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Garden Secrets Told

The sun is out, and we know you want to enjoy it. Get clued in on the top garden sources in town.

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[1] Patricia A. Benner Landscape Design (135 North Orange Drive, Los Angeles, 323-933-1097): You may remember the gardens of Patricia Benner from the pages of *Town & Country* and *House Beautiful*, but it's her charming, easygoing smarts that are truly unforgettable. The town's most sought-after interior decorators hire Benner to enhance life beyond the French doors; she possesses a versatility that allows her to just as easily design a clean and contemporary English garden as she can a minimal, modern landscape.

[2] Janus et Cie (8687 Melrose Avenue, West Hollywood, 310-652-7090): Without a doubt, Janus et Cie is the city's most sophisticated choice for outdoor furnishings. Janice Feldman's showroom offers engaging vignettes depicting life at its breeziest. The store's hottest sellers this season are the Infinity collection, with sleek, curvilinear designs; and the Cabin line, distinguished by bright canvas panels connecting collapsible teak frames. For the outdoor chef, the teak-and-granite group of Connectables are as functional as they are classic.

[3] Accents of France (323-653-4006, accentsoffrance.com): There are certain things the French do so well, and trellage is one of them. Philippe LeManach, owner of Accents of France, is the go-to man when it comes to lavishly ornate lattices, each piece inspired by an historic setting somewhere in Europe. LeManach will design a custom folly to fit your

space and then accent it with his line of accessories, such as jardinières, finials, obelisks, columns, and silhouettes. *Très jolie, n'est-ce pas?*

[4] Yard (517 1/2 North Fairfax Avenue, Los Angeles, 323-658-6612): While this hip new landscaping design studio specializes in lush residential projects, its storefront displays an array of finds that catch the eyes of passersby. Yard's visibility has landed it a prominent position on the prestigious Robinson Gardens Tour, a feather in any gardener's cap. You never



know just what you'll find—an abandoned park bench or an ornate stone birdbath for the rose garden. You might even catch partners Robert and Matt giving a quick demo on container potting, or how best to trim a rose bush.

[5] Warisan (7470 Beverly Boulevard, Los Angeles, 323-938-3960): Warisan's selections of Balinese, Dutch Colonial, and Chinese

antiques are so singular in their design and quality that they feel handpicked with your home in mind. All teak accessories and furniture in the store's Angulo collection are thoughtfully crafted using reclaimed wood from demolished buildings, bridges, and benches, bringing new life to wonderfully aged planks without ever touching a tree.

[6] Sunbrella (sunbrella.com): Gone are the days of awning stripes and primary solids. Shelter magazine alum Joe Ruggiero has ush-



ered in woven jacquards, herringbones, and floral prints in bright hues. Since these special fabrics are milled with the outdoors in mind, they will never fade and are durable beyond normal wear and tear. Sunbrella fabrics are available through interior designers, leading furniture manufacturers, and by the yard at Calico Corners (12717 Ventura Boulevard, Studio City, 818-766-1120). ★