

# BAMBOO

A Display Division exhibit, organized thematically, telling the story of bamboo and its relations to nature and man.



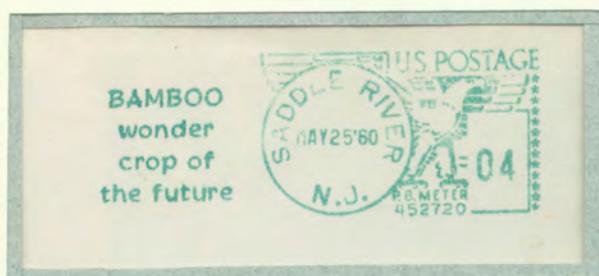
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# 1. INTRODUCTION Hi there and welcome to the wonderful world of bamboo!



## 1.1 BAMBOO BASICS First let us learn the language and terminology of the bamboo plant.

Culms - are probably the most easily recognizable visual feature of bamboo. Culms are the aerial vegetative axes of grasses including bamboos. Each culm arises directly from the apex of a rhizome.



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Culm diameter may vary from less than .5cm to over 20cm.

Typical Culm Cross Sections  
(*Bambusa vulgaris* cv. *Vitatta*)

<- Between Nodes

At Internode ->



## 1.1 BAMBOO BASICS

**Culms** - Vary in height from less than .5m to over 35m depending on the species and cultural conditions.

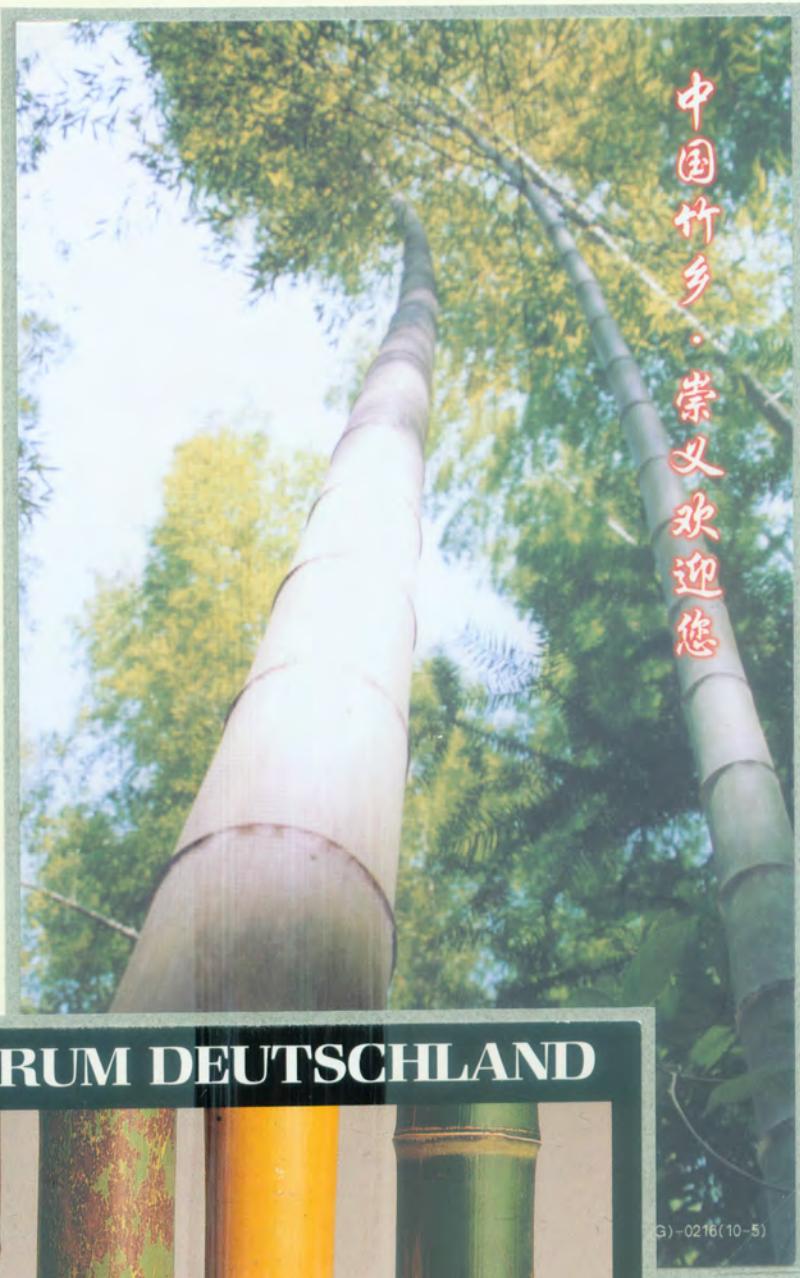
(*Dendrocalamus sinicus*) - a tropical -> giant and probably the tallest bamboo in China. Culm height can reach 30m.

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The cold-hardy *Sasa* species do not exceed 3m in height.  
(*Sasa quelpartensis*)



Culms exist in a variety of colors and with varying node spacing.



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## 1.1 BAMBOO BASICS

Foliage Leaves - are required for photosynthesis like any other plant. Leaf size varies from 3cm to 30cm.

Unidentified Species



L to R ->

*Bambusa vulgaris* cv. Wamini

*Bambusa multiplex* cv. Alphonse Karr

*Pseudosasa palmata*



Probably Moso (*Phyllostachys pubescens*)



