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GARDEN EVENTS, MOTHER'S DAY SWEETS, AN INN OUTSIDE LONDON, PLUS GREAT TREATS FOR YOUR DOG

crafted by hand

At his warehouse on the Brooklyn waterfront, Ralph Gorham, owner of **Brooklyn Farm Table**, hand mills antique beams salvaged from New York City buildings, then custom crafts tables to his clients' specifications. "No two tables are the same," says Gorham, "nor would I want them to be." Built to last, his trestle tables feature two-inch-thick tops and breadboard peg ends and come in a range of finishes. "I've always wanted to make something that people would pass down to their children," Gorham says. "And that's what I'm doing." Brooklyn farmtable.com; (718) 797-2679



this month

HANDS-ON HISTORY Hard to imagine life without indoor plumbing, the Internet, and weekly trips to the grocery store? Tune in to the PBS reality series "Colonial House" on May 17–25, when 26 men, women, and children try their hand at 17th-century living and build a village using Colonial-era tools. Pbs.org/wnet/colonialhouse

FARM FRESH Meet visionary chef Alice Waters, tour farms and vineyards, take in a cooking demonstration, and sample organic wines from 30 wineries at the Monterey Bay Aquarium's Cooking for Solutions 2004 (May 21–22). Montereybayaquarium.org; (831) 644-7561

GARDEN RETREAT This May 2–4, *Country Living Gardener* and the Inn on Biltmore Estate, in Asheville, N.C., will host Gardener's Getaway. Classes, garden tours, and lectures by such horticultural experts as Penelope Hobhouse are scheduled. Biltmore.com; (866) 851-4665

