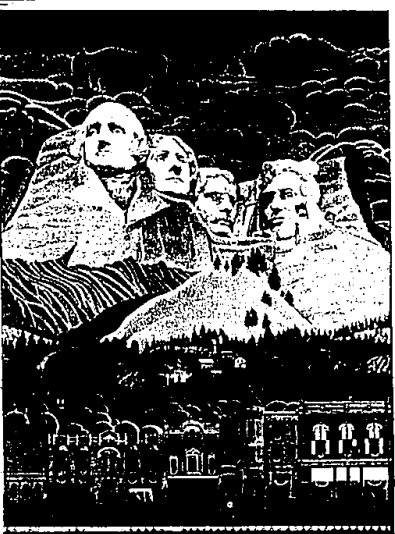




Artistic tribute

Northwest Bank of South Dakota commissioned David McCall Johnston of Farmington Hills to do a painting for the 50th anniversary celebration of the dedication of Mount Rushmore on July 3. Proceeds from the sale of the print made from the painting will benefit the Mount Rushmore Preservation Fund. The original is 18 by 24 inches. Johnston, his wife, Ruth, and son, Jordan, 9, met many celebrities while Johnston made scheduled public appearances at banks throughout South Dakota. The celebrities included Jimmy Stewart and Tom Brokaw, Friend White Eagle, an opera singer, arranged for the family to visit the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

A year in the life of Jefferson

Two books about Thomas Jefferson and his life at Monticello are enlightening reading. "A Year at Monticello: 1795," Donald Jackson (Fulcrum, \$17.95), traces Jefferson's daily life during 1795, while he enjoyed a respite from public office. His love of home, family and lands is evident.

"Thomas Jefferson, The Garden and Farm Books," Robert C. Baron, editor (Fulcrum, \$20), was published in 1987 as the holiday book for that year, chosen because of its historical and biographical importance.

Henry S. Commager gives an overview of the country during the 1790s, emphasizing the greatness and far-sightedness of Jefferson. A printed copy of Jefferson's Garden Book, 1776-1824, shows how extensive his notes were. It is fascinating to read the accounts: flowers, herbs, vegetables, fruits... all were grown.

The Farm Book, 1774-1826, details the many tasks, the diversity of the farm and the attention given to all of them. Records were kept of everything. Many of Jefferson's personal letters about farming are included and the reader can learn about his philosophy.

"ANTIQUE FLOWERS, ANNUALS," Yearly Classics for the Contemporary Garden, Rob Proctor (Harper Collins, \$29.95), is the second in a series on antique flowers.

Proctor traces the history of these plants in witty style. Descriptions and remarks that accompany the illustrations and photographs are interesting and informative. He also relates the way women have made an impact on the gardening scene.

"Daylilies," The Perfect Perennial, Lewis and Nancy Hill (Garden Way, \$14.95, paper), will help you learn more about 14,6 plants from the history to how to propagate them. Color photos and an extensive list of the flowers will help in selection.

"Deck Planner," (Home Planners Inc., \$7.95, paper), illustrates deck designs compatible to the architecture of many houses. Blueprints are available to ensure a perfect job. Plans can be modified to suit.

The how-to's of construction are clearly given and a well-built deck can be made following the instructions in the book. If your local store doesn't carry it, call 1-800-322-6797 (toll free).

IN "Secrets of the Miniature Rose" (Dileom Publishing, \$11.95, paper), Elizabeth Adler, a recognized authority, outlines the history of this flower, which began its existence in China, and then



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describes many of them in a straightforward manner.

Information about horticultural requirements, hybridizing, displays (for judging), photographing and more make this book complete. To order: Dileom Publications, 688 Forest Hill Road, Lake Forest, Ill. 60045.

"The Gardener's Companion," A Book of Lists and Lore, Roberta Coughlin (Harper Perennial, \$14.95, paper), has a different format. As the title

suggests, there are many lists, but each one is there for a purpose.

Many descriptions are accompanied by good information. It seems no subject has been omitted when it comes to choosing the right plant for specific garden situations, for a particular flower color or those sensitive to road salts.

A recipe for a rose petal sandwich is also here. The "lore" part is fun. This will take you from indoor gardening to the outdoor garden, all in one volume.

IF YOU are interested in history and people who were responsible for many gardening innovations, "Eminent Gardeners," Jane Brown (Viking, \$22.95), details the lives of nine gardeners (some rather obscure) important to the times. Brown describes their social lives and their influence on each other and their gardens.

Make little 'Maudie's' Shed

Two well-known miniaturists will teach the making of a tiny, weathered "Maudie's Shed," in all-day sessions Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 27 and 28.

The classes at the Miniature Makers' Workshop, 4515 N. Woodward, Royal Oak, will be the first conducted there by April and Ron Gill. They are residents of DeWitt, near Lansing.

Both are well-known for their miniature reproductions. They are among only 150 miniaturists worldwide who earned artisan status from the International Guild of Miniature Artisans.

A photo of "Maudie's Shed" is on display at

Miniature Makers' Workshop.

CLASS PARTICIPANTS will begin with the basic shell of a backyard shed, said Chris Goad of Birmingham, owner of Miniature Makers' Workshop.

Then, they will learn to brick and gable, apply siding, make a porch, lay the floor, stain, paint, plaster and apply a tin roof in addition to aging and detailing. The finished shed may be furnished as any kind of shop its creator chooses.

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