**Bambous : porte bonheur du nouvel an chinois**

Planche de 25 timbres à 130F

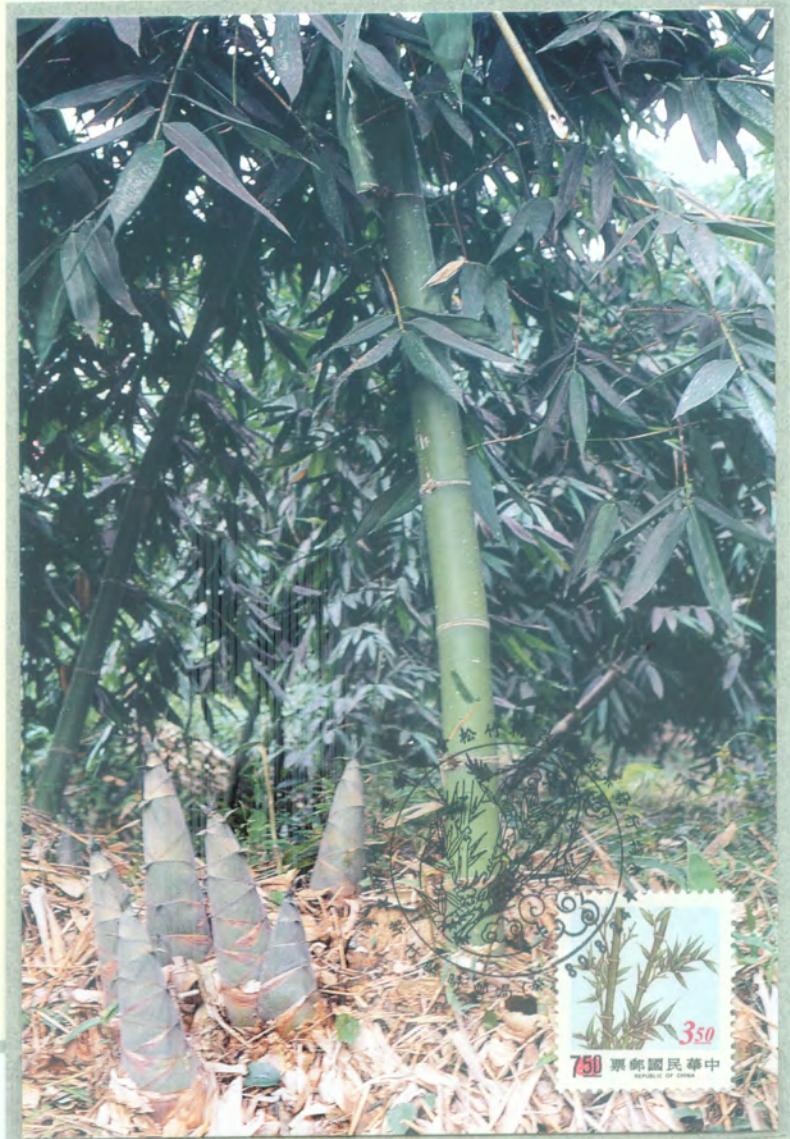
## 1.1 BAMBOO BASICS

**Shoots** - young growing culms. Bamboos are some of the fastest growing plants on the earth. Some species may grow up to 1 meter per day.



All unidentified species.

More on edible bamboo shoots when we get to 3.1.1 Bamboo in the Kitchen



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## 1.1 BAMBOO BASICS

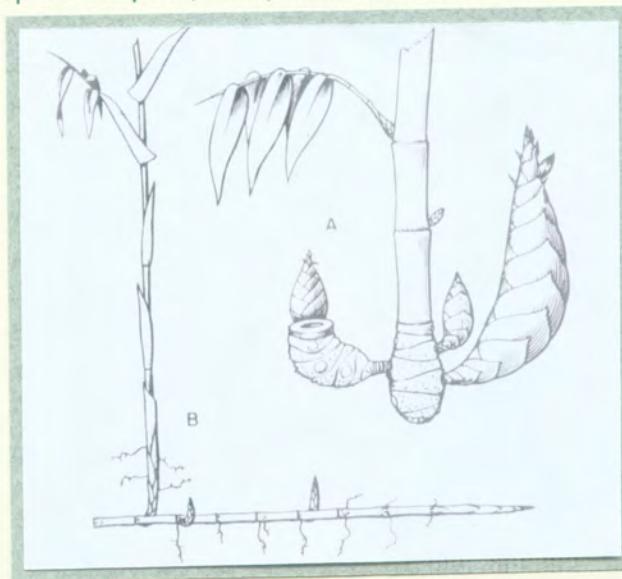
**Rhizomes** - are complete underground stems or the basal portion of stems.

Note how the shoots emerge from the rhizome. For this exhibit, we will consider only temperate runners (sympodial rhizome) and tropical clumpers (monopodial rhizome). Intermediate forms exist.

A typical runner



*Phyllostachys aurea*



A typical clumper



*Bambusa ventricosa*

**Culm Leaves** - are homologous to foliage leaves but are modified for protection rather than growth. They protect the emerging shoot from mechanical and pest damage. Also known as culm sheathes. The 'hairs' on many species makes excellent itching powder.



## 1.2 CLASSIFICATION AND DISTRIBUTION

Bamboos are classified and organized by the binomial system of nomenclature of Carl Linneaus.



At least seventy-six genera, of which approximately twenty-nine are of economic importance, and twelve to fifteen hundred species, have been identified.

Bamboos are native to all continents except Europe and Antarctica.



Limits of native bamboos in black.

A sampling of bamboos from around the world.



*Dendrocalamus asper*



Various unidentified species from China.



*Schizostachyum brachycladum*



*Phyllostachys* sp.



*Arundinaria racemosa*



*Bambusa nutans*



*Phyllostachys* sp.

## 1.2 CLASSIFICATION AND DISTRIBUTION

Despite an abundance of bamboos throughout the tropical world, its importance has been all but ignored by postal authorities in the countries of Africa, the Indian subcontinent and islands in the Pacific.



The same is true in the Americas.

A bamboo walk  
in Jamaica ...

A solitary sloth on  
a Guadua culm.

Postcard publishers to the rescue...  
A country road in Trinidad.



A bamboo glade in Jamaica.



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## 1.3 HORTICULTURE

Bamboo lovers in North America have a wide variety of temperate and tropical bamboos to choose from.

The American Bamboo Society is dedicated to spreading information on bamboos.

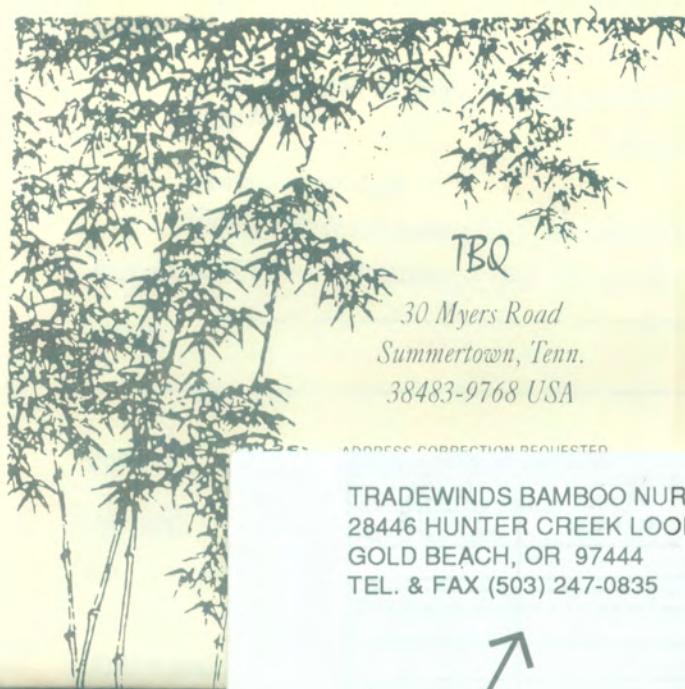
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Growers of temperate bamboos have their own study groups and nurseries.  
Check out the latest issue of Temperate Bamboo Quarterly.



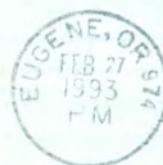
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Philip J. Stager



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New Note:  
New Address!

Tradewinds Bamboo Nursery  
is one of the few nurseries  
that specialize in temperate  
bamboos. Over 35 species  
are on this price list.

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Tropical clumping bamboos grow well in Florida and Hawaii...  
in botanical gardens ...



in the exhibitor's  
yard ...



