



A new Canadian children's garden book comes with its own miniature greenhouse to help kids learn how to prepare soil, sow seeds, grow their initials in garden cross, start a cactus garden or terrarium. Ideal indoors and out. Published by Somerville House Books.

Greenhouse book great for kids

TORONTO - "If you want to save the environment, you've got to start with the children," says Wes Porter, Canadian horticulturalist and author of *The Garden Book* and *The Greenhouse*, an interactive and fun way for children and parents to learn about gardening basics and the fragile nature of our ecosystem - without ever going outside.

The *Garden Book's* colourful illustrations show children garden and greenhouse basics from the ground up including how to: set up a working greenhouse; germinate seeds; transplant seedlings; sow a first garden; grow a cucumber in a bottle; create a cactus garden and, keep mom supplied with fresh tomatoes all season long.

Designed for hours of plant watching and experimentation, the transparent and shatterproof, miniature greenhouse and ac-

companied bright red growing tray take up very little space.

"In the past 25 years of teaching gardening, I've discovered both young and old 'Green Thumbs' receive great pleasure and a sense of accomplishment and pride in making things grow. That's what led me to develop *The Garden Book* and *The Greenhouse*. In addition to bringing parents and children together for a family project that is limited only by their enthusiasm, I can think of no better way to teach the children of tomorrow how delicate and fragile our planet really is," says Mr. Porter.

"The real beauty of *The Garden Book* and *The Greenhouse*," adds Porter, "is that each project can be transplanted to an outdoor garden - whether it's a residential backyard in Halifax, a country farm in southwestern Ontario, or an apartment balcony in downtown Vancouver.

Wes Porter, a Canadian horticulturalist for over 25 years, has appeared on numerous national television programs, established educational programs for public schools and written extensively on gardening and landscaping for several children's magazines.

The *Garden Book* and *The Greenhouse* is the latest addition to the *Hand-In-Hand With Nature* series published by Somerville House Publishing, Toronto. Other activity kits in the series include: *The Bird Book* and *The Bird Feeder*, *The Bug Book* and *The Bug Bottle* and *The Beach Book* and *The Beach Bucket*.

Wonderland spectacular

Canada's Wonderland gets an early start to the Victoria Day Weekend with a spectacular fireworks and music display on Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th only. There will not be fireworks on Victoria Day Monday, May 21.

Sponsored by Kodak and Humpty Dumpty snacks, the May 19th and 20th fireworks display is the beginning of the most spectacular season of fireworks ever planned for the Park, now in its 10th big year.

Pyrotechnic bursts will illuminate the night sky, turning the darkness into a kaleidoscope of colour. The presentation is carefully choreographed to dramatic music. Fireworks begin at dusk (approx. 9:15 p.m.), weather permitting.

Fireworks Dates Change
The colourful tradition of Wonderland's fireworks festivities have been changed to Saturday and Sunday of the holiday weekend to ensure guests can enjoy them without the hassles of the holiday Monday evening traffic.

Transportation
Canada's Wonderland Express GO buses will operate each day of the holiday weekend on a regular schedule (every 30 minutes both ways) beginning at 8:30 a.m. through fireworks from both York Mills and Yorkdale subway stations.

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Summer brings a multitude of music concerts and festivals

From yodellers to heavy-metal bands, they are all getting ready. Summer brings a multitude of concerts and music festivals. All sorts of music by all sorts of people.

Let's look ahead at a few of the extravaganzas being planned for you.

The 22nd annual Regina Folk Festival, June 8-10, features Brenda Baker, Valey and Connie Kaldor. Among the other performers are Bourne and MacLeod. Bill Bourne is a country blues guitarist from Alberta while Alan MacLeod is a rock 'n roll highland warpiper from Scotland. Together, they offer a brand of music that has been described as Afro-Celtic Fusion and as Celtic-Blues.

The Mariposa Festival, at Molson Park in Barrie, Ont., June 22-24, marks its 30th birthday by bringing back several of the musicians who appeared at the first festival - Sylvia Tyson, The Travellers and Ed McCurdy. Other performers this year include Emmylou Harris, Buffy Ste. Marie, Daniel Lanois, Violent Femmes, and Stompin' Tom Connors, who is on his first national tour in 11 years.

The du Maurier Ltd. Downtown Jazz festival in Toronto also kicks off June 22. It runs through July 1. The lineup includes Azimuth, Rob McConnell and the Boss Brass and the Alex Schlippenbach trio.

The Winnipeg Folk Festival, July 5-8, has performers from nine countries. Among those taking to the stage will be Christine Lavin, Stephen Fearing, Marie-Lynn Hammond, John Allan Cameron, Camper van Beethoven, Loudon Wainwright III and The Dinner Ladies.

The 1990 Shelburne Canadian Open Championship Old Time Fiddler's Contest is set for Aug. 10 and 11 in Shelburne, Ont. The deadline for entries is Aug. 9.

Among the many concerts is a

Choristers in concert

Milton Choristers Spring Concert is scheduled for May 25-26, 8 p.m. at Bishop Reding High School in Milton, located on Main Street.

Tickets cost \$10 for adults both nights. Friday night, student rates have been set at \$5 for singles or \$8 a couple.

Tickets will be available at the door or by phoning 876-1835.



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for her role in the movie *Bye Bye Blues*.

Canada has been called Hollywood North because of the number of movies being shot here by Americans.

The movie stars pull in the big contracts, but what does the crew make? In its *Guide to Film and Television Production in Canada, 1990*, the Canadian Film and Television Association lists some wage rates.

Grew costs are not fixed in Canada, other than some minimum rates. Availability of workers affects the rates. The CFTA, however, published a salary range table as a general guideline for producers considering shooting a movie in Canada. Rates cited include:

Camera operator, \$28 to \$38 an hour; sound recordist, \$27 to \$35 an hour; hair/make-up, \$22 to \$28 an hour. Then there's the unit production manager - \$2,000 to \$3,000 for a five-day week. The table also lists: art director, \$1,800 to \$2,400 a week; editor, \$1,600 to \$2,800 a week, and production designer, \$2,500 or \$3,500 a week.

summer-long series at Canada's Wonderland, north of Toronto. Don Henley opens the series with a May 27 concert.

Other performers include Tracy Chapman/Johnny Clegg and Savuka (June 13); Kim Mitchell (June 24), John Denver (July 29), Crosby, Still and Nash (July 30) and The Moody Blues (Aug. 9).

There are a number of children's concerts at Wonderland as well, including Sharon, Lois and Bram and the Elephant Show, July 1.

If a waitress can keep track of a plethora of food orders, she can sort out a few clues, right?

Rosemary Dunsmore stars as a waitress-turned-private-eye in *MOM P.I.*, a comedy/drama that Atlantis Films has been shooting in the Vancouver area. The 60-minute film airs on CBC-TV later this year, said an Atlantis spokesman.

MOM P.I. follows a waitress who accidentally finds herself assuming the role of a private investigator.

"Although it's a story involving private detectives, intrigue and suspense, the plot is reality based with a protagonist who's both a mother and a waitress," said writer/creator Chris Haddock.

Cast members include Stuart Margolin, Robert Wisden and Robyn Stevan, who won a Genie Award as best supporting actress

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