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He Turns Wheat Into Art

A North Dakota farmer has discovered a new way to add value to his wheat crop - he mounts wheat heads inside clear plastic acrylic to make attractive pen/letter holder desk sets.

"It really shows off the beauty of the wheat," says Alan Honeyman, of Regent, who does a brisk business selling his custom-made desk sets to various individuals and trade organizations around the U.S.

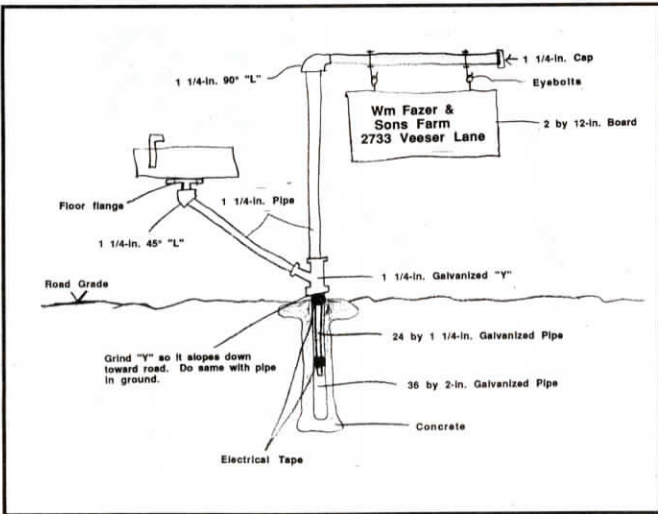
Honeyman sets three wheat heads inside clear plastic on top of a 3 by 6-in. acrylic base that's filled with wheat kernels. A miniature pheasant mounts on one side of the wheat heads and the pen holder on the other. The customer's name is printed in large black letters across the front of the base.

"I can use any crop the customer wants,

including oats, beans, barley, sunflowers, and even corn. To make corn ears, I use plastic corn holders (used to eat corn-on-the-cob). Instead of a pheasant, I've used miniature tractors, ducks, geese, pigs, horses, bulls, and fish, as well as shotgun shells. I used three arrowheads and a miniature buffalo to make one desk set. I made another one using a miniature coffee pot complete with sandwich, knife, and spoon. I made one desk set for a local banker by filling the base with pennies and mounting a \$2 bill on top."

Honeyman sells the desk sets for \$34 apiece.

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Swinging Mailbox/Sign Post

"This combination mailbox and sign post has withstood many direct blasts from the county snowplow," says William Fazer, Powers, Mich., about the post he designed that swings freely if struck and then swings back into its original position by itself thanks to an angled pipe fitting at the base.

An address sign on back balances the mailbox on front and is an attractive welcome sign for visitors.

A 36-in. long, 2-in. dia. galvanized post is cemented into the ground, with the top tip ground down so it slopes toward the road. A 1 1/4-in. dia. pipe slides down inside the 2-

in. pipe. Electrician's tape is wrapped around the 1 1/4-in. pipe so it fits tighter and won't wobble back and forth.

A 1 1/4-in. "Y" fitting just above ground supports the angled pipe that runs out to the mailbox (the bottom of the Y fitting is also ground down so it slopes to the road). Another piece of 1 1/4-in. pipe runs straight up to a cross bar that extends out the opposite side from the mailbox. The address sign hangs from this crossbar.

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New Products Especially For Women And The Farm, Ranch Home

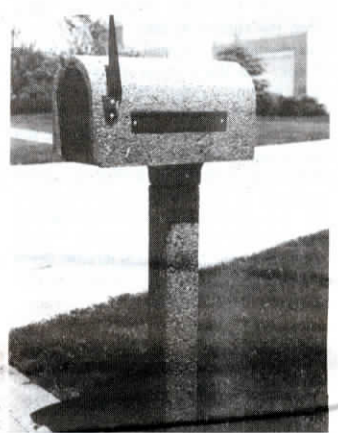
Concrete Mailbox

If you're looking for a mailbox that's both distinctive and durable, take a look at this new Bohlmann-built concrete mailbox. It features a regulation standard size (20.5 in. deep and 9 in. wide) metal mailbox covered with an inch-thick shell of reinforced concrete laced with decorative stone.

Sells for \$159.95, complete with flag and concrete mounting post. Never needs painting. The metal mailbox slips inside the concrete protective shell and can be replaced if and when it rusts or wears out.

Optional side mounted plate with your name on it sells for \$9.95.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Bohlmann Concrete Specialties, 39 South 7th St., Denison, Iowa 51442 (ph 1 800 533-4516, or 712 263-4370).

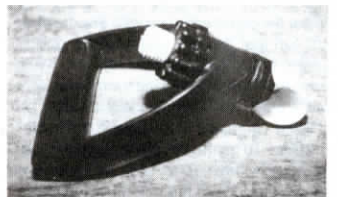


Screw-On "Extra" Shovel Handle

"It's the handiest attachment for shovels, rakes, pitchforks, hoes and other hand-held implements I've ever seen," says Miles Manchester, distributor of a new screw-on "extra" handle that clamps on with a hand-tightened nut and can be quickly shifted to a newer position or moved to a different implement.

Made out of heavy-duty "unbreakable" plastic, the handle pivots on the screw-type mount so you can easily set it in the position that's most comfortable for you.

"You'll be surprised at how much difference it makes when shoveling grain or snow. Because you don't have to bend over as far,



you don't have to lift your own body weight as you shovel," says Manchester.

Sells for \$10 (\$3 S & H).

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Joy Brook Farm, Rt. 1, Box 63, Brushton, N.Y. 12916 (ph 518-529-0123).

"Helper Handle"

New "Spadeaid" handle clamps onto the lower end of any short-handled shovel and is designed to let you stand erect and lift, reducing fatigue and potential injury.

You hold onto the handle and push on back of the shovel. Lets you lift heavier loads with less stress on your back. Can also be used on pitch forks, push brooms, rakes, and long handled shovels. Extra clamps are available so you can use one handle on several shovels.

Sells for \$18. Extra clamps sell for \$5 apiece.

Contact: FARM SHOW Followup, Frank and Sandra Servine, 8915 342nd St. So., Roy, Wash. 98580 (ph 206 458-3240).