...or outside your house.



leaf and  
split culm of  
*Bambusa multiplex*  
cv. Alphonse Karr

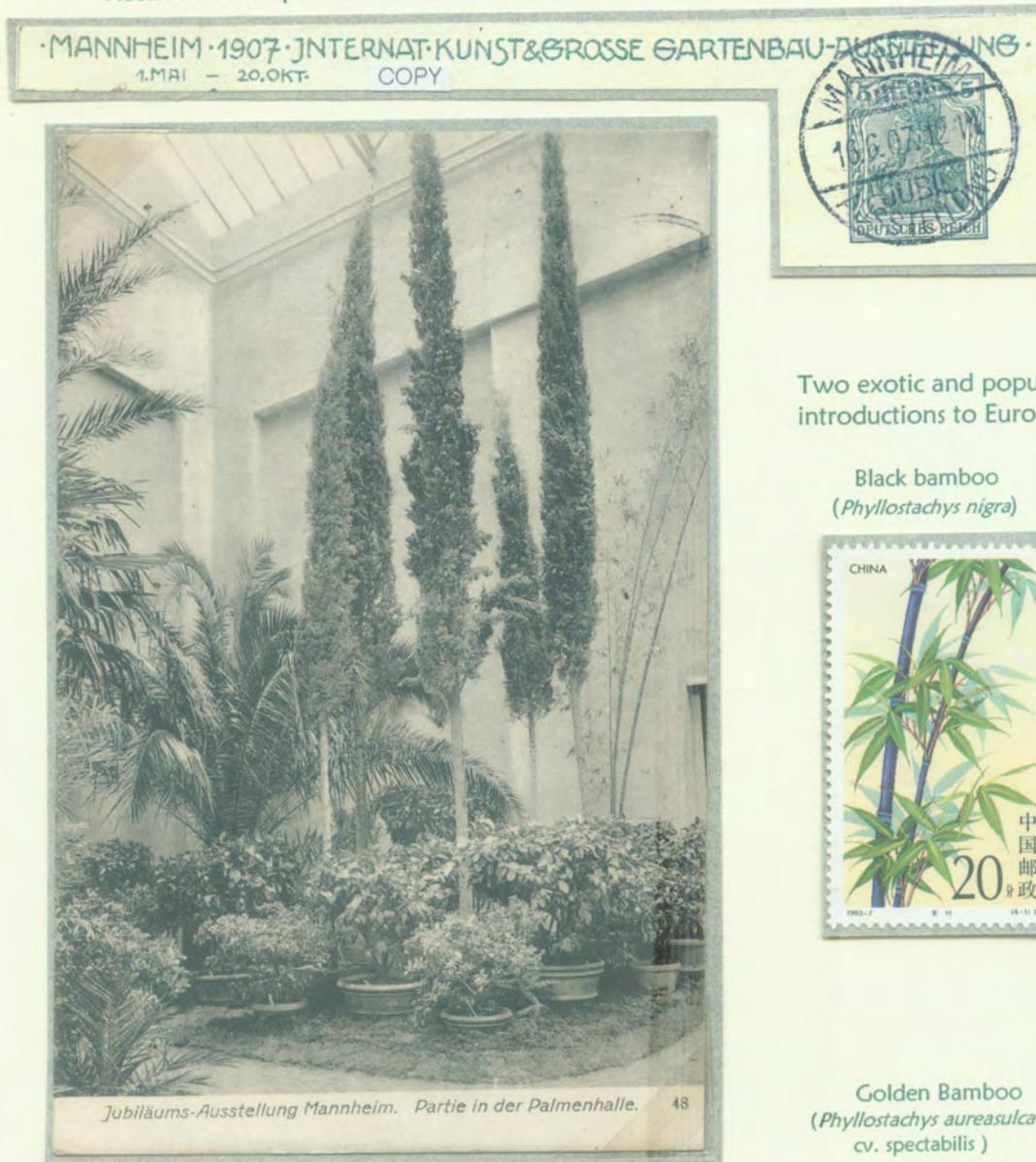


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## 1.3 HORTICULTURE

Bamboos are grown in gardens east and west.

Many temperate species were introduced to Europe through Botanical Fairs and Expositions.  
Recall that Europe had no native bamboos; all are introduced species.



Two exotic and popular introductions to Europe:

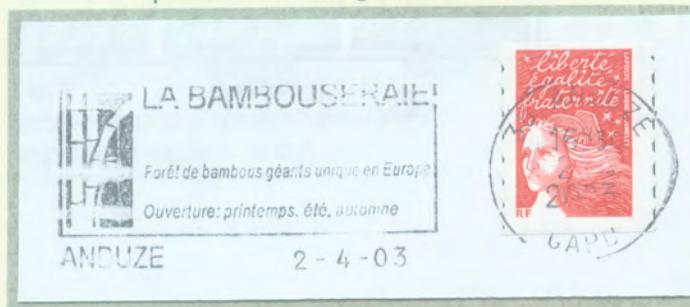
Black bamboo  
(*Phyllostachys nigra*)



Golden Bamboo  
(*Phyllostachys aureosulcata*  
cv. *spectabilis*)



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## Gard à vivre



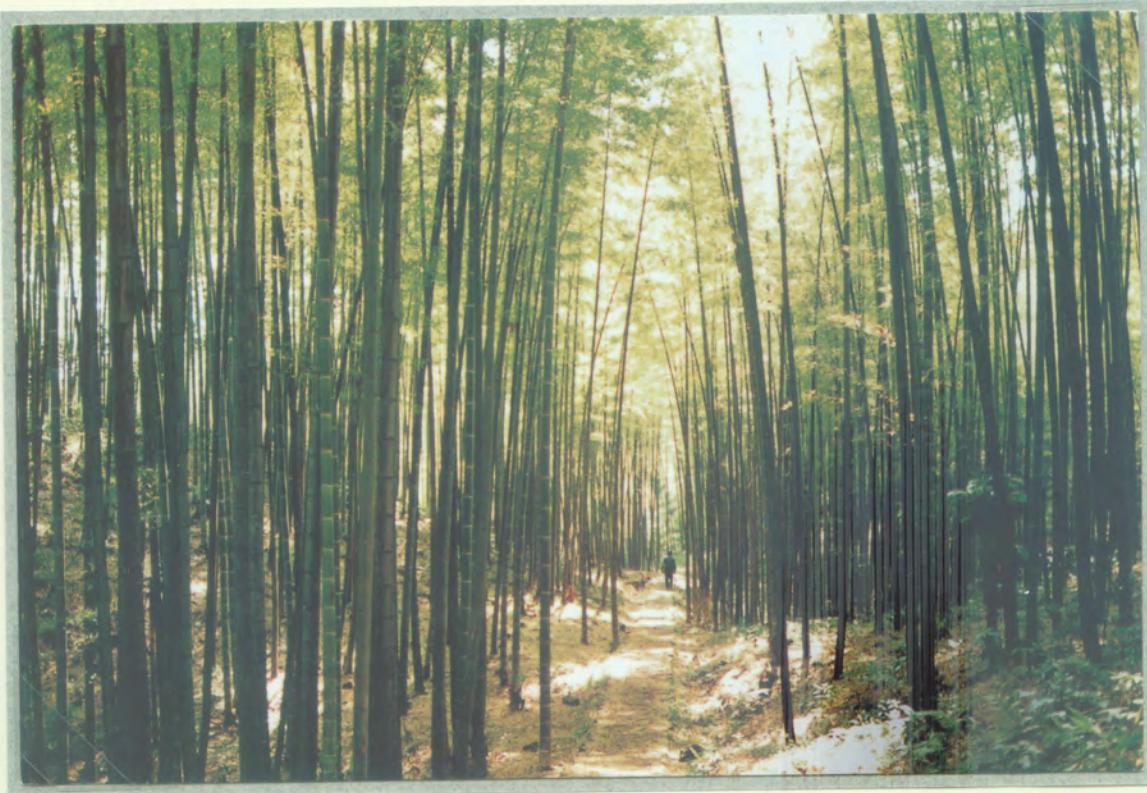
Bambouseraie de Prafrance



## 1.3 HORTICULTURE

Many gardens in China and Japan feature bamboo extensively.

