

Trumpet Vine

Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania District VII

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I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.



LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM GEESE



FACT: As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an up-lift for the birds following in V-formation.
The whole flock adds 71% greater flying range than if 1 bird flew alone.

LESSON: People who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the strength of one another.

FACT: When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation, and another goose flies at the point position.

LESSON: It pays to take turns doing the hard tasks and sharing leadership.



GCFP/NGC INFORMATION

April 10-12: GCFP Convention at Nittany Lion Inn, State College, PA
"Bee Dazzled"

May 2-7 NGC Convention at Amway Grand Plaza Hotel, Grand Rapids, MI

PUCKETOS GARDEN CLUB

April 4: "Seven Mistakes Home Gardeners Make" with Carol Chernega

May 2: "Intro to Rock Gardening" with Amanda Haney

June 2: Workday at the Park - Gardens Plant Exchange at this meeting

MURRYSVILLE GARDEN CLUB *Annual Spring Plant Sale – Rain or Shine*

*Place: Murrysville Fire Station Pavilion
Sardis Road
Murrysville, PA.*

*Dates: May 5 - 11:30 am to 7 pm
May 6 - 8 am to 7 pm
May 7 - 8 am to 12 noon*

Annuals, perennials, beautiful flower containers, hanging plant baskets, flower pouches, herb containers and special plants from the gardens of our members!!

April 7: "Straw Bale Gardening" with Pat Morgan, Allegheny County Master Gardener.

May 4: "Pollinators" with Macy Cunkelman, Editor and Advertising Manager of Keystone Gardener.

June 2: "The Peony and the Glories of the June Perennial Garden" with Bill Goff, Penn State Master Gardener.

FOREST HILLS GARDEN CLUB

April 7: "The Wonderful World of Orchids," with Demetria Marsh of the Orchid Society of Western Pennsylvania

May 5: "Gardening and Wildlife Compatibility," with Christine Marino, Master Gardener

June 2: "Enhancing Your Life With Herbs," with Andrea Jackson of Piccadilly Herb Club plus "Herbal Lunch With Amy"

The above clubs are the only ones I've had yearbooks or any information from.



- 1: What has a mouth but cannot talk?
 - 2: What kind of room is not in a house?
 - 3: What has teeth but cannot eat?
 - 4: What falls down but never gets hurt?
 - 5: What has a tongue but cannot talk?
- (see answers at end of newsletter)



Greensburg Garden Center's Annual May Mart

"On the Lawn--Gardener's Fare"

Friday, May 6--- 12:00 PM--7:00 PM

Saturday, May 7--9:00 AM--1:00 PM

Featuring vendors offering a variety of garden related items, and more on the front lawn of the Greensburg Garden & Civic Center.

Have a favorite hobby or craft and want a vendor spot? Call us at (724) 837-0245.



Levevre Butterfly Garden Opening

Friday June 10th 10 AM - 3 PM

10:30 Story Time

11:00 Decorate a Butterfly Cookie

12:00 Teddy Bear and Butterfly Picnic

(Bring your favorite Teddy Bear and picnic basket. Drinks provided.)

2:00 Guided Walk and Talk - Plant and Attract Butterflies /Pollinators

ALL DAY

Butterfly Art and Crafts- Help us Decorate the Garden
Make and Takes too!
Butterfly Plant Sale
Saturday June 11th 10 AM - 3 PM
10 am Talk - "Tales of a Butterfly Tickler"
11:00 AM - Reserved Seating for Fairy and Butterfly Tea Party
1:00 PM - Reserved Seating for Fairy and Butterfly Tea Party
ALL DAY
Butterfly Art and Crafts- Help us Decorate the Garden
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JUDY'S JOTTINGS



"Bamboo, I Want You!"



Every year when I roamed around the vendors at the Philadelphia Flower Show, I have been drawn to the Lucky Bamboo Plant booth. Instead of buying a plant last year, I was talked into buying a pillow made of bamboo fibers. That purchase taught me not to talk to strangers! This year I was actually going to purchase my plant, but our annual overnight bus trip was cancelled for not enough participants. Now I am on the lookout for a store to buy one locally!

Lucky Bamboo in Chinese is known as Fu (luck) Gwey (power) Zhu (Bamboo) and is not a bamboo at all, but rather a type of Dracaena. This houseplant needs very little light thus it is perfect for offices or low light parts of homes, but it will not grow well in near darkness. It normally is growing in water, thus it needs to have the water changed weekly. Use only bottled or distilled water or tap water left out for 24 hours.

