



## GreenBird Helps the Boy Scouts of America be prepared for birds!

We're very happy that Boy Scouts are now able to find the GreenBird House in Scout Shops across the country. Most importantly, using the GreenBird House, they will be able to satisfy requirements for merit badges and conservation awards.

When I first started designing the Greenbird House I thought it would be a great project for boy scouts and other youth groups. It requires no tools and can be finished during one meeting – including painting it. It is also built to specific specifications for the birds it is designed to house. And, in addition to learning about birds, the scouts can learn about recycling and conservation.

Fortunately Alicia Reese, a buyer for the Scout's supply division in Charlotte, NC, agrees. "We sell a lot of wooden birdhouse kits. I'm interested in this one because it can teach kids about more than just wood-working."



The GreenBird House is versatile, informative & rewarding

### Merit Badges



Bird Study



Nature



Fish & Wildlife Management

### Awards



Conservation Good Turn



World Conservation



William Hornaday Award

## Another trip to Epcot Center.



For the second year the Greenbird House is being used during a seminar at Walt Disney World's Epcot Center. The Epcot International Flower & Garden Festival is a spring special event filled with a colorful array of flowers, gardens, topiaries, live music and educational events.

Guests will decorate the birdhouses during the program.

Debbie Mola of Disney's Horticulture Services said it worked so well last year they included it again this year.



## It's Spring – plant a pie!

We were happy to get a lot of good reviews from the first crop of Seed Pies planted last year. "I believe in them," said Janet Lee of Burlington, KY. Her choice of Black-eyed Susans brightened her yard last year and will be joined by Cone Flowers this year. I'm sure there will be a lot of happy birds dining on the flower seeds come fall – like the Gold Finches I enjoyed watching do their balancing act on top of the Cone Flowers seed heads in my own yard last fall.

Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries was also glad to start production of Seed Pies back up in late winter. They employ about 500 disabled workers in light manufacturing jobs. Todd Schreiber, sales and marketing manager for Goodwill Industrial Division says "It is a decent amount of work for us and our people enjoy the change in pace the Seed Pies bring."

One change for GreenBird will be that on our new packaging we will now be adding "Assembled by Ohio Valley Goodwill Industries." and their logo. Hopefully other companies will see this and think about using their local Goodwill, too.