Stroll through the bamboo (probably *Phyllostachys heterocycla*) in Zhuhai Park, Zhuhai City, China ...



Indicium  
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...or enjoy a quiet moment in a park in Shaoxing.



2001 New Year Greeting and Lottery Postal Card.

## 1.3 HORTICULTURE

Culms of Moso bamboo (*Phyllostachys heterocycla*) at the entrance to a temple.

The young shooting culms indicate that spring has arrived.



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Join these ladies for a stroll through a bamboo forest on Mogi Road near Nagasaki.



Published by Y. Sato, Nagasaki.

...but remember your phone card.

## 2. BAMBOO AND NATURE

Bamboo provides shelter, nesting material, and forage for animals as different as ...

a mountain gorilla



this tiny tarsier



... and tropical birds of all sorts ...



... this Japanese Jabolaki (*Phoenicurus auroreus*)...



Normal Wmk.



Sideways Wmk.

.. and these domestic ducks.



Indium (COPY) MIHON Overprint

Note the sprig of bamboo at the bottom and the bamboo fan in the U.L.



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## 2. BAMBOO AND NATURE

In Southeast Asia, the mighty elephants go where they want in the bamboo ...



...the rest of us should  
be alert for snakes on  
the ground and in the  
bamboo...



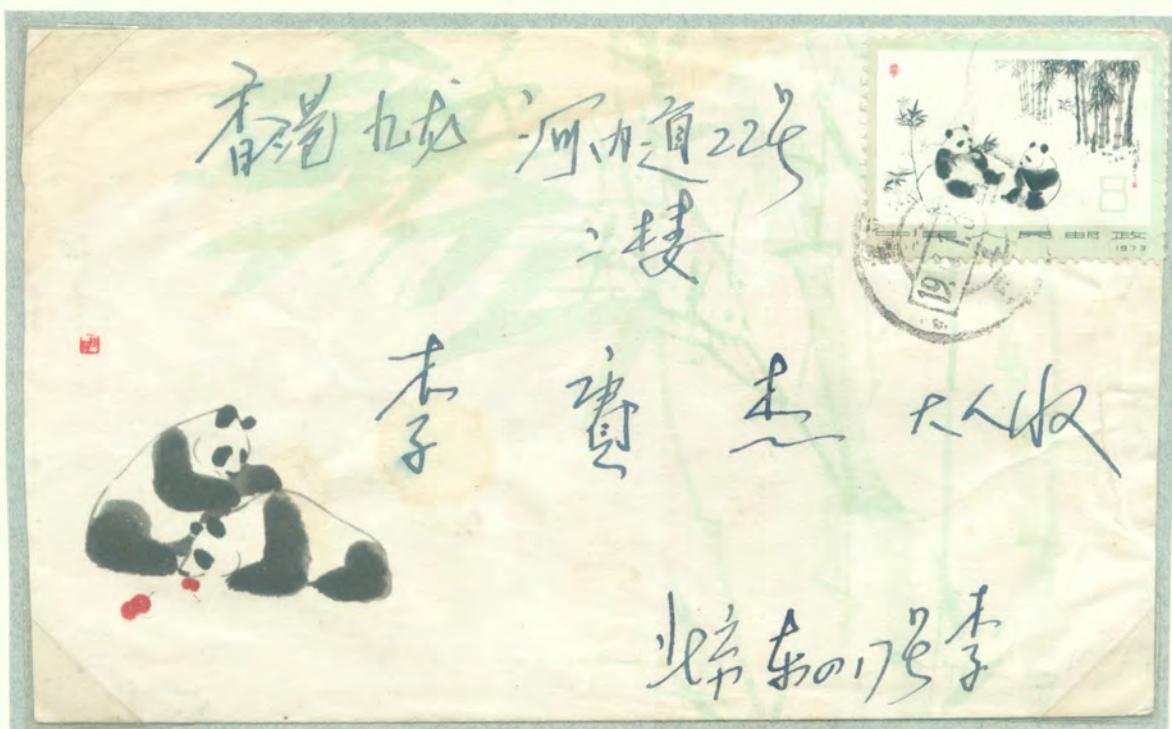
## 2. BAMBOO AND NATURE

... and now the one animal you most frequently associate with bamboo - THE PANDA !  
More correctly, the giant panda (*Ailuropoda melanoleuca*), an endangered species ...



The Three Bears!

... whose natural range is in the western mountains in China where in isolated bamboo groves in coniferous forests they spend their time raising the young and ...



Beijing to Hong Kong , 1973

... teaching them to eat bamboo, then sleeping and eating, and eating and eating more bamboo ...



## 2. BAMBOO AND NATURE

The bamboo munching pandas are major attractions at zoos in the West...



...honored at a Panda Festival in Chengdu, China ...



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... but would prefer to remain unmolested in their bamboo forests.

### 3. BAMBOO AND MAN

Bamboo's uses are limited by the availability of raw material and by one's imagination and creativity.

**3.1 BAMBOO AT HOME** People have used bamboo for, in, and throughout their houses and homes.

Bamboo is adaptable to a wide variety of local architectural styles.



A bamboo house shaded by a bamboo grove.



Bamboo is used in many kinds of furniture.

#### **Stools and benches for the peasants.**

A formal chair for Chairman Mao.



### 3.1 BAMBOO AT HOME

Homeowners East and West use bamboo for screening and window treatments.



Sheet Stamp



Coil or Booklet Stamp



Modern style bamboo furniture and bamboo flooring have become popular in the West.  
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Cross section and small sample of typical laminated bamboo flooring.



### 3.1 BAMBOO AT HOME

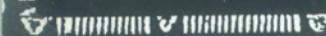
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### 3.1.1 BAMBOO BASKETS

Skilled craftsman can fabricate bamboo into a wide variety of utilitarian or decorative baskets.



So let's go to the local basket market ...



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... where we can find a wide variety from around the world,  
including these Thai baskets on sale - five for 10 baht!



Booklet and stamps issued for Letter Writing Week.  
Sheet stamps were broken into strips of 5 with selavage, L or R, for attaching to covers.

### 3.1.1 BAMBOO BASKETS

Bamboo is frequently combined with rattan (a genus of spiny climbing palms) to form a variety of utilitarian and decorative baskets.



