator**



SOW'S EARS INTO SILK PURSES



One way to hide ugly AC compressors

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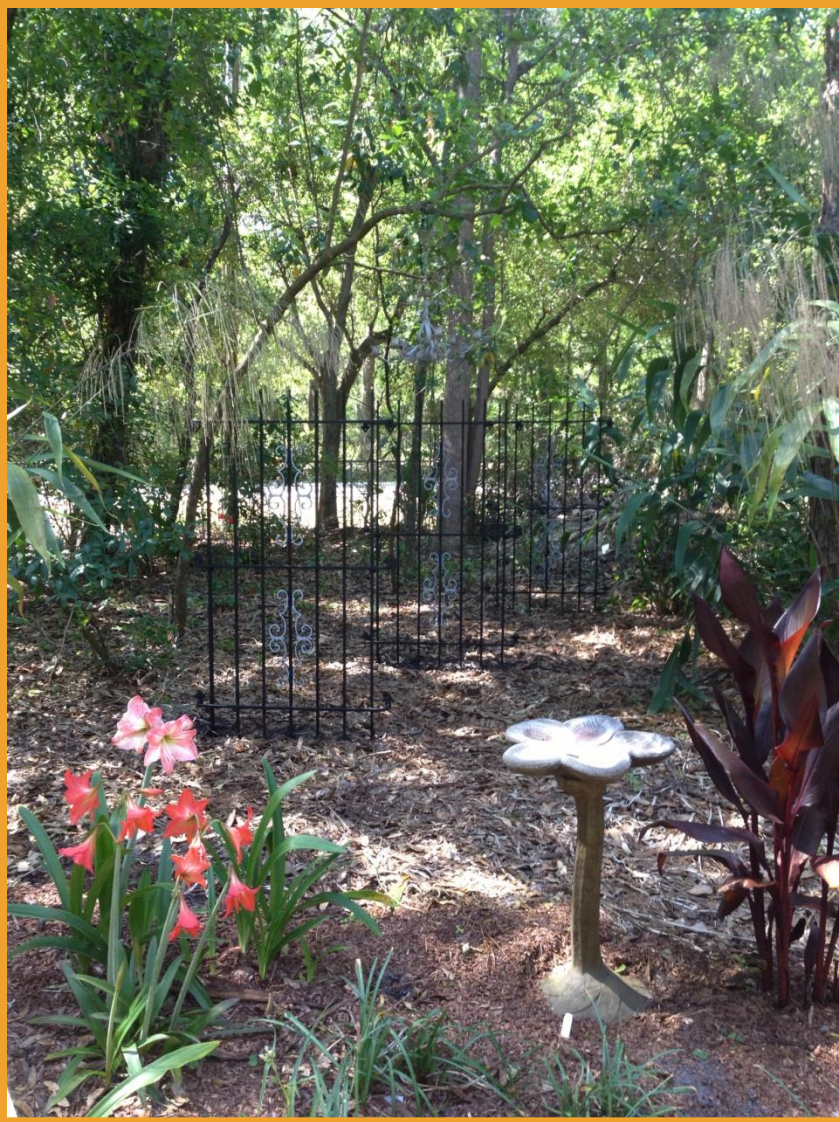


Sky Vine Clerodendron



Pink Bud Jasmine

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The new bulb garden and the debris pile it created

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TOOL TIME



Drain Spade

- ❖ 21 in. wood handle
- ❖ Long, narrow 16 in. spade
- ❖ Tempered steel blade for strength and durability
- ❖ D-grip for added comfort and control

SPANISH MOSS HOUSE



WHAT'S SO WONDERFUL ABOUT SPANISH MOSS?



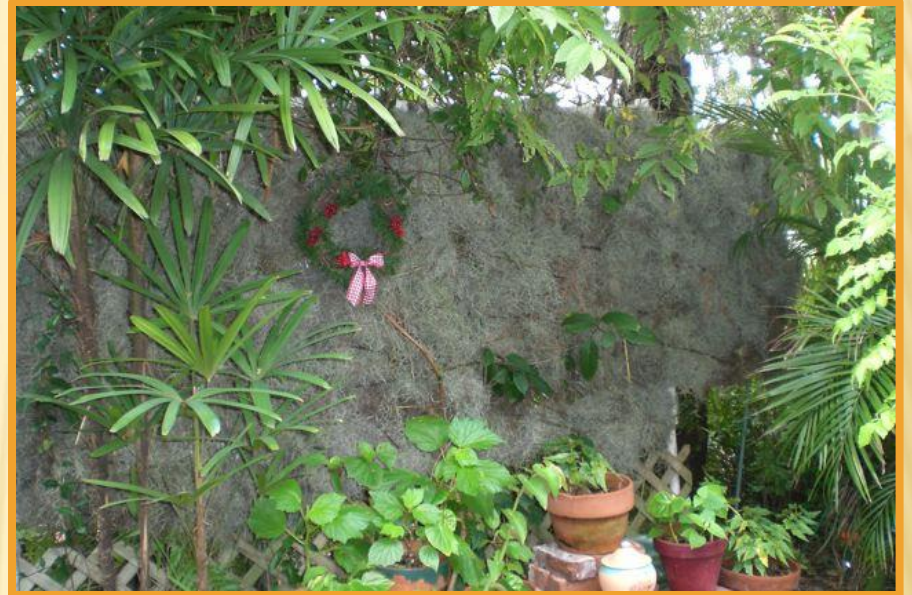
- ❖ Native Florida plant
- ❖ Interesting history
- ❖ Does NOT parasitize trees
- ❖ Epiphyte – grows on “air”
- ❖ Fragrant flowers
- ❖ No chiggers!
- ❖ Nesting material for birds
- ❖ Butterflies roost in it



