

# Let Lush Container Gardens Bring in Spring

By Lisa Mierop

It's not too soon to be thinking and dreaming about spending quality time outside. It's natural after a few months of winter hibernation to long for more daylight hours and higher temperatures. And nothing like a good blizzard to make you look forward to spring even more!

At our studios we're already busy with spring – annuals are on order, our nursery is being reorganized and container display ideas are being reviewed and updated with the newest fashions in flowers. As so much has to happen in a short window of time, much advance planning promises smooth service during our busiest time of year.

For homeowners looking to upgrade their outdoor rooms, The Landscape Guild offers a unique menu of custom services on an hourly, "no contract" basis. Picking up where most lawn maintenance crews stop, The Landscape Guild performs the more detailed work that is often declined, neglected or improperly executed – meticulous weeding, pruning, plant replacement, lifting and dividing perennials, staking, deadheading and more. Professional gardeners, while on your property, also survey all your landscape needs, troubleshooting and solving issues with insects, diseases, aging trees, irrigation, drainage, erosion and lawns, all in tandem with trusted colleagues.

Container and seasonal displays with annuals, however, are our favorite preoccupation. Clients so look forward to having showy and colorful arrangements – used both in the ground as bedding plantings or in colorful containers. If you don't already own them or are looking to make a change, containers can also be specified, ordered and set up to suit your garden space and tastes.

Start your garden planning early this year by exploring our website: [www.thelandscapguild.com](http://www.thelandscapguild.com). With my partner Frank Contey (Terragraphics Landscape Services), our combined four decades of hands-on design and construction experience uniquely qualifies us and our team to assist with (almost) all of your garden and landscape needs.

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