Bamboo culms & basket



Bamboo culms (UL) and Rattan canes (LL)



Rice Thresher & Basket

#### THE UTILITARIAN



Hand Basket



Rice Baskets



<- A Basket for Your Cormorant  
and  
Baskets to Haul the Fish ->



#### THE DECORATIVE

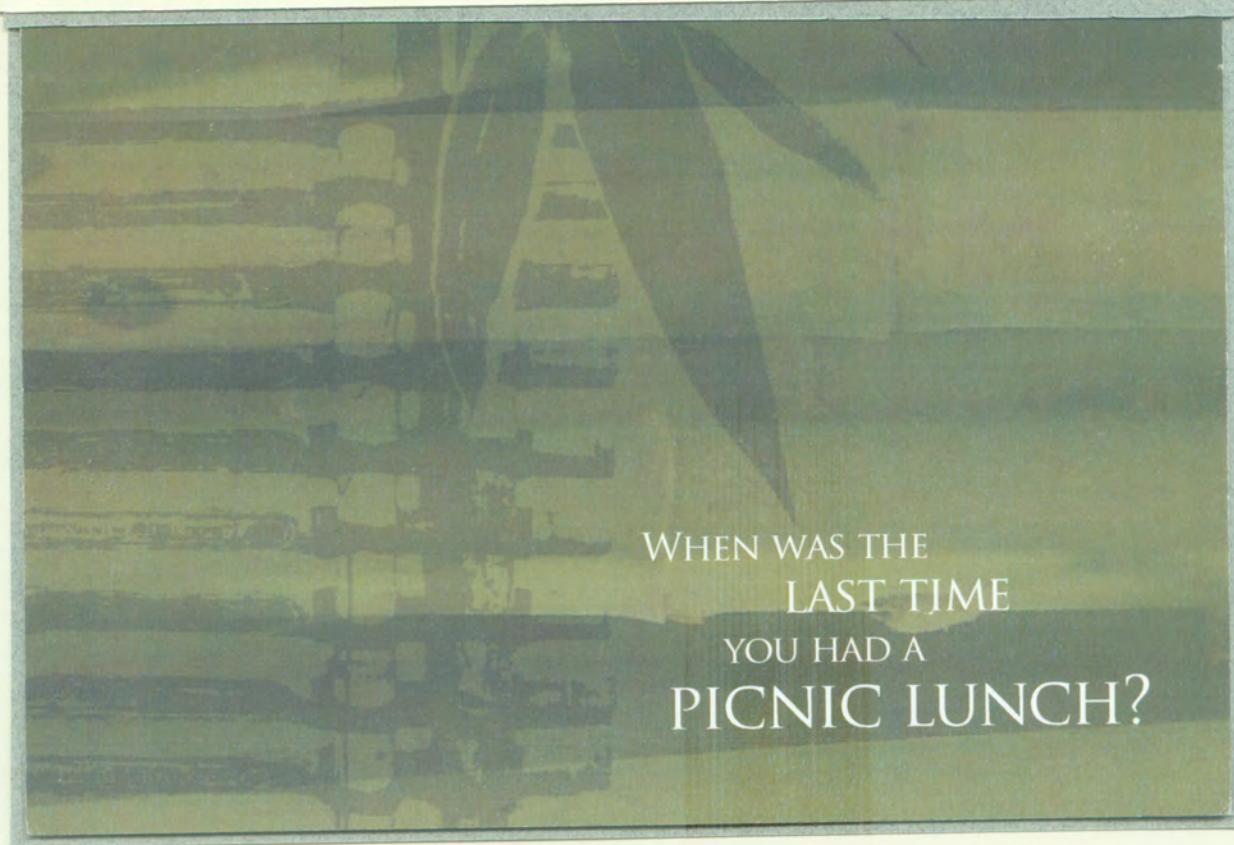


A wide variety from Thai artisans.

### 3.1.2 BAMBOO IN THE KITCHEN

Let us take a lunch break while we continue exploring the world of bamboo.

Please join us at the Ichimura Miami-Japan Garden for their first year anniversary celebration.



Some traditional Japanese food would be nice...  
Note the bamboo basket and bamboo skewers for the grilled fish.

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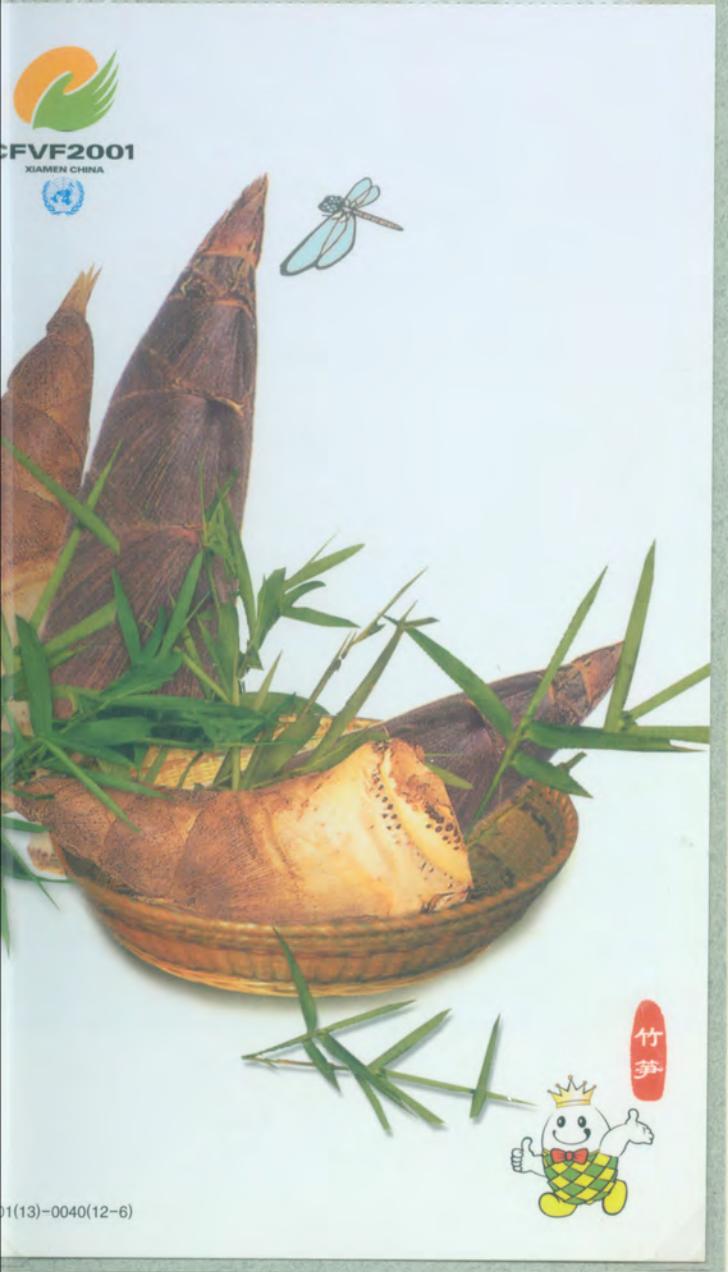
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Bamboo shoots are an important vegetable in Oriental cuisines.

A bamboo basket full of fresh bamboo shoots  
(*Asparagus officinalis*) is NOT the correct name for any bamboo.



Ready for harvest...



harvesting shoots



Bamboo shoots and various fish on a traditional Japanese wood block print.



