



Gardener's Gear: Mother's Day Gifts

Mother's Day is coming up soon, and if the Mothers in your life like gardening, we've got some ideas for gifts! From tools that make garden work easier, to self-care kits, to creative ideas for drawing nature closer to home, we've gathered some options to make the day extra special. Check out the list below.

Tools of the Trade

Good tools can make working in the garden much more efficient and enjoyable. And a well-loved garden tool can become a family heirloom. Check out these resources for good quality hand tools:

[Trowel](#) and [Gardening Fork](#) from the Brook Farm General Store

[Stainless Steel Gardening Tools](#) from Lehman's Hardware

And here's a [long list of tools](#), from hoes and rakes to cultivators, at Purple Mountain Organics.

For the woman who already has all the tools she can use, consider a [gardening apron](#), [tool-carrying vest](#), or this [tote with a waterproof base](#).

Making Gardening a Little Bit Easier

These items protect hands and backs or help to nurture and replenish after a day in the garden.

Green Heron Tools offers products specifically for women. We especially like the [ergonomic grips](#), which can be attached to any tool handle, and the [self-care kit](#).

At Grow Pittsburgh, we like [nitrile gloves](#) because they are tough, protective, and durable, yet thin enough to use for intricate tasks like potting up seedlings.

[Tubtrugs](#) are lightweight and colorful, and make it a lot easier to haul compost, leaves, produce, or other gardening materials.

Garden Accents

Ten Thousand Villages is a fair trade organization with an online store and a shop in Squirrel Hill. They've got a beautiful selection of [wind chimes](#), [rain chains](#), [fountains](#), [watering cans](#), and [pots](#).

[The Songbird Sanctuary](#) in Blawnox offers bird baths, houses, and feeders to draw feathered friends to the garden.

Plants

Mother's Day falls at a great time of the year for gardening! For a beautiful living gift, offer a selection of plants for the garden, window box, or pot. Check out these local sales or nurseries for a wide selection:

[The Audubon Society](#), Beechwood Farms: native plant sale event

[Grow Pittsburgh at the Frick Art & Historical Center](#), Point Breeze: vegetable and herb seedlings

[Garden Dreams](#), Wilkesburg: vegetable and herb seedlings

[May Market event at Phipps Conservatory](#) (see info half-way down the page), Oakland: annual and perennial ornamentals, trees, and shrubs, vegetables and herbs, various gardening items

[Sylvania Natives](#), Squirrel Hill: native plants

[The Urban Gardener](#), North Side: annual and perennial ornamentals, trees, and shrubs, vegetables and herbs, gardening supplies



This bright trowel from Brook Farm General Store would be hard to lose in the garden!



Seedlings, like these at the Grow Pittsburgh seedling sale at the Frick, can make a lovely living gift.



This graceful wind chime is available at Ten Thousand Villages.