

This month, as you wonder aloud whether it's more politically correct to dress as a ghost or a goblin for Halloween, please consider the words of fabled philosopher Groucho Marx, who said, "I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member." Now think about these fine products, each as universally appropriate as it is welcome in virtually every social environ.



Detco Horticulture Inc. markets a line of clever garden decorations. Elegant and distinctive, Detco designs include gnomes in various settings, as well as the "Jeans Collection," which features planters and other decoratives, all "dressed" in jeans. We get to be all dressed in jeans on Fridays here at the home office. We now also have an ice machine. I'm leading the campaign for the three-day work week, but that one hasn't quite taken root yet.

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Triple Z Inc. markets the Waistie Pouch, which frees the user's hands for routine garden tasks with a unique, ergonomic waistband system that features a sturdy zip-front pouch. The product won a silver medal at the INPEX inventors' show during the summer (check out www.waistie.com). As fate would have it, my Go Go Gopher drawing won a silver medal at my elementary school's art contest several summers ago, so I feel as if the Triple Z folks and I are kindred spirits.

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Sweetwater Iron LLC markets a line of sturdy, attractive plant stands and other iron-work items for the home and garden. I saw the line at PA Green Expo and immediately decided that you should know about it as well. Craftman Paul Beiler oversees production of the products, all of which are made by hand. Sweetwater products are practical indoors or outdoors and can be adapted for a number of uses. Wearing them as a hat might stretch the boundaries a bit, but most of the rest of the gamut is ready for a run.

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The Thermoplantter from **Black River Nursery LLC** is an innovative tool for water lily enthusiasts. Extending the growing season in cooler and warmer climates, the Thermoplantter creates a Micro-climate around the plant using a patented design. It uses less than 70 watts of power and is thermostatically controlled to create the perfect environment for tropical water lilies, whether you are in Maine or in South Carolina. Presumably, you could be in Utah, too, but I've never been there and can't vouch for water lily demand in that sector.

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Magnet Works Ltd., producer of MailWraps® magnetic mailbox covers, offers Magnetic PhotoFrames for the refrigerator. The new collection, showcasing a variety of themes, will feature licensed designs from artist Tam Reed. Don't tell this to my oldest son (now 25), but we still have his "nekked on the rug" baby picture on our fridge. Maybe I should get one of these frames to display it more prominently.

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Boss Manufacturing Co. markets the Boss Head-Lite, a safe and innovative hands-free LED flashlight hat for people on the move. The flashlight features a revolutionary integrated secondary optical lens system for maximum light quality and controlled projection. Two lithium CR2032 cell batteries are included for hours of use. Of course, all this begs the question: Will this product make me light-headed?

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