

Study up on Japanese gardens at library

Continued from Page 8

"They're done like the bonsai tree," Dulin said. "The idea is to sculpture it and give it an aged and windswept appearance, as if it's toiled with nature's forces. It has to be pruned every year, completely."

Nevertheless, Dulin says that you can design a Japanese garden to reduce some of the work required.

The key is to buy dwarf varieties of trees and bushes so that they need less pruning. She also recommends using lots of low-maintenance ground cover and deep edgings to keep grass from encroaching on flower beds.

TO LEARN about Japanese gardens, Dulin suggests you start at the library. When you find books you really like, buy a couple to have at home. And then start visiting nurseries to see what's available.

Looking out the window at land she has lived with and shaped and gardened for 30 years, Dulin pauses and makes one more suggestion.

"My advice to a person is not to do it unless you really love what you're doing," she says with a laugh. "You may think you own your garden, but actually your garden owns you."

"These trees definitely own me — I don't have a choice. They would be unbearable to look at if I didn't take care of them."



JIM RIDER/staff photographer

This Scotch pine in the Dulin yard has been sculptured to have an aged, windswept appearance.

CONTEMPORARY

TRADITIONAL

COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL

Experience a New Dimension at

PEACOCK ALLEY

1989 N. Opdyke Road
Auburn Hills, MI 48057
373-1337

Finest quality of Custom Woodworking and Millwork.

46th Anniversary Sale

SAVE 45%

46 years ago Brown Jordan began manufacturing quality outdoor furniture; 46 years ago Jimmies started selling it. In celebration Jimmies is now offering a special price on the high-styled, fully foldable Nomad Collection.

Table & four chairs
reg. \$1185
NOW ONLY \$649

BROWN JORDAN

Novi
3480000 • 48700 Grand River
Livonia
622 8200 • 23500 W. B. McRae
Birmingham
544-1818 • 221 Hampton

All JIMMIES Stores Open:
Mon., & Fri. 10 E., Tues., Wed., Sat. 10-6, Thurs. 10-9