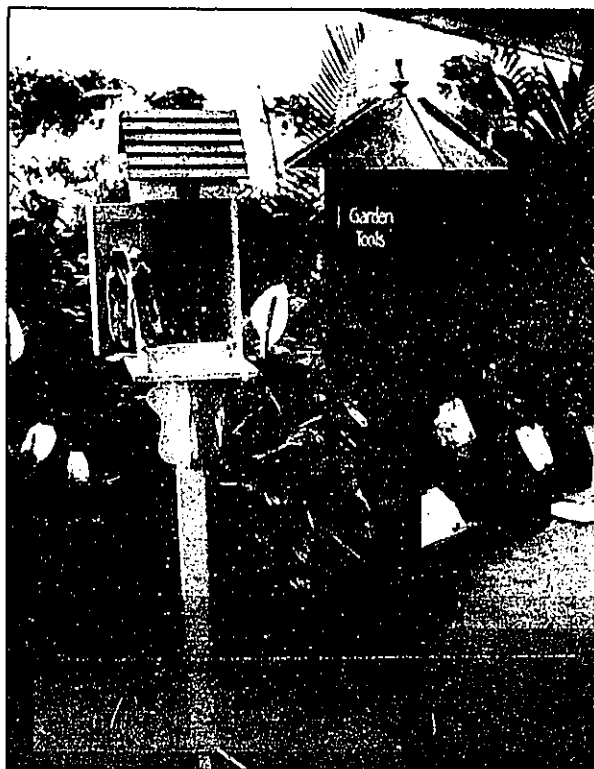


MARKET PLACE



Stylish sheds

SPECIAL SPACE: Add stylish storage space to your work area with these custom tool sheds. Crafted from hard woods and accented with copper roofing or metalwork, the sheds are perfectly sized for smaller hand tools and, positioned on pedestals, they provide quick and easy access to garden tool sets. The free-standing sheds are available in various styles and colors, starting at \$99.98 for sheds and \$49.98 for pedestals, at English Gardens, 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, West Bloomfield. Call (810) 851-7506.



In 'gear'

AT HAND: Gardeners will dig this new method of transporting essential gardening tools from site to site. Two different-sized spades, a hoe and a garden pick hang from custom wood posts affixed to a miniature fence backdrop, which is emblazoned with the words "Garden Gear" for easy storage and identification. A handy rope handle makes it easy to tote your tools anywhere you need them. "Garden Gear" retails for \$24.95 at English Gardens, 6370 Orchard Lake Road at Maple, West Bloomfield. Call (810) 851-7506.

HIGH HOPES CONTEST

Submit your entries as follows:

- PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE NEWSPAPER. Use the entry form below (or a facsimile) printed in this newspaper. Entries must be postmarked by Saturday, Aug. 31, 1996. Fill in all the blanks. Clearly print or type the information. Include area code with your telephone number and the best time of day to call if we wish to take photographs. Children should include their ages. Your comments about how you care for the plants can also be sent along with the entry. This information may be passed on to our readers when we announce the winners. There are two categories of winners in this High Hopes Sunflower Contest. The tallest sunflower and the one with the largest seed head (not including the rays of the flower), grown in the 1996 season through Aug. 31.
1. Sunflower measurement must be taken from soil level to the base of the head where the stem attaches to the flower.
 2. Seed head measurement must be taken diagonally across the seed head (not including the rays of the flower).
 3. Participants must send the official entry form (or a facsimile) to: High Hopes Sunflower Contest, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham 48009. Judges will notify contest finalists to verify height and size.
 4. Winners will be announced in the newspaper in September.
 5. Employees and families of the Observer and Eccentric Newspapers aren't eligible.
 6. Decisions of the judges are final.
 7. Entrants must live in Oakland or Wayne County to be eligible.



My sunflower height is: _____

My sunflower's seed head is: _____

If child, include age: _____

Best time of day to call: _____

Plant number: () _____

Participant comments: _____

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