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Gifts for Gardeners

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Do you love to garden? If so, you probably treasure gardening-related gifts. If you do not garden, however, you probably have no idea what a gardener would appreciate. Here are a few suggestions beyond trowels and pruners:



A garden journal makes a wonderful gift for those that like to take note of what is growing. There are even garden journals that include an area for photos, which I personally find very helpful.

Forcing bulbs to bloom are a challenge and delight to gardeners. Amaryllis are the usual bulb forced during winter, but for something a little different, try giving hyacinth bulbs. Amaryllis are forced in pots, while hyacinth bulbs can be forced in water. There are special hyacinth bulb forcing vases for this. These bulb forcing vases can be very inexpensive, but there are also antique handblown bulb forcing vases which may become the start of a beautiful collection.

If you are interested in giving something more practical, try a kneeling pad. There are kneeling pad/bench combinations which are useful. A compost keeper sounds like a gift no one would want, but if your garden friend is into composting, it will be appreciated. Canvas tool totes are extremely convenient for gardeners, as are harvest baskets and garden carts.

Plants are always appreciated. Try giving an unusual houseplant, such as Tillandsia, Venus flytrap, or flowering stone (Lithops). If you want to lighten the mood, chia pets can be fun to give. If the gardener does not like house plants, try giving witch hazel, hellebore, camellia, or rosemary. Of course, the plant will be much more appreciated if you take the time and trouble to plant it for the gardener. If the garden is full, these plants can be grown in pots.

Most gardeners like to read about gardening. Henderson County Master Gardener Association is selling gardening books written by best-selling author Amy Stewart. Contact us at the number or email below, and we will be happy to fill your order.

Other ideas include: ceramic or terra cotta pots, hanging baskets, garden benches, statuary, and the ever-appreciated gift card to a favorite nursery.

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