gardener's book nook Marty Figley

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Charles B. Thomas, president of Lilypons Water Gardens, is the first American in a generation to write a book on water gardening and much has happened on the subject in that period of time.

His "Water Gardens for Plansi and Pish." hard-cover \$9.95, TFH Publications Inc., covers all aspects of water gardening, Planning such a project, whether it is a large-scale endeavor, a small container sunk in the ground or a raised pond can be a rewarding experience.

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Detailed instructions about building such a spond and appropriate plants are discussed. If safety of children is a concern, you will learn how to build a propropriate plants are discussed. If safety of children is a concern, you will learn how to build a promy with this in mind. Information about lish and other water creatures for enjoyment and for the ecological balance of the water is included. In our climate, we have to be concerned with winter care and this book covers that.

Gardening in any form is always a learning experience. For example, several day-blooming water illust have the ability to bear their young alive. This is called viluparity and the description of this plant wonder is given in the book.

An up-to-date book by Bob Thompson, bost of the PBS TV series, "The Victory Garden," is one that gardeners will refer to again and again. "The

New Victory Garden," Little, Brown (hardcover \$22.95 and paperback \$19.95) is written as though the author is speaking directly to the reader.

A chapter is devoted to each month. It takes the novice or seasoned gardener through each phase of gardening, from seeding, selecting plants, planting, caring for them and harvesting, through all the other things one needs to know.

In the "September" chapter, a description and illustration of Thompson's garden record book gives a good guide for us to follow for our own flustration of Thompson's garden record and what feeding the will know what worked and, what feeding the will know what worked and, what feeding the selection of the sel

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Live Christmas tree selection and planting directions tell us to choose one with dark green color and secure needles. Needles that bend easily
and spring back to their original shape mean the
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chase and the soil is kept in a before to purchase and the soil is kept in a before the world freeze. The hole should be filled with leavers
and covered with a piece of plywood. When planting, mound some soil in the hole and plant the
tree.

The author writes in an easy to understand straightforward style. Without realizing it, the reader is learning important gardening techniques. If you have seen the TV series, you can guess that this book is excellent. Every vegetable imaginable is discussed. It is the last word in vegetable gardening.

OU Dancers set to perform



Two members of Dance Collage show the kind of physical movement that is part of their style.

Dancers from Oakland University and the community will present "Paint by Numbers" at 8 p.m. Thurs-day and Friday, Sept. 9 and 10, at the Studio Theatre in Varner Hall on the Oakland University campus, Roches-ter.

ter.

Laurie Eisenhower's Dance Collage will present the program. She is an assistant professor of dance at the university. She and guest artists Rosanne Williams and Dina McDermott have done the choreography.

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The program will include "Paint by Numbers" a woman's trio done to Sleve Recle's "Clapping." "Los han Pass," inspired by the writings of Chu Hai, 19th-centerly. "which explores the relationships better," which carplines open "M. F. Dubert," which carplines the relationships better outples, "Kitty and Marge" and "neceptus of the program of the procussions." McDermott, as New York dancer, will perform a sole.

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Tickets are \$9 general admission,
\$4 for children and seniors and \$3
for OU students. Free, lighted parking is available. For information,
call the Center for the Arts box office, 370-3013, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. week-

Choreographers to compete

Eleven Detroit area choreographers will compete to be one of five finalists to perform at the Michigan Choreographers' Festival gala showcase, sponsored by the Michigan Dance Association (MDA).

The Detroit area participants will perform their works along with 16 other choreographers at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24, at Varner Hall on the Oakland University campus, Rochester.

A cash prize of \$500 will be awarded to each of the finalists. Tickets are \$7 general admissate \$7 general admission and \$7 fembors.

THE DETROIT area choreographers competing are Harriet Berg, Barry Douglas, Laurie Elisenhower, Robin Ennis, Jennifer Johnston, Catherine Lichtman, Diane Mancinelli, Karen Milligan, Martin A. Pack, Anita Marie Surma and Debra J. White-Hunt. Adjudicators include: Stuart Sebastian, artistic director of the Dayton Ballet of Dayton, Ohio, Pat Knowles, teacher, choreographer and faculty member, and faculty member, THE DETROIT area

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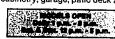


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