Flora Craft Spanish Moss 1 Ounce - \$2

SPANISH MOSS HOUSE





SPANISH MOSS SCREEN



SPANISH MOSS ARBOR

HOW TO BUILD A MOSS HOUSE OR ARBOR



Build a structure with 4x4 lumber and plastic chicken wire. Collect and drape moss



SPANISH MOSS CHANDELIER



Craft It!



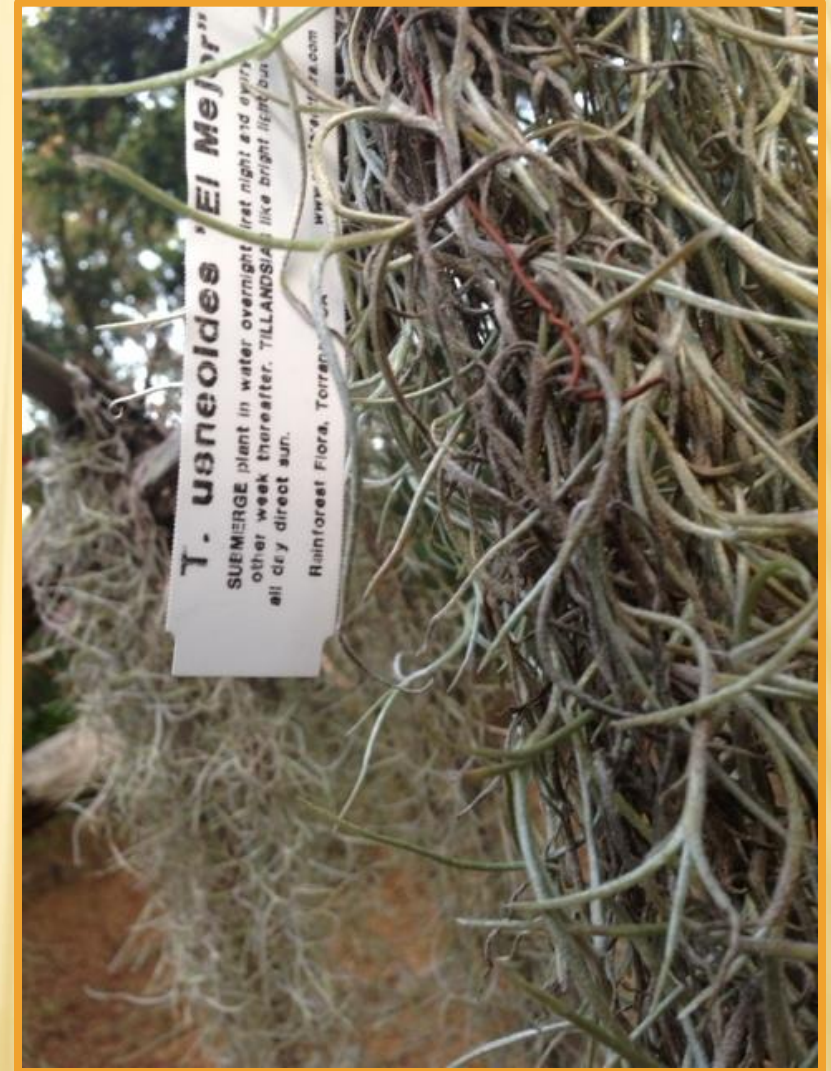
NATURAL SPANISH MOSS HAND-DYED
TO MATCH YOUR CUSTOM COLORS!

Dye It!



Mulch It!

IF YOU THINK I'M LOONEY ABOUT SPANISH MOSS...



...YOU SHOULD MEET MY HUSBAND!

BROMELIAD TREES



TILLANDSIA TREES...