The plant will need at least 1 to 3 inches of water before it has grown roots. Once it has grown roots, be sure to keep them covered by water. As the plant grows, increase the amount of water it grows in. The higher up the stalk the water goes, the higher up the stalk the roots will grow. A healthy bamboo plant's roots are red in color. Try adding a small drop of liquid fertilizer when changing the water to help the plant grow.

The meaning of Lucky Bamboo plays an important role as a living example of the Feng Shui elements of water, wood and earth. Luck from the living earth is the basis of Feng Shui. It believes that if we live in harmony with the environment and our natural surroundings, we will be rewarded with benevolent energies that bring good fortune and abundance. Bamboo attracts auspicious chi energy. Since the bamboo plant is strong, it can energize your home. Never place plants in a bedroom, even if it is a lucky bamboo. This creates too much yang energy. One of the best locations to place the plant is in the east or south sector of your home or office. Watch placement around pets or small children as the leaves are mildly toxic

Much of the luck that is associated with bamboo comes from the number of stalks branched together or woven together into an arrangement. The more stalks in the planter, the greater the blessings of good fortune and luck.

Here is the Lucky Bamboo Stalk Fortune Chart:

LUCKY LOG – This is a certain kind of bamboo that looks like a log with no roots. You'll want to place one end in water so it can grow leaves and continuously produce new leaves. It is symbolic of a strong life that is filled with prosperity. This plant is a favorite for businesses to give as gifts, especially to other businesses.

TWO BAMBOO STALKS – Given as an expression of love. This number also is said to double your luck.

THREE BAMBOO STALKS – The plant of three bamboo stalks is the most favorite combination to have in the home. It brings happiness – long life and wealth.

FOUR BAMBOO STALKS – You'll never find a four-stalked bamboo plant in the Chinese culture. It is associated with death. It means you're giving the recipient a death wish!
Don't accept one of these!!!!

FIVE BAMBOO STALKS – With the number five, there's one stalk for every area of your life that can bring you wealth. It wishes you wealth in the following areas of your life – Emotional – Intuitive – Mental – Physical and Spiritual.
Accept one of these!

SIX BAMBOO STALKS – Six stalks of bamboo attracts prosperity and advantages to achieve greater wealth.
Accept one of these!

The chart goes up to 21 bamboo stalks. Check in a Feng Shui book for the meanings of the numbers from 7 to 21.

Many people give this kind of plant for housewarming gifts, birthdays, anniversaries, grand openings, award achievements and other occasions. Receiving this plant as a gift increases your luck. They are available with an elaborate woven lattice design or individual stalks tied together with red ribbon. Never give just one stalk, unless it is the lucky log. Your luck increases when the plant is given to you, not if you buy one for yourself!

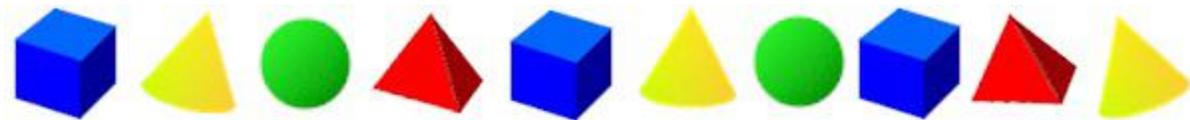
I recently went on a search for a place to locate lucky bamboo plants in my area. Loew's did have a few plants. The clerk actually looked at me strangely, as I was peering closely at the plants to count the stalks. No plant with 4 stalks for me! Most of the plants I saw had 6 stalks planted in dirt and were priced at \$12.98. Using my chart, this store was selling a positive lucky choice. They were also selling 1 stalk plants in a water vial for \$3.48. Remember to always buy at least 2 stalks. Wal Mart also carried some plants around this same price range.

Lucky Bamboo plants can be grown in dirt, but make sure that the container has good drainage. Water the plant frequently, but do not allow it to become waterlogged.

I still want a Lucky Bamboo Plant, but I need someone to give it to me as a gift for maximum effect. I would like my plant growing in water. Any takers??????

Bamboo, I Want You!

Submitted by: Judith Schaffer
Pucketos Garden Club



ANSWERS: 1: River, 2: mushroom; 3: comb; 4: snow; 5: shoe



I would appreciate feed-back as to whether it is worth printing the Trumpet Vine since there seems to be little to no contributions and perhaps Marilyn's "Events Calendar" is all that is needed.

Thanks