

NATURE'S WONDERS

Calendars Brighten Every Day

(NAPSA)—As the hours of warm sunshine grow fewer, it's easy to yearn for the spring season—filled with new plantings, the scent of lilacs in the air, and birds alighting on tree branches. To remind us of warmer days to come, nature artist Marjolein Bastin lends her intricate watercolors inspired by nature to four new perpetual calendars for 2003. Bastin, recognized around the world for her ability to observe and capture beauty in the simplest objects in nature, expresses her passion for nature in each piece she designs.

In the cold days of winter, these calendars can offer a way to bring nature indoors. The calendars, part of Hallmark's *Nature's Sketchbook* line of products, feature rotating cubes for month and date. The intricate details are reminders of the countdown to spring. Sculpted in resin, the calendars feature a variety of images from nature: a young rabbit nibbling fresh greens; bright blue, lavender and yellow pansies; a delicate pink rose; as well as gardener's tools—charming watering cans and trowels. Perpetual calendars are a favorite among friends of Bastin and Marjolein



Bright blue, lavender and yellow pansies bring nature indoors with this perpetual calendar.

Bastin herself. The artist keeps one on her own drawing table.

In addition to the four new calendars priced at \$9.95, the *Nature's Sketchbook* line will introduce over 100 new and exciting gift items in 2003. This new collection is full of bold, bright and beautiful florals as well as many of nature's small treasures, encouraging you to discover the beauty of nature each day.

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