

HOUSE PLANTS

I have a story to tell about my houseplant that is a ficus tree. I (the ego) knew where I wanted it placed when I bought it at a garage sale right after I bought my house. I had it in the windowed corner of the living room for a few months; then it started dropping yellow leaves. I moved it to the sunroom. Again it was OK for a few months but then started dropping yellow leaves again. I moved it to the covered deck for the summer. Again it was OK for a while; then the yellow leaves appeared again (Could this be my plant's notion of tears?). FINALLY, I thought to dowse and ask it where it wanted to be. It wanted to be just inside the doorway in the living room. My son said, "Mom, it'll be too cold there in the winter when the front door opens." I said that was where it wanted to be. It was at this time that I found it had a name as well - Mary Katherine. I also figured out that Mary Katherine is a social being and wanted to be in the living room in that spot where she can see all who enter even though they may not go in the living room and when company comes, that is where we usually spend time. She likes to be around the humans!

This winter I injured my ankle badly and could not get to the living room for 2 weeks. When I finally did, she was dropping yellow leaves again. I asked my friend Peggy to check it out. She said Mary Katherine was sad because I was hurt and couldn't get around! So...I had some catching up to do in talking to Mary Katherine and spending time in the living room. Isn't life surprising?!!!

Just as you can dowse for yourself or your pets, you can also dowse (dialogue) with your houseplants. The following are some questions you might want to use in talking to your plants.

- Ask: *Which room do you want to be placed in? Living room, dining room, bedroom, office, etc.?* There may be more than one. If so, ask: *Is one better than the other?*
- Once you've determined which room the plant desires, stand in the doorway to that room and ask pendulum to swing in the direction of the place it wants to reside. Or just ask: *Do you want to be on this side of the room, or that side of the room, etc.?* Keep asking until you get the most desired spot. Keep in mind there may be more than one.
- Now ask: *Do you want to be placed on the floor? On a table? or mantle, etc.?*
- Ask: *Do you want anything in particular placed next or near to you? another plant? a crystal? a picture? a mirror? a lamp?* When you've identified the "type" of thing, ask: *Is this the correct one?*
- Ask: *Will you need/want to be moved to a different location periodically? monthly? seasonally? on a whim?*
- Ask: *How often do you need water? daily? every other day? weekly?*
- Ask: *How much water do you need? # of ounces?*
- Ask: *What type of water do you need? tap? distilled? pure spring water? BioGenesis Wings water? water energized with color or a crystal?*
- Ask: *Is there anything I can do for you? Do you need water, fertilizer, a color, crystal, music, a treat (M&M's, etc.), sing, hug?*
- Ask: *Do you have a name?* If YES, GET CREATIVE to find it out. If NO, ask: *Do you want a name?* If NO, forget it! If YES, GET CREATIVE! Ask: *Is this a good name for you?*