...AND CURTAINS

Bok Tower Gardens
Tillandsia Curtain, 2012



Brown Moss House
Tillandsia Curtain, 2013

TOOL TIME – Pruning Tools



**Alligator Lopper (B & D)
aka – The Jaws of Death**

TOOL TIME - Pruning Tools



**Folding Saw (by Corona)
aka - Queen of the Collar Cut**

TOOL TIME – Pruning Tools



**Cheap Shears - \$6
aka – Compostable Pruners**

POT-IN-POT

Easy Color Change-out





Pot-in-Pot 1- and 3-gallon annuals and perennials

POT-IN-POT The Ever-Beautiful Container



Plant a large container with “fillers,” “spillers,” and an empty pot



Rotate “thrillers” with the seasons.

POT-IN-POT

Over-wintering Tropical Plants



Alocasia x 'Stingray'

Credit: Logee's



Crossandra 'Orange Marmalade'

Credit: Missouri Botanical Garden

Step 1. Start with a potted tropical plant.



Step 2. "Plant" a pot of equal size.



Step 3. In spring, drop the tropical pot into the empty pot & enjoy for months!

Step 4. In fall, remove the tropical pot and overwinter inside.



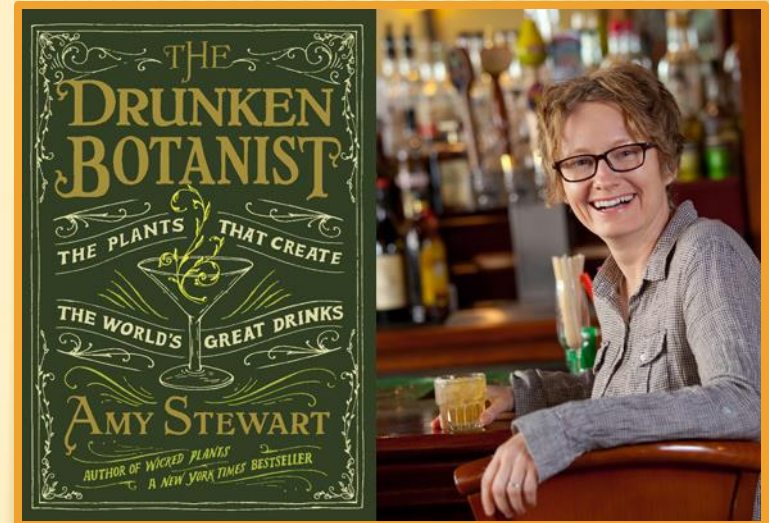
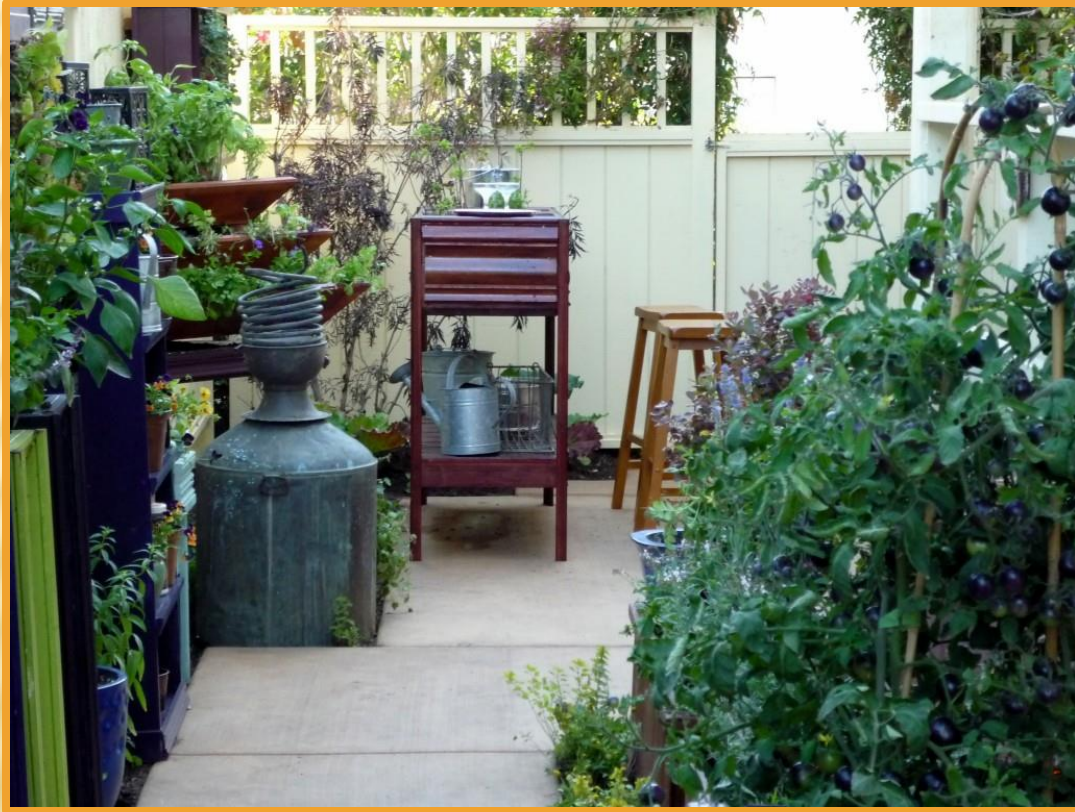
Step 5. In the meantime, drop a pot of mulch into the empty pot.





