

Time to pluck some winning gardening books

Where did January go? It seems like New Year's Eve was just yesterday. Nevertheless, the book selection gets better and better — take your pick of these winners.

The Himalayan Garden, Growing Plants from the Roof of the World, Jim Jernyn (Timber Press, \$34.95) takes us on a breathtaking journey to that part of the world. Jernyn begins with an overview of this vast range of mountains, the Himalaya, and each ecological zone. It seems impossible that many plants such as primulas, tulips and corydalis, all very familiar in our gardens, originated from this seemingly barren area.

He has grown and propagated these plants and shares his expertise, including the correct way to place them in the appropriate setting in our own gardens. Alpine, woody and climbing plants, and bulbous species are also included. Straightforward information makes the book easy to understand by both professionals and novices. A list of several U.S. plant nurseries will help you find those that aren't available locally.

Also by Timber Press, **Urban Sanctuaries, Peaceful Havens for the City Gardener**, Stephen Anderson (\$29.95) gives many examples of urban gardens with a wealth of design ideas. The photographs show how innovative urban gardens can be, from very simple to complex creations. Each caption is a lesson in itself. The text flows beautifully with more ideas than one can imagine. To begin with, he advises that the most important place to start is to look at space and scale, then he explains just what he means and follows this format throughout the book. If you have, or wish to have a garden in the city, study this book so that you will

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achieve your design and get it right the first time.

The Art of the Kitchen Garden, Jan & Michael Gortley (Taunton Press, \$29.95) is a delight and really proves that vegetables can be beautiful, as well as

tasty. The authors present a guide for a garden design that is both practical and very pleasing, with instruction from start to finish. They follow three rules used by European gardeners years ago: Attention to detail, artistic impression, and color. Ideas for design, plant selection, growing basics and actual architectural drawings will inspire many gardeners. Their practical advice in a beautiful format shows why the book was chosen by *Foreword Magazine*.

If you have any questions about landscaping your property, the book *Anyone Can Landscaping*, Joel M. Lerner (Ball Publishing \$35.95, soft) will answer those you may have. It's very well organized into four parts with specific instructions in each. The beginning landscape, practicalities, construction, and plants. This 468-page book is filled with ideas for every type of garden or problem you may encounter. I like the way the book is laid out with a no-nonsense approach, bold-type, and short paragraphs. Photographs are few, but well done, and the line drawings are clear and simple. The subject is thoroughly covered. If not at your bookstore, contact Bill Pub-

lishing, 335 N. River St., Batavia, Ill., 60510. Phone (630)208-8080, ext. 126 or Fax (630)208-9360. Web: billpub.com.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading about 18 gardeners in *Earth on her Hands*, Starr Ockenga (Potter, \$55) an American Horticultural Society award-winning book. What a treat and especially so when I realized I had visited two of them. These dedicated gardeners share their gardens and expertise willingly as they relay stories of their experiences as each family found the perfect spot for their garden in the United States. The personal stories each tells helps to understand the pull of the land for each. We meet Joanna McQuill Reed in Pennsylvania who began her

extensive natural and herb gardens in 1939; June P. Overesch, of Kansas City, Miss., who tends her walled English-style garden; Marion Prince Hosmer and her almost 60-year old garden in York, Maine; and Michigander, Betty H. Blake of Oquited, who has an extensive alpine garden. Each lady is an inspiration. Another book in the Taylor's Guides series, *Bulbs, How to Select and Grow 400 Species of Spring and Summer Bulbs*, Barbara W. Ellis (Houghton/Mifflin \$23) contains all the information you may need to be successful, from the earliest spring bulbs to the summer beauties and the fall-blooming ones. There are lists of bloom times so the garden can contain bulbs for a whole season,

forcing instructions, propagating and storage tips. Specific information about each plant is shown in the color gallery.



Special notice: There is still limited space on my trip on the waterways of Holland and Belgium and a visit to the Florida (plus many other exciting spots). Dates: April 8-18, 2002. This is an excellent trip at the unbelievable price of just \$2599. Call Jean, at The World of Travel, (248)203-0022 for a brochure and to register.

Marty Figley is an advanced master gardener based in Birmingham. You can leave her a message by dialing (734) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone. Her fax number is (248) 644-1314.



Blue poppy: The blue poppy, *Meconopsis*, is native to the Himalaya, here growing in Saville Gardens in England.

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BIA sponsors the 10th annual Novi Home Improvement Show Jan. 31 to Feb. 3 at the Novi Expo Center in Novi; the new Palace Home Improvement Show Feb. 8 to 10 at The Palace Auburn Hills; the fifth annual Macomb Home Improvement Show Feb. 15-17 at the Macomb Sports & Expo Center, Warren; the 84th annual GMC Builders Home & Garden Show March 21-24 at the Cobo Center, Detroit; and the sixth annual

Spring Home & Garden Show April 4-7 at the Novi Expo Center.

The shows feature advice, ideas and innovations from exhibitors displaying products and services for the home and garden. Many experts and celebrities will share their knowledge to help audiences achieve their home and gardening goals. The new Palace Home Improvement Show will feature over 100 exhibitors showcasing the latest in kitchens, baths, doors, windows, remodeling, furniture, decorative accessories, enclosures, spas, electronics, heating, cooling and appliances.

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