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### 3.1.2 BAMBOO IN THE KITCHEN

A table full of dim sum. Chopped bamboo shoots in the dumplings - which are then cooked in a bamboo steamer - and then eaten with bamboo chopsticks.



Looking for Oriental food closer to home? then try the BAMBOO INN ... conveniently located in Cornwall, Ontario or Chicago, Illinois.



### 3.1.2 BAMBOO IN THE KITCHEN

Two of the more unusual bamboo edibles must be ...

BAMBOO COONS from the National Candy Co., Inc.

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## 3.2 BAMBOO FOR ENGINEERS

Builders and engineers have used bamboo for and in a wide variety of structures.

Bamboo has been used in bridge construction from ...

primitive bridges  
across streams ↓

to this elegant suspension bridge →  
which used woven bamboo cables



Undivided Back Card Saigon Central, Cochinchine 21 MAR 05

Bamboo scaffolding has been used in China for thousands of years.  
Its use is now restricted to 6 stories in the PRC; Hong Kong still permits unlimited heights.



Chinese engineers natural gas and began using it as early as 515 BC. People had to wait until the 19th century for service.

## Natural Gas With Florida Over The Years

About 2,500 years ago, the Chinese were the first to pipe natural gas from shallow wells through bamboo poles. It wasn't until June, 1825, that a pipeline system was built in the United States, then one of the few areas to have natural gas service.

Because it appeared that there would be little commercial demand for gas, early pipeline operators sold their pipelines to other markets when they could. In 1850, the first contracts were signed, allowing gas to generate electricity.

The original pipeline was built in 1850 and consisted of 1,482 miles of pipe and 765 miles of gathering lines. It connected between the Texas-Mexico border and the last linked. To service customers, the pipeline was built and distribution systems were established.



several lakes and rivers, including Lake Okeechobee, Lake Apopka, and Lake Eustis.

Mt. De Soto, located in Pinellas County, is the highest peak in the state.

Daytona Beach, located in Volusia County, is the most populous city in the state.

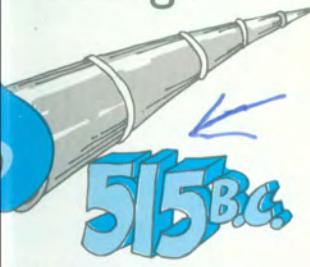
Frostproof was added later in the year.

Today, the major distribution system covers almost 3,000 miles of pipeline, with municipal companies distributing gas to commercial and industrial users throughout the state. A great majority of the natural gas consumed in Florida is represented by the gas industry.

Florida Natural Gas Association, dedicated to providing information to customers with technical data and sales information.

used bamboo for both  
lime piping in salt works  
Residents of Florida  
959 AD for natural gas

## Gas: On Line Through



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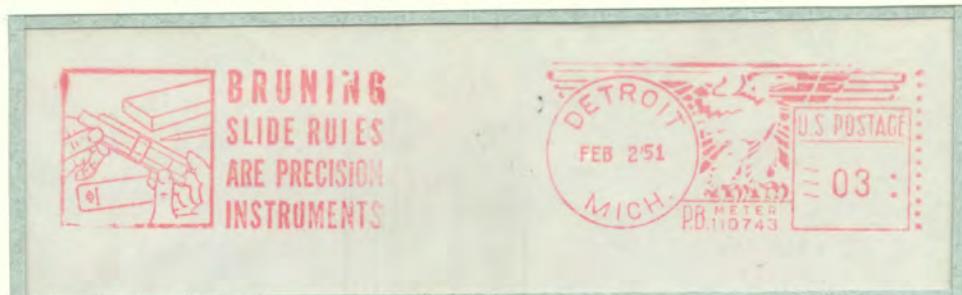


Early Brine Wells  
Han Dynasty Murals  
250BC - 220AD

Early airships by Augusto  
Severo & Santos Dumont used  
bamboo in frames and gondolas.



Due to its dimensional stability, bamboo was often used for slide rules.



Thomas Edison used a carbonized  
bamboo filament in his early  
incandescent light bulbs.



Flat Plate

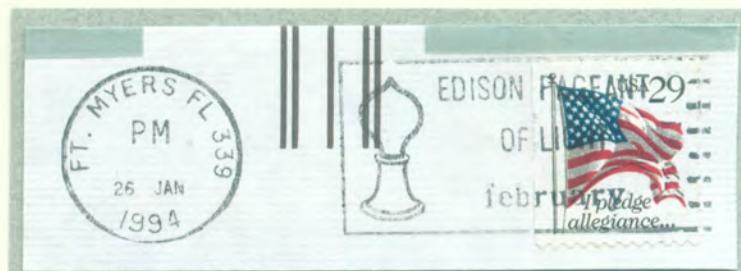


Coil



Rotary Plate

The Edison Estate in Ft. Meyers, FL still has many bamboo clumps on the grounds.



### 3.2.1 BAMBOO PAPER

Before the invention of paper, bamboo tallies (flattened strips of bamboo) were used for writing.



Tallies in right hand



The invention of paper by Tsai Lun changed life in China forever.



Traditional bamboo paper making.



Harvesting Culms



Cooking Pulp



Draining the Mould



Removing Mat from Mould



Drying and Inspection

Since 1900 India has been a major supplier of fine bamboo papers. In 1944 the Titighur Paper Company provided the bamboo paper for the Pacheng Printing of these stamps.

The Forestry Research Institute at Dehra Dun is a world leader in bamboo research.

Some of you old stoners may remember Mr. Bambu



The South India Paper Mills Ltd. produce Nandi brand bamboo paper and (card)board in Nanjangud.



### 3.2.2 BAMBOO GADGETS

A quick look at some of the other amazing uses for bamboo (i.e. the dreaded miscellaneous and assorted section).



... and for sporting equipment like ...

