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GREEN TOP TWO – THE FARMERS' MARKET

Have your children ever or tasted freshly picked chocolate mint, rose geranium or lemon basil? How about crisp sugar snap peas, plucked and eaten right off the vine? Nothing compares to the satisfaction of eating delicious, nutrient-rich foods you've grown yourself—and absolutely anyone can do it. If you'd like to teach your children how to grow herbs and veggies, here's a fine opportunity to start them out small, fun and easy: [Green Top Two – The Farmer's Market!](#)

This year's Green Top cottage spotlights organic gardens on wheels, beside a vegetable stand for selling fresh-picked herbs and veggies. Planted with heirloom and non-GMO herbs and vegetables, Green Top's rolling gardens can be moved seasonally to the best growing locations – and the plants will thrive with local “worm tea” and chlorine-free irrigation from the rainwater collection system. The plants already know what to do, and they don't ask for much: just a little loving care, water, and compost.

After having so much fun with Cottages for Kids last year, the [Green Top Gang](#) – architect Gary Justiss, builders Peter and Susan Horn, and expeditors and Rosemary Beach residents Jan and Steve Stevens – couldn't wait to team up again for 2008. Inspiration for the Farmer's Market grew from the Horns' recent efforts with permaculture (permanent agriculture) and edible landscaping at their Seagrove home, and their ongoing interest in micro farming and local self-sufficiency. The Green Top Gang wanted this year's cottage to celebrate the pleasure of growing and eating fresh, organic foods straight from the back yard.

Combining fun, “edutainment” and practicality with the best in green design and building practices, the Green Top Farmer's Market incorporates these elements into an integrated design that will bring some lucky family years of fun:

- Rainwater catchment for chlorine-free irrigation
- Organic gardens in rolling raised beds, fertilized with local “worm tea”
- Heirloom, open-pollinated and non-GMO plant varieties
- Passive cooling with shade and cross-ventilation
- Locally salvaged and recycled construction materials
- Low VOC paints and finishes
- Hands-on educational experience of sustainable food production

And here's a heartfelt wish to you from the Green Top Gang: one lucky family will take home the Farmer's Market, but we'd love to help every child learn to enjoy homegrown produce with a planter wagon or two! For resources to get your family started with organic gardening, permaculture, or micro farming, please contact Artisan's office at 850.231.4604, artisan@gnt.net, or visit the website: www.artisan-builds.com.

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