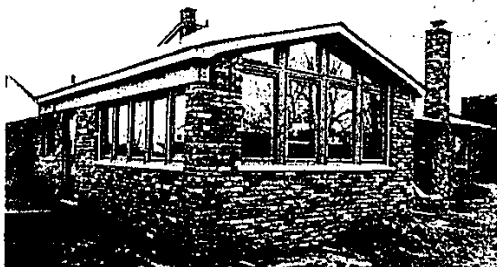


# Inside

## Update

### Scenery from scratch



Do you remember this picture that ran in last spring's Observer & Eccentric Home and Garden section? It's an exterior view of a green room—rather than a greenhouse—Mike and Mary Pulick added to their home. But that was only half the story of the couple's do-it-yourself efforts. The green room is revisited on page 34.

## Profile

### Marvelous Minis

One of the first things **RON BRENTON** does when he comes home after teaching shorthand and typing at Detroit's McKenzie High School is to head out back to his potting shed where over 250 varieties of Marvelous Minis are waiting for him. Brenton, who has been an artificial light gardener (see story on page 14) for several years, has been hooked on minis for a long time. Only they weren't always flowers. First it was dwarf rabbits (hence the shed) and then it was pigeons. And now Brenton sees the cycle starting all over again. His young sons have been bugging him for some dwarf rabbits.



## Personality

### Blooming friendships

One of the advantages of having your own greenhouse is that you can have perky flowers and fresh blooms all through the house all year round. The other nice thing is that you can give friends plant gifts whenever you want to for whatever reason. That's what **LIZ DOUGHERTY** (see story pages 4-6) does. Guests usually get some kind of floral memento. Her only request is that if the plant dies, please to return the pot. And while spring is a busy time for all gardeners, it is an especially busy time for greenhouse gardeners, according to expert **MARGE ALPERN** (see story on page 22).

## Expertise

### Dried accents

Dried flower arrangements are a speciality with **DOROTHY RUTYNA** (see story on page 32). So is retrieving wild flowers whenever possible. She managed to save a patch

of painted trillium from the bulldozer's jaws at one of Livonia's few remaining wooded areas. The protected species is now alive and well at Greenmead, Livonia's historical site.



### Credits...

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