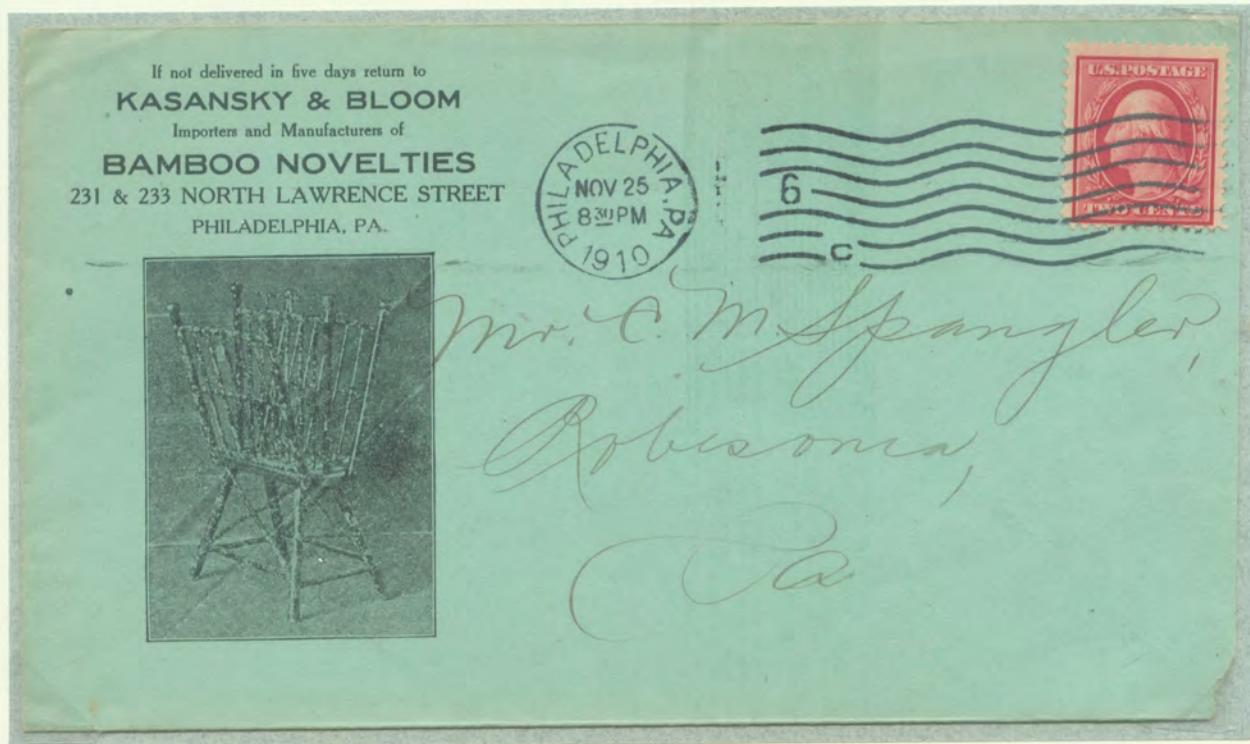
poles for vaulting



## handcrafted fishing poles



Your guess is as good as mine as to what this object is - a newspaper rack perhaps.



### 3.2.3 BAMBOO FABRICS

Get ready to get you socks blown off by these bamboo fire guns ...



Bamboo is now processed to produce a rayon like fabric that is used in a wide variety of apparel...



Sorry, no bamboo socks to show you; either the washer or the dryer ate them ....



### 3.3 BAMBOO AT SEA

Bamboo is used for ...  
deckhouses on large rafts

simple rafts

and for toy rafts.



Unlisted Imperforate Error

Bamboo outriggers provide stability for these native craft.



Bamboo masts, spars, booms, and sail battens are found on many traditional junks.



Kuliang, China (6-Sept 1926) to Narberth, Penn (25-Sept 1926) Block of 12 one cent stamps on reverse.

### 3.3 BAMBOO AT SEA

The 'Kelly coaster' M/V BAMBOO - A British coastal freighter in 1936.



Also in 1936, A. E. Davies of London could supply almost anything in bamboo.

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## 3.4 BAMBOO AT WAR

Bamboo has been used for a variety of weapons...  
primitive spears



and arrow shafts from *Psuedosasa japonica* commonly called arrow bamboo.



A bamboo grove provides a memory of home for a Japanese soldier during the Russo-Japanese War.

Official Japanese Army Letter Sheet

## 3.5 BAMBOO AND THE ARTS

Bamboo has been used for a great variety of artistic purposes throughout the world.

### 3.5.1 PRIMITIVE AND FOLK ART

A Papuan *sing sing* would not be complete without a bamboo nose flute and *ivilik*.



A bamboo band from the Solomon Islands to serenade you.



From the Queensland Art Gallery's Collection comes this modern Torres Strait Islands *beizam* - a triple hammerhead shark headdress of black bamboo, plywood, hose fittings, fishing line & cat's eyes.



A bamboo backdrop for this fire-walker and his two assistants from New Britain.

EAST NEW BRITAIN

### 3.5.2 BAMBOO AND THE VISUAL ARTS

Bamboo is a common subject in many Chinese and Oriental paintings ...



Bamboo paintings on silk have been popular throughout China's long history ...



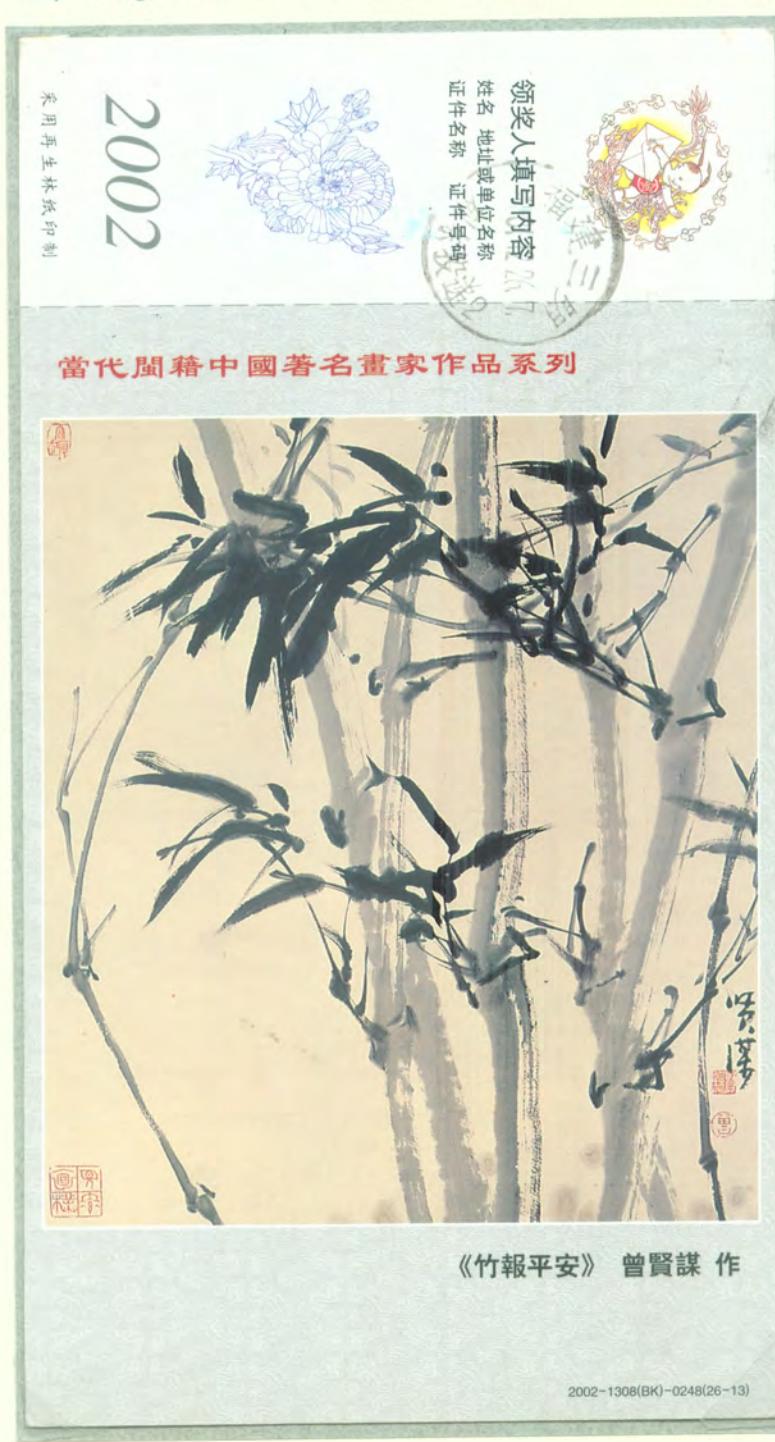
Bamboo and Birds  
Sung Dynasty



Bamboo  
by Won Tang  
Sung Dynasty



Old Tree, Bamboo & Rock  
by Chao Meng-Fu



Qing Dynasty



Rock and Bamboo  
by Hsia Ch'ang  
Ming Dynasty



The Sacred Crane  
by Chen Chi-fu

### 3.5.2 BAMBOO AND THE VISUAL ARTS

Bamboo has been a traditional subject for paintings on fans.



