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## CONTAINER GARDENING-

Come to Your Senses

Marie Butler, VA Zoo

1. No Nonsense
2. Come to Your Senses!
3. A little pot, man
4. Container planting or "Driving Miss Ginger"?
5. African Container (African eggplant, callaloo, palm, etc.)
6. Catherine of Tarragon at National Cathedral and her flower pot
- 7.. Container Design Elements: **Color-** Clyde the Peacock
8. Echo the landscape: Azaleas and friends
9. Purple and variegated basil and "Peter Wonder" coleus
10. Dill, purple basil, 'Black Pearl' pepper, 'Pineapple Queen' coleus, yellow purslane
11. Barn red 'Bishop's Crown' pepper
12. Bright spring bulbs are just ducky
13. Elizabethan Gardens spring look: Swiss chard, acorus, pansies, and tulips
14. Purple petunia and yellow black-eyed Susan vine with yellow Swiss chard
15. Subtle colors- concrete hen and concrete-colored hen and chicks
16. **Texture-** African Crown Crane
17. Soft, meditation garden
18. Crinkled, leathery dinosaur kale
19. Cut leaf 'White Peacock' kale
20. Bug eaten yet beautiful
21. Peacock eaten 'Peacock' kale
22. A pot full of garden texture- purplish Persian shield, silvery *Centaurea gymnocarpa*, silver sage, white salvia
23. Complement your yard art the Brookgreen way
24. **Form-** Monk Monk
25. Add whimsy: pom-pom juniper, sweet potato, and coleus
26. Hibiscus with a twist
27. Look sharp!- pineapples in sculptural container, Smithsonian Museum
28. **Scale-**The World's Longest Elephant
29. Create a landscape, Brookgreen Gardens
30. Expand upon a theme, VA Zoo 2000
31. Smithsonian elegance from flower pots to begonia baskets
32. Reduced to this: 3 barrels with tropical looking cannas, castor bean, copper plant, croton, sweet potato, coleus, etc.
33. Do-it-yourself bog
34. Desert in miniature- hypertufa trough with succulents
35. On an even smaller scale- bonsai crabapple
36. **Balance** - 3 little Red River Hogs, all in a row
37. A balancing act -dracena spikes, mums, and ivy at Kew Gardens

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38. Old fashioned plants (marigolds, coleus, pansies, fern, etc.) in old fashioned location
  39. Elevated ivy topiary
  40. 3 little Red River Hogs, away they go
  41. A bit tipsy at Washingtonian Gardens
  42. We promise you a rose garden ('Carefree Wonder' rose, dusty miller, 'Purple Robe' nierenbergia)
  44. Crinums sprawl before a pedestal and urn, Smithsonian
  45. **Height-** Willoughby the giraffe
  46. Hanging baskets play off crape myrtles
  47. Post your colors- raise your pots
  48. Post your baskets- planting, Virginia Zoo
  49. Mid-season
  50. Grand finale- pink crystals grass, pink begonia, 'Margarita' sweet potato vine
  51. Triple-decker Victorian look
  52. Fairy Garden in an old trough with a pump, Buffalo Springs Herb Farm
  53. Containers take to new heights with trellises, National Arboretum
  54. **Movement-** It isn't a still life out there
  55. Elfin fountain creates splashes and giggles
  56. Change is movement, before
  57. And after squirrel's nest
  58. Unity- It's a sign
  59. White pot, variegated angel's trumpet + vinca, pink impatiens + bowling ball
  60. Tropical: 'Bengal Tiger' canna, 'Pele's Smoke' sugar cane, 'Golden Edge' duranta, 'Tiger Lily' coleus, and 'Black Ace' sweet potato
  61. Close up: 'Little Imp' abutilon and long leaf pine, too.
  62. Variegated miscanthus, windmill palm, coleus, petunias, and Malabar spinach!
  63. Uniting the Raulston Arboretum border with a container of salvia, Mexican oregano, coleus, alternanthera, begonia, etc.
  64. Brookside Gardens oasis- lantana and lotus???
  65. Hidden water garden makes it possible
  66. Even one houseplant is a container garden, but watch out for pests
  67. Elephant's farewell

These websites have some interesting examples of container gardens:

[www.aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/floriculture/container-garden/](http://www.aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/floriculture/container-garden/)

[www.bedsandborders.com](http://www.bedsandborders.com)

[www.kinsmangarden.com](http://www.kinsmangarden.com)



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