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Flower Symbolism

Many flowers have important symbolic meanings in Western culture. The practice of assigning meaning to flowers is known as FLORIOGRAPHY. Some of the more common examples include:

- Red roses are given as a symbol of love, beauty, and passion.
- Poppies are a symbol of consolation in time of death. In the UK, Australia and Canada, red poppies are worn to commemorate soldiers who have died in times of war.
- Irises/Lily are used in burials as a symbol referring to "resurrection/life". It is also associated with stars (sun) and its petals blooming/shinning.
- Daisies are a symbol of innocence.

Tips for Controlling Allergens in Your Home:

- *Change air filters monthly in heating and air conditioning systems
- *Install an air purifier
- *Keep windows and doors closed during heavy pollen seasons.
- *Rid your home of indoor plants and other sources of mildew.
- *Wear a pollen mask when moving grass or house cleaning.
- *Observe general good health practices and don't forget your scheduled dose of antihistamine or decongestants

FLOWERS FLOWERS FLOWERS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

In modern times, people have sought ways to cultivate, buy, wear, or just be around **flowers** and blooming plants, partly because of their agreeable smell. Around the world people use flowers for a wide range of events and functions that, cumulatively, encompass one's lifetime:

For new births or Christenings

As a corsage or boutonniere to be worn at social functions or for holidays

For wedding flowers for the bridal party, and decorations for the hall

As brightening decorations within the home

As a gift of remembrance for bon voyage parties, welcome home parties, and thinking of you gifts

For funeral flowers and expressions of sympathy for the grieving

Don't Blame Flowers For Your Spring Allergies

This spring, pollen from blooming trees and plants will join other allergens in affecting over 45 million Americans. However, just because you might be sensitive to pollen, it does not mean you have to avoid those spring flowers that are appearing on every corner; colorful or fragrant flowering plants rarely cause allergy because their pollens are too heavy to be airborne.



LORI'S CORNER

As many of you know I am a bowling fanatic. This month I want to encourage you to go bowling. Please visit Brasslums Bowling Center and use the enclosed buy one get one game free coupon Bowl a STRIKE or two for me!



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REAL ESTATE GOES COLD IN NV, CA, AZ! IS THE SAME COLD TURN HEADED FOR UTAH?

This was the headline printed in our newsletter Spring 2007. As we have heard through the media and other sources, Utah home Sales have now gone *cold*. In fact home sales are down 42 percent in SL County as compared to the first quarter of 2007. These startling numbers are finally starting to take their toll on *selling prices*. In many areas of the State, selling prices declined. Some zip code areas are down 1% other areas fell as much as 30%. With home prices taking a backward step, many home owners may find themselves "upside-down", owing more on their mortgages than what their homes are worth. The results may be a glut of homes in the marketplace, communities spotted with empty houses and For Sale Signs, and foreclosure rates on the rise. This whole Real Estate mess that Utah finds its self in, is mostly due to risky loans and risky real estate deals. SLTribune 4/24/08

Here's the good news! Interest rates are still low, Utah's economy is strong, Utah's population and jobs are on the rise, and home inventory is high. These factors should help make the real estate downturn relatively mild. This is great news for buyers especially. This type of market adds flexibility in negotiating price and sales terms. The Utah Association of Realtors has been telling consumers to "GET THE FACTS" from a licensed agent in your area. Consumers can feel confident about buying a home in Utah. Long term results are proven!

When you want to talk about your specific Real Estate situation,
be sure to solicit advice from real estate professionals like
CURTIS & LORI. They have the experience you deserve!