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Jeff and Tracy Fries, along with daughter Rully, will show off their home on Portland's Build It Green! Tour of Homes on Saturday, Sept. 20. Story on Page 80.

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Find out what's true

Local publisher Timber Press adds a welcome you to this year's crop of gardening books. "The South-Mass Organic Gardening Booklet, Drawbacks, and the Bottom Line," by Jill Gilman, digs beneath the hype to find what works and what doesn't. Gilman cites university research so that "gardeners can make responsible choices," according to a review in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

You also may be interested in some earlier publications, including one of garden writer Kay Harkin's picks: "Learning with Microbes: A Gardener's Guide to the Soil Food Web," by Ted Lowie and Wayne Lewis. Find other green gardening titles at www.timberpress.com.

Put it in writing

The first step to sustainability is often recognizing what we have to lose.

This nature-writing workshop will take place outdoors, where participants will have plenty of time to write in nature. The workshop is open to all ages and takes place on a 10-acre site in the heart of the city. The workshop is on Aug. 23, open to writers of all levels. For more information, visit www.portlandpark.org or call 503-413-7125.

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The distinctive arches at Bella Marlene garden in Sherwood were designed by Michael Schultz of Michael Schultz Landscape Design. He had them built in memory of his late partner, George Farris. The photo was taken by Alan Wardell. (www.mslandscapeand.com)



The Northwest is home to many a green product. Either by material or method of manufacture, or both, this sampling of locally made products makes a big statement but a small footprint.

Metroscape shades and deeper are made of oak and sustainable pine trim. Tukulan-based Hartmann & Purkinen uses the imported teak to make the shades in Oregon. Made to order through interior designers. -

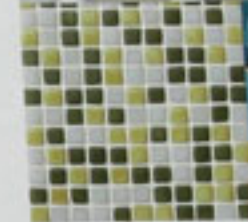
Steve and Reed Deal make their own clay and use Forest Service waste wood to fire their traditional kilns in southwest Washington. Reuse wood. The Reed Mother Kiln, \$130. -

Northwest regional, reclaimed or sustainably harvested wood is the only material Embroidered uses for its flooring and lushless countertops. Pacific residence, 185 x square feet. -

Style



Recycled glass tile made in Southwest Portland by Portland Glass. Prices range from \$15 to \$75 per square foot. Available at Pross & Larson-Cameron. -



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