

# Southern Living®

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## Fast & Fresh

Taste summer with our **15** best peach and blackberry dishes

**BBQ  
101:**  
Secrets  
from an  
Expert  
+ Our Best  
Potato Salad  
Ever!

Peach  
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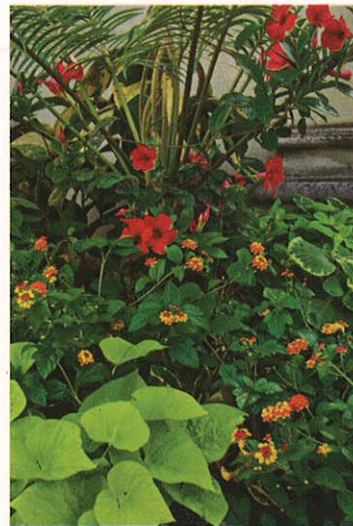
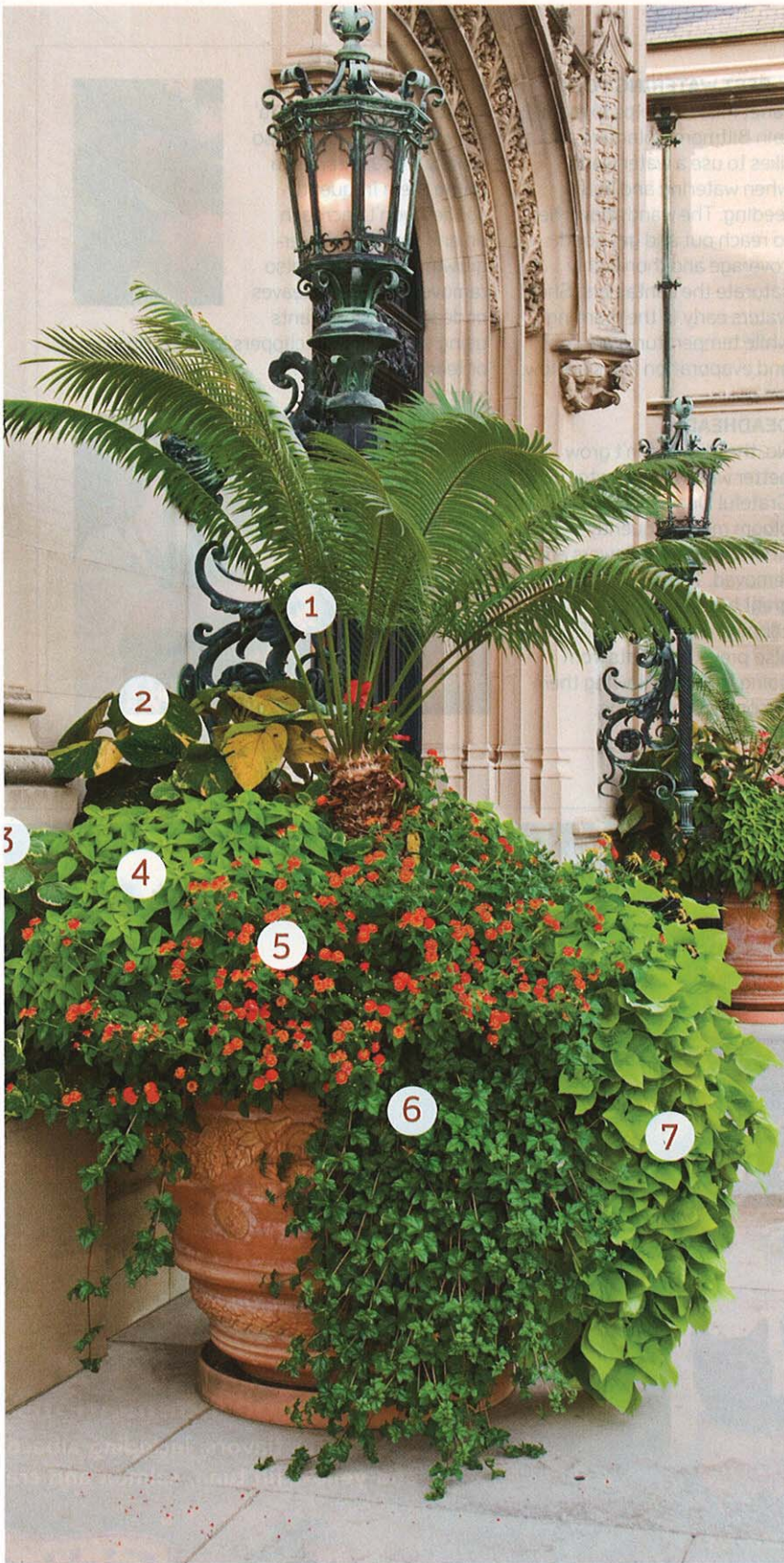


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**ABOVE:** 'Sun Parasol Crimson' mandevilla climbs up the stems of the sago palm. Sprinkles of orange-and-red lantana blooms fill the container, and 'Margarita' sweet potato vine spills over the sides.

### Easy Container

1. sago palm
2. copper leaf
3. variegated plectranthus
4. 'Gold Bedder' coleus
5. lantana
6. German ivy (*Senecio mikanioides*)
7. 'Margarita' sweet potato vine

scarce. Large palms are used in many planters around the estate. The big, spiky fronds hover above the plantings, adding bold texture. Their interesting form also creates nice lines, and the large scale works well in front of the oversize home.

When using big planters, it's nice to incorporate plants that break the edge, making containers look more relaxed. Trailing foliage plants such as 'Margarita' sweet potato vine, variegated plectranthus, and creeping Jenny are all excellent choices. They seem to pour out of some containers. These cascading plants require little care and grow quickly during the summer months.

**Blooms That Beat the Heat** With acres of gardens and lots of pots to maintain, the last thing the Biltmore staff wants to do is pamper plants and coax them to flower. That's why they select hardworking bloomers such as lantana, mandevilla, bush daisy (*Euryops pectinatus*), and angelonia. These plants will flower nonstop all summer and into early fall. ➔ turn to page 63

**ABOVE:** The front entry would look blank without showstopping containers. Check out the box at above, right to see how to get this look.