Step 6. In spring, remove the “mulch pot,” drop in the tropical pot, and spread the mulch around it.

THE COCKTAIL GARDEN



From: Amy Stewart's "Garden Rant" Website
<http://gardenrant.com>

THE COCKTAIL GARDEN

Farmer's Market Vodka Plant Collection*

Tomato 'Red Currant'

Cilantro 'Slow Bolting'

Celery 'Redventure'

Pepper 'Cherry Pick'

Pepper 'Fireball'

Heart of Agave Tequila Plant Collection

Sage 'Grower's Friend'

Pepper 'Jalapeno Peguis'

Watermelon 'Petite Treat'

Rosemary 'Arp'

Mint 'Margarita'

Old Tom Gin Plant Collection*

Cucumber Mexican Sour Gherkin

Cucumber 'Lemon'

Borago officinalis 'Borage Blue'

Basil 'Genovese Compact'

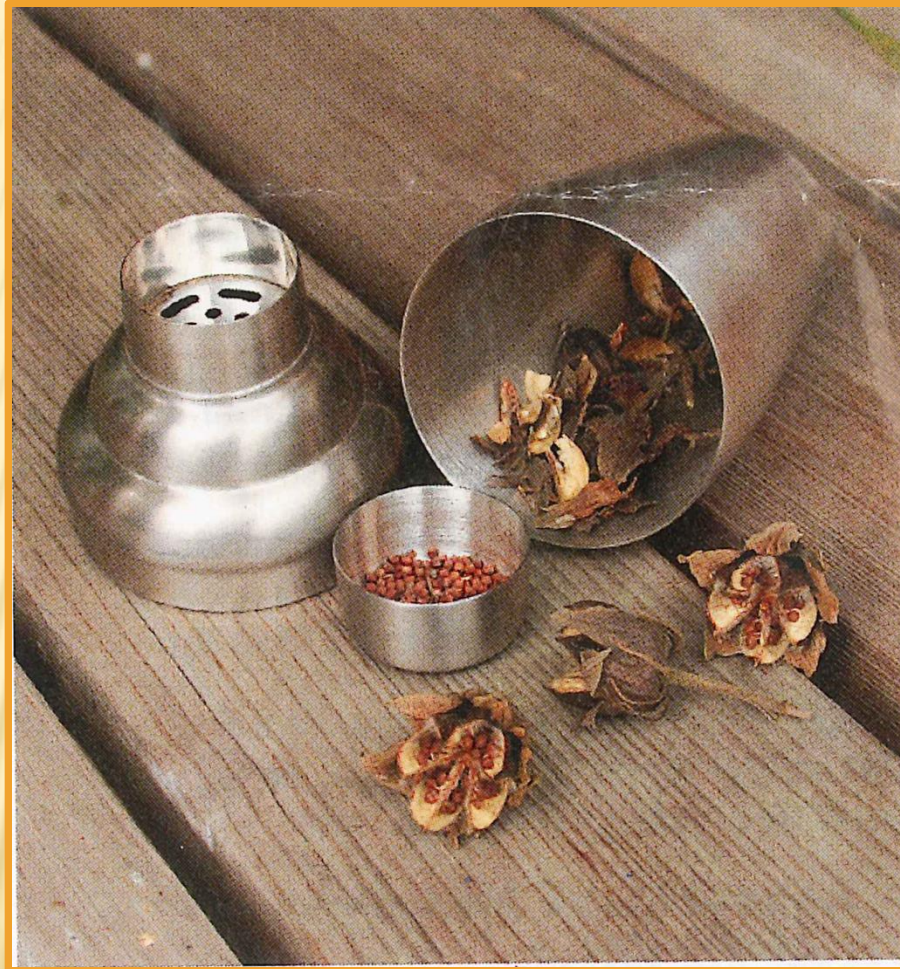
Thyme 'Golden Variegated Lemon'



*Territorial Seed Company's Drunken Botanist Plant Collections

http://www.territorialseed.com/Tips_on_growing_a_Cocktail_Garden

TOOL TIME - Make a Seed Martini



Credit: Fine Gardening Magazine

IN CONCLUSION...

- ❖ Find and follow your personal landscape lunacy.
 - ❖ Immerse yourself often into “alpha gardening.”
 - ❖ Don’t be intimidated by rules – write your own.

 - ❖ Final Felderism: “*Ponder the mysteries of the universe in the microcosm of your own back yard.*”
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