



n 2009, landscape designer (and S.M. native) Steve Siegrist and his wife, fine artist/sculptor Renée Lotenero, created some planters to house their rare cacti collection. When they brought the twice-fired ceramics to the California Cactus Center for staging (the art of "marrying the plant to the vessel"), the Pasadena nursery loved the hand-numbered prototypes, and so did Potted in Atwater Village. Now joining Esther Studios' Big Sur stripes is a matte set in bone-white and black, and a Point Reyes colorway—"a bit darker and moodier," explains Siegrist. Plus, look for another bright idea: lamp bases available at Peter Dunham's Hollywood at Home. From \$34; estherstudios.com.

Pick-Me-Ups

• CALISTOGA Formi Brown Gardens annual sale. Through May 26; 707-942-6123. • SAN FRANCISCO Botanical Garden annual spring sale. May 4-5; Sibotanical garden.org. • MONTEREY Secret Gardens of Old Monterey opens for the season. May 1; 831-649-7118.





TAKING IT OUTSIDE

Le Corbusier ence said:
"Chairs are architecture; sofas
are bourgeois." He'd be proud:
Next up in this season's lineup
of design classics rethought
for backyard use: Le Corbusier's
tubular Basculant LC1 by Cassina.

SANTA MONICA

IN SEASON

For a casual housewarming gift, like this contemporary vessel of hydrangea, succulents, hypericum and berzillia berries, and cymbidium orchids, venture to Lilla Bello Studio, now relocated to Santa Monica gallery complex Bergamot Station. 2525 Michigan Ave., S.M.



THE C LIST GETTING THE DIRT ON L.A.

"It was like a seguel to 27 Dresses," says Mary Seidel of new floral company Poppies and Peonies. "Having made unique arrangements for so many friends' engagement parties, showers and weddings, strangers started asking me for my card." Here, Seidel shares three favorite go-tos: • L.A. FLOWER "MART" It opens at 2 a.m. and to the public at 6 a.m. Ranunculus and hydrangea are fresher here than at the farmers' market. laflowerdistrict.com. Mercury glass, curry-colored milk glass and old blue-glass inkwells-all great as vases. For finding antiques, OLDE GOOD THINGS downtown is great. ogtstore.com. • The



poppies bloom over the fields

in ANTELOPE VALLEY now-

it looks like The Wizard of Oz.