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Spring Is In the Air

"Spring is nature's way
of saying, "Let's party!""

~ Robin Williams ~



Carol Channing, a
guest once said,
'What the Vatican is
to Catholics, Ten
Chimneys is to
actors.'"



Alfred Lunt
and
Lynn Fontanne

What is Fair Trade?

Fair Trade is a movement dedicated to making sure that producers in developing countries are paid a fair price for the goods we consume. The fair trade movement has its roots in the United States in the mid-1940s. Under fair trade arrangements, less money goes to "middlemen" and more goes to the producer, usually an independent farmer, member of a small co-

operative or an artisan. You know that more of your money is helping to improve the incomes of regular people. The main products are coffee, tea, cocoa, clothing and crafts.

Some of the key elements of fair trade are women's work is properly valued and rewarded, a safe and healthy working environment is provided and it helps producer's stay independent.

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Ten Chimney's Estate

Home of Theatre Legend Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne

The Ten Chimney's Estate is the home of theatre legends Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne. Their careers spanned from the 1920's thru the 1960's. The 60 acre estate is located in Genesee Depot, Wisconsin, 30 miles from Milwaukee, WI. Alfred Lunt purchased the land in 1914 after coming into an inheritance from his father. Alfred spent time as a child on family picnics in the small Wisconsin town. The name Ten Chimneys comes from the number of chimneys on the Main House, the Cottage and

the Studio combined.

The design of the buildings and property shows the theatre greats unique personalities. The rooms of the home are like a stage every detail carefully crafted.

The couple spent summers there while performing and after they retired they lived there full time. Many famous people visited the estate. Some of the guests include Noel Coward, Helen Hayes, Laurence Olivier, Alexander Woollcott, and Katherine Hepburn.

The Estate has tours

available. It's a unique experience to travel back in time and it is right in our own back yard.

Visit the website
www.tenchimneys.org
to learn more.



The Main House in Summer

Decorative Ideas with Vases

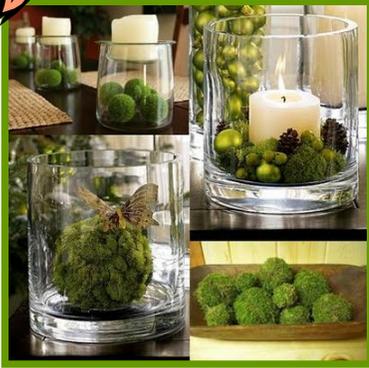
15 Ideas for Creative Vase Fillers

A great way to dress up any décor ~

1. **Vase Gems** – translucent or opaque
2. **Sand** – natural or colored
3. **Seashells & Sea Glass**
4. **Rice** – brown, white, wild, basmati, etc.
5. **Coffee Beans** – a natural organic choice
6. **Candy** – hard candies, lollipops, gum balls, or licorice

7. **Fruit** – whole fruits, fruit slices or wax fruit
8. **Ornaments** – perfect for the holiday season
9. **Potpourri** - modern mixes that incorporate decorative ball shapes
10. **Marbles**
11. **Dry Noodles** - opt for interesting shapes like bow tie, butterflies, corkscrews, shells, and wheels.
12. **River Rocks, Stones & Pebbles** – many inexpensive options available
13. **Ti Leaves** – line the inside walls of the vases or bowls

14. **Plastic Crystals & Acrylic Diamonds** – several colors & styles available
15. **Decorative Moss** – loose moss or decorative moss balls and cobbles



“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.”

~ Albert Einstein ~

Cork Flooring A Natural Flooring Trend

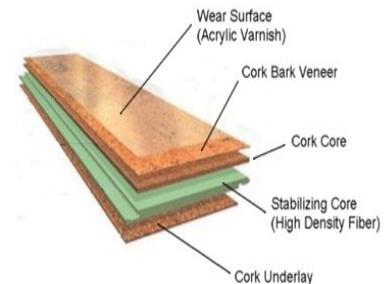
The trend toward green and sustainable interiors has given us a variety of low-cost, renewable resources like concrete, bamboo and even cork. Natural cork flooring has a unique look and offers insulating properties.

Cork flooring is favored by those who want to save money, the environment, and themselves from allergens. The trees cork is harvested from are not harmed in the process, leaving them ready to be harvested again in a number of years. Cork is hypoallergenic unlike many carpets and sub surfaces used in homebuilding. Many building products can lead unknowingly to health concerns of the homeowner.

Cork itself is a softer material than solid wood, but the finished product can withstand all kinds of abuse. Cork floors are set on top of a high-density fiberboard base and topped with cured acrylic to reduce scratches and dents.

Cork has a natural beauty rivaled by few other natural materials. It comes in many colors and different manufacturers provide various tile shapes and patterns. Cork floors have been used in public buildings such as churches and libraries since 1898, long before residential applications.

Enjoy the unique beauty and health benefits of cork flooring.



Sample Cork Floor Construction



Thank you for reading my spring edition.

Call today for an appointment to freshen up your home or office. Spring is a great time to make changes.

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