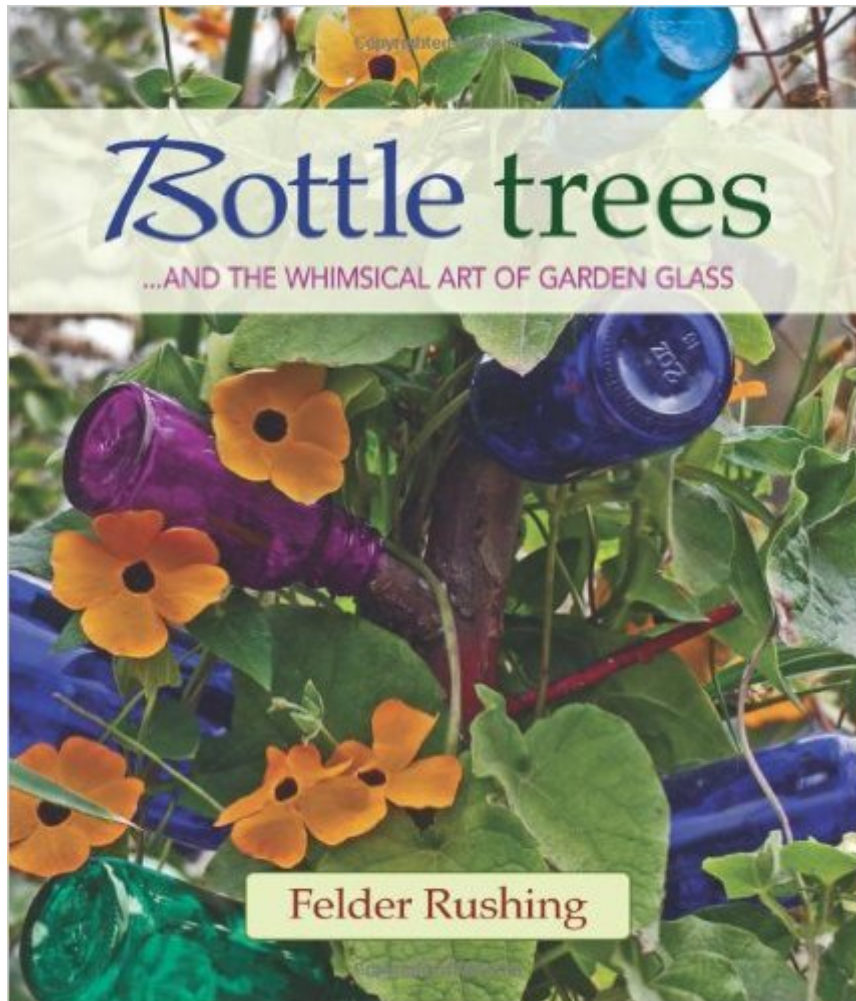


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# Bottle Trees: ...and The Whimsical Art Of Garden Glass



## Synopsis

Originally meant to trap bad spirits, bottle trees arrived in the U.S. with the African slave trade and first took root in the South. Now it's a popular art form, a national phenomenon that's showing up at garden shows, craft fairs and farmers markets. Garden writer and photographer Felder Rushing has encountered thousands of bottle trees and other glass garden art in his travels across America and around the world. In *BOTTLE TREES* he presents 60 of his favorites, from the backyards of Mississippi to the Chelsea Flower Show to the glass fantasies of Dale Chihuly. With humor and affection he tells the stories behind the photographs: the history and lore of bottle trees and glass sculpture, and the inspired people who make them.

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## Customer Reviews

I purchased this book through . It is such a beautiful book. I enjoyed reading all of the stories of Mr. Felder's journey through many gardens. Bottle Trees have a very long history and he makes you feel like you are present in each garden. What magnificent art! It makes you want to run out and start your very own tree. So many ways to express yourself in this "whimsical art of garden glass". I hope this is just the beginning of many books to come of his journeys of bottle trees.

I preordered this book and anxiously awaited it's arrival. It is so inspiring...I can't decide what type of bottle tree to build first! It makes me want to hit the road in search of bottle trees everywhere.

I wish this book had been more than a photo book. I wish it gave written information for the trees I saw inside. However, to be honest, the photos provided lots of info for anyone wanting to duplicate the efforts within. This is more of an inspiration book than a "how to" and anyone considering its purchase should check out the book size and page count and contrast it to the price to see if you think it is worth the money. Given a choice, I think I would have gotten it used rather than new.

I first saw a bottle tree in Felder's *Passalong Plants* (another great title) and wanted to make one myself. *Bottle Trees* inspired my husband and me to get out all those blue glass bottles we had been saving over the years in the garage and get to work on a small cherry tree in the front yard which had died over the winter. The book has so many illustrations and ideas for all sizes and styles of bottle trees, as well as beautiful glass yard art. There is little how-to information (you can find some good practical tips on ehow); this book is about giving you the feel for what a bottle tree can be and discovering what appeals to you. Our tree is about half covered with bottles now - we used Harvey's Bristol Creme Sherry bottles, various German wine bottles (Blue Nun is now in blue bottles!) and were thrilled to discover the Bud Platinum bottles in the most amazing cobalt blue. There are even a few teensy blue glass patent medicine bottles. I am now doing my part to add some Bombay Sapphire gin bottles (gorgeous topaz blue!) to the tree. I estimate we will have 50-60 bottles on this tree when we are done. It is beautiful now, but I can't wait to see it after a snowfall! Our next plan is to make a "martini tree!" Thanks, Felder, for the information and inspiration!

I love this book. It gave me the idea for decorating our yard. We made a bottle tree as well as hanging bottles, glass fishing balls, etc. from our mango trees. Our yard is colorful, beautiful and unusual. Plus it's easy to give directions to "the house with the bottle trees". People stop to look at it we always get compliments on it.

I love this little treasure. History of bottle trees is very interesting. Loved the old b+w photos of early trees. Anyone ordering this book will be enthralled by the color photos and folk's imaginations.

Before I bought this book, I was very interested and always have been, with bottle trees. I plan to take inspiration from this book and create my own. I am experienced with glass work, mosaics. Thank you for this book!

Very good book. Deals with the sociology/psychology of the items we place in our yards, not just bottle trees. Written in an approachable, educational manner that encourages gardeners to express themselves through art, as well as understanding the societal meanings of yard art. I would have given it 5 stars, but it just wasn't long enough! This is a very interesting topic and I would like to read more about it.

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