

## Tomato Worth \$100,000 May Be On Your Vine



**Gordon Graham of Edmond, Oklahoma with a replica of the 7 pound, 12 ounce world record tomato that he grew in 1987.**

(NAPS) — Among the nearly seven billion tomatoes grown nationwide each year someone may soon grow one worth \$100,000.

That's the prize offered in the Miracle-Gro® \$100,000 Tomato Challenge. All you have to do is be the first to beat the world

record of 7 pounds 12 ounces held by Gordon Graham of Edmond, OK. You must use Miracle-Gro just as Graham used and the \$100,000 is yours.

"Truly giant tomatoes don't come along every day," Graham notes. "Yet, with the right variety seed, a little luck and Miracle-Gro anyone could be the winner."

Graham says anyone who spots what they think is the new world record tomato on their vine should let it grow as long as possible. Photograph it as soon as it is picked and quickly bring it to an overnight express courier for shipping at the gardener's expense to *Miracle-Gro \$100,000 Tomato Challenge*, c/o Nationwide Consumer Testing Institute, 1415 Park Ave., Hoboken, NJ 07030. After it has been weighed, measured, x-rayed and examined by experts to determine that it qualifies as a single, whole, totally natural tomato without adulteration, the winner will be declared the official new world champion tomato.

Gardeners will have until the end of 1995 — three growing seasons — to try to beat Graham's record. If there is no winner by the end of 1995, the \$100,000 will go to The American Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund.

For official rules and tomato growing suggestions, visit your nearest garden center, or send a self-addressed envelope to *Miracle-Gro*, Box 888, Port Washington, NY 11050.

## Plain & Fancy Celebrates Pennsylvania Dutch Culture

**KUTZTOWN (Berks Co.)** — Nearly everyone in this area is busy preparing for this summer's 44th Annual Kutztown Folk Festival, which will be held from *Saturday, June 26 through Monday, July 5*. Quilters are trying to finish that last quilt before the entry deadline; craftsmen are busy creating their works of art; and volunteers for several church groups and civic organizations are preparing to serve much of the delicious food that is available at the Folk Festival. In short, this community is a very active place, which is preparing to welcome visitors to its 10-day celebration of both the "Plain and Fancy" Pennsylvania Dutch culture and heritage.

One of the most popular places on the Festival grounds is the Main Stage. Every day, from noon until 5:00 p.m., visitors will find

programs to entertain them. Mel Horst, as "Jakey Buddrschnip," will follow the Heidelberg Polka Band; their music will set your feet to dancing and "Jakey" will brighten your day with his unique Pennsylvania Dutch humor. Of course, Keith and Karlene Britzenhoff will also entertain visitors with their songs in the Pennsylvania Dutch dialect.

Other activities to keep visitors busy are the sheep shearing, horseshoeing, children's puppet show, metal casting in sand, garden tours, and the Amish wedding, where you may watch Jonathan Beiler and Annie Fisher "tie the knot," Amish-style.

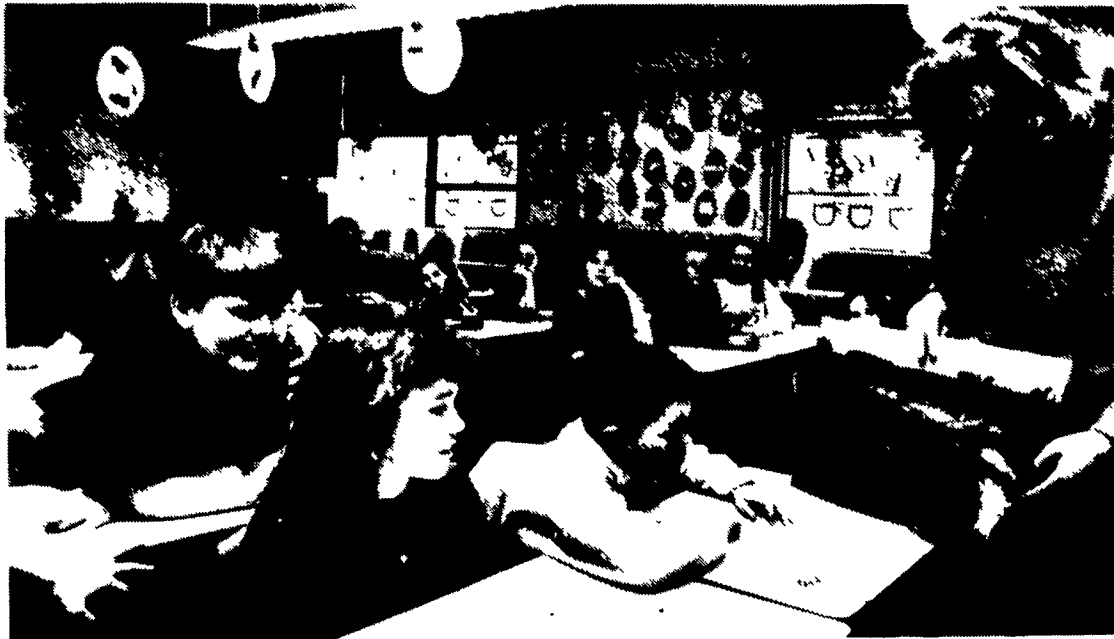
Of course, no Folk Festival would be complete without a visit to the quilt display and quilting demonstration. Ann Burrows, quilting building supervisor, says, "We have taken special care this year to be sure that all the quilts

entered in the contest are American-made. Our quilts may cost more than the Chinese imports, but they are made locally and that is important!"

Folk Festival directors, Mark and Thelia Eaby agree, "We are concerned that not only the quilts are 100% American-made, but all items are also American folk art."

Another popular destination on the Festival grounds is the Hoedown Stage, where Glenn Eckert and his Hayseeds will provide the music and Lester Miller will call the "squares" for his hoedowning and jiggling groups. Several times each afternoon, you may first watch and then participate in some toe-tapping fun.

For additional information on the Kutztown Folk Festival, write Kutztown Folk Festival; 461 Vine Lane; Kutztown, PA. 19530; or call toll-free 1-800-447-9269.



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