

# front porch news

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# "I Wonder What They're Asking..."

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#### **Rebus & Canting Arms**

You've seen coats of arms from medieval times. Did you know that many of them are visual puns (called a rebus) rather than any sort of display of power?

For example, this shield represents Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon (Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother). It doesn't depict the

power of lions or the skillful use of the bow and arrow. Instead, it's simply a pun, also known as a cant, using lions and bows to represent the name, Bowes-Lyon.

## **April Quiz Question**

What is special about this series of numbers: 8591730?

Word play like this was common in the middle ages when secret messages were often written as rebuses. Can you guess the phrases represented by these modern day rebuses? (Answers on page 2.)

- ban ana
- ecnalg
- noon lazy
- pas
- gesg
- millio1n

# Some Colors Go Together Better than Others

Here's Why...

Both science and and conventional color wisdom say that colors on opposite sides of a color wheel—complementary colors—look good together in your home decor.

The most common sets of complementary colors are red and green, yellow and purple, and orange and blue, derived from the Red-Yellow-Blue color model. If



you use a different color model, you'll have different sets of complementary colors. For instance, in the *additive* color model, the complements are green and magenta, red and cyan, and blue and yellow. (IKEA, anyone?)

Complementary colors work because different types of cones (photoreceptor cells) in your eye perceive different colors of light. If you stare at a block of color and then quickly look at a white wall, you'll see a faint afterimage in the complementary color. For instance, if you stare at a blue square, after a while the cells in your eye that process blue light will become fatigued, making the signal they send to your brain weaker. Since that part of the visual spectrum is suppressed, when you look at a white wall after staring at the blue square, you'll see a faint orange afterimage—the complimentary color.

So what does this mean for your decor? It means that combinations of primary and complementary colors are dynamic together. Choose a color model to start with, then pick a complementary pair to decorate around.

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## Rebus (from page 1)

- ban ana = banana split
- noon lazy = lazy afternoon
- gesg = scrambled eggs
- ecnalg = backward glance
- pas = incomplete pass
- millio1n = one in a million

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 Last Month's Quiz: Which character is first to speak in the original "Star Wars" movie?

Answer: C3PO.

Congratulations to last month's winner!

Tim Cantwell



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