

Pet Sculptures immortalize loved ones

If you're looking for a unique gift for someone who recently lost a beloved pet – or if you'd like to immortalize a prized show animal or beloved stud – you might be interested in a service offered by S.G. Hoffman, who will make a hand-sculpted ceramic figurine of your animal.

Hoffman crafts the mini statuettes from a set of photographs. The hand-painted figurines measure about 4 in. tall by 7 in. long, if reclining, 7 in. tall if sitting up. They're mounted on a finished wood base which bears the pet's name. You can even request that the pet's collar or even a favorite toy be included in the sculpture.

Hoffman suggests you send a variety of photos from a number of different angles. (Photos will be returned with statue.) The price for a custom statue is \$65, including shipping. A double statue, with a pair of animals together, sells for \$110.

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Hand-sculpted ceramic figurines can be made of your favorite dog or cat.



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Trash-Mashing Waste Basket

You can get 10 times as much trash into this waste basket as into a conventional basket of a similar size, says inventor Roger Bernot about the "Trash Masher", his new manual trash-compacting waste basket.

When the Trash Masher basket gets full, you just pull out and up on the push rod and push down to crush the trash with a plunger built into the lid.

The 22-in. high basket measures 10 by 15 in. Sells for \$49.95. Other sizes will soon be available.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Roger Bernot, Trash Masher, P.O. Box 72406, Marietta, Ga. 30007 (ph 800 387-3233; or 770 319-8512; E-mail: wam@synergy.com).

Lawn "Leveler" Fills Dips In Yards, Playing Fields

Anyone who has ever tried to bring a low spot up to level in a lawn or on a playing field knows it's not easy to do. A new "Lawn Leveler" from Gallaher & Co. is designed to change all that.

You just fill the hopper with sand and pull it across a hole or depression with a garden tractor. It drops sand into the area to be filled. A contact trigger senses depressions in the ground, automatically dropping sand as needed.

It can be adjusted so sand is dropped only into the deepest ruts. Or you can set it sensitive enough to drop a few grains of sand into a footprint, according to the company.

A 30-in. pull-type model sells for \$890. Do-it-yourself plans are also available.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup,



Pull-type Lawn Leveler automatically drops sand into holes or low spots.

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New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

Stand-Up Seed Planter

"For people like me, who are older and have a bad back but still like to garden, this stand-up planter works great," says Roy Ream, Sarasota, Fla.

"I've been making and using these for over 20 years. They work well with all vegetable seeds and flower seeds.

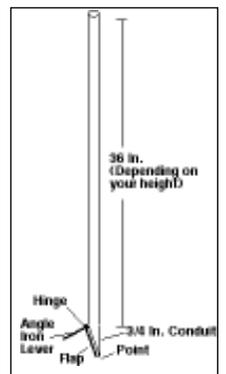
"It consists of a 36-in. long piece of 3/4-in. conduit (depending on your height) that's tapered to a point at one end. A hinged flap, with a horizontal lever made from angle iron attached to it, covers the opening.

"Push the pointed end into the ground. The weight of the angle iron holds the flap closed. Tilt the planter tube toward the lever and the flap will open. Drop seed into the top of the

pipe, pull it out, and tap with your foot."

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Roy Ream, 5846 Old Ranch Rd., Sarasota, Fla.

Seed drops through long piece of conduit with a tapered point, which you push into the ground.



Stainless Steel, Deep Well Hand Pump

"Our new stainless steel, deep well hand pump is designed to pump water from depths of up to 300 ft., all by hand and with no need for electricity," says Randy Lee of Bison Pumps and Harbison Plumbing and Heating, Inc., Houlton, Maine.

Deep well hand pumps have been around for a long time, but very few companies still make them. Harbison's, a plumbing and heating contractor, recently began manufacturing its own model after a big ice storm knocked out electricity for hundreds of thousands of people in their area.

The pump is made from stainless steel and installs on top of any existing well casing that extends above ground. It can be used in tandem with an existing submersible pump in the same well casing. Or, it can be installed by itself in a well casing as small as 2 in. in diameter.

It includes a pump cylinder submerged below the water level that's operated by the pump handle on top of the casing. A stainless steel lift rod, built in 8-ft. sections and enclosed within a length of PVC piping, connects the handle to the piston on the pump cylinder.

The company offers 1 1/2, 2, 2 1/2, and 3-in. dia. pump cylinders. A garden hose can be connected to the pump.

"We also make a shallow well pump that draws water up by vacuum rather than pumping it mechanically. It can lift water up to 28 ft. It's a counter top version that delivers generous amounts of water for household use."

The deep well pump sells for \$800 to \$1,000 plus S&H depending on well depth.



Pump operates without electricity and installs on top of any existing well casing that extends above ground.

The shallow water pump sells for \$540 plus S&H.

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