Bamboo by Hsiang Te-hsin



Bamboo and Rock by Zheng Banqiao



Bamboo and Sparrows  
by Zhou Zhimian



2003 New Year Greeting and Lottery Postal Card

Bamboo has inspired these art forms ...  
Elaborate carvings from dried  
rhizomes and thick-walled culms ->

Engravings from New Caledonia



### 3.5.2 BAMBOO AND THE VISUAL ARTS

The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter (*Taketori-monogatari*) and the Moon Princess (*Kaguya-hime*) is a classic Japanese folk tale dating from approximately 900 AD.



Embroidered curtain of a float for the *Hassaku Matsuri* (Tiger Festival)  
Design by Katsushika Hokusai (1760 - 1849)



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70% Reduction

PONISM  
ASHION  
•  
fluence of Japan  
Western Dress  
June 14, 1998  
GEES COUNTY  
MUSEUM OF ART

This exhibition was coorganized by the Cincinnati Art Institute and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and was provided by Hotel Nikko, Beverly Hills.

Sponsorships for this exhibition were provided by the Cincinnati Art Institute and Patina-V.



Iida and Company/  
Takashimaya  
(Japan, for the Western  
market)  
Theater coat, c. 1900  
Silk embroidery on silk  
Center back: 48 1/4 in.  
(122.6 cm)  
The Metropolitan Museum  
of Art, gift of  
Joseph L. Brotherton, 1985  
1985.362.1  
Photograph by Richard  
Haughton, ©The Kyoto  
Costume Institute



Obaku Taihō (Dapeng)  
(China, active Japan,  
1691-1774)  
Bamboo  
Hanging scroll; ink on silk  
41 1/4 x 14 7/8 in.  
(106.1 x 37.8 cm)  
Los Angeles County  
Museum of Art, gift of  
George Kuwayama  
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(Second rotation)

You are invited to the Los Angeles County Museum for an exhibition titled JAPONISM in FASHION - The Influence of Japan on Western Dress. Note the bamboo on the theater coat and on the hanging scroll. Portions of each are reproduced full size and in color on reverse.



### 3.5.3 BAMBOO AND MUSIC

Many wind instruments can be made of bamboo...

like traditional Chinese  
ti (Flute) 13 pipe shen



or the unique bamboo  
organ at Las Pinas



Laotian musicians provide some lively  
dance music on their pan pipes and flute.



A Korean musician plays a solo on his bamboo *Tai-Keum* (flute).



Sung by Howard Keel in the M-G-M Picture "PAGAN LOVE SONG"

# The House Of Singing Bamboo

*Lyric by  
ARTHUR FREED*

*Moderately (with a 1/16th)*

*Music by  
HARRY WARREN*

### 3.5.3 BAMBOO AND MUSIC

'Bamboo' music appeals to people of many cultures.

Howard Keel serenades Esther Williams with *The House of Singing Bamboo*.



Watch your ankles and step lively when dancing the *tinikling* or *singkil* with their bamboo poles.



Enjoy quartet from St. Vincent that features a bamboo flute and bamboo bass.



...or enjoy a CD of Chinese bamboo flute music.

A CD cover for 'CHINESE BAMBOO FLUTE MUSIC'. It features three photographs of a man playing a bamboo flute. One photo is a close-up of his hands and face, another shows him from the waist up, and the third shows him from the side. A red circular stamp in the bottom right corner reads 'INTERNATIONAL PASSPORT'.

### 3.6 BAMBOO AND THE POST

China provides us the greatest variety of 'bamboo' post offices.

Bamboo Hill



East Side of Bamboo



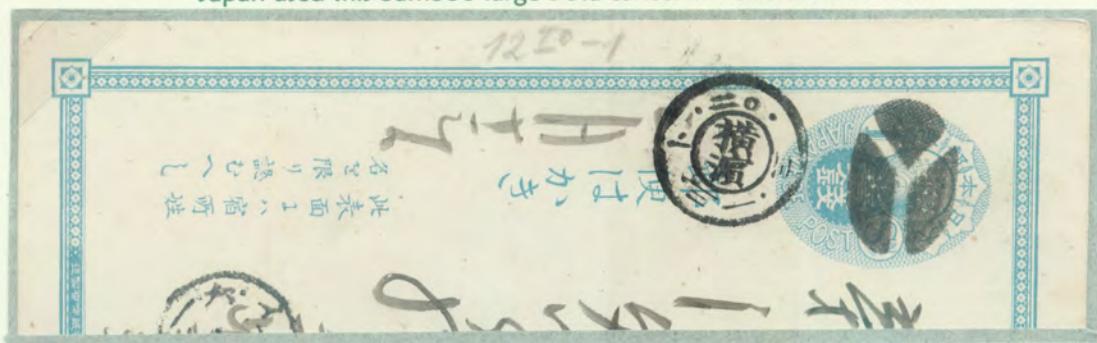
New Bamboo



Yard of Violet Bamboo



Killer devices made from solid rhizomes or internodes were fabricated into a variety of simple geometric designs.  
Japan used this bamboo large *Bota* cancel in Yokohama in 1881.



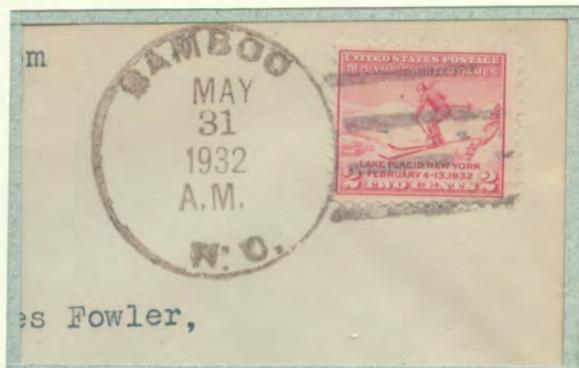
... and Thailand used a variety of locally made cancels or killers.



Pitsanuloke to Bangkok, 1946 Violet circular 10 internal censor mark.

## 3.6 BAMBOO AND THE POST

Two bamboos (*Arundinaria gigantea* and *A. tecta*) are native to North America.  
...and the only two regular 'bamboo' post offices in the USA.



Last Day P.O. in Operation

Australia has many native species of bamboos  
- but only one 'bamboo' post office.  
BAMBOO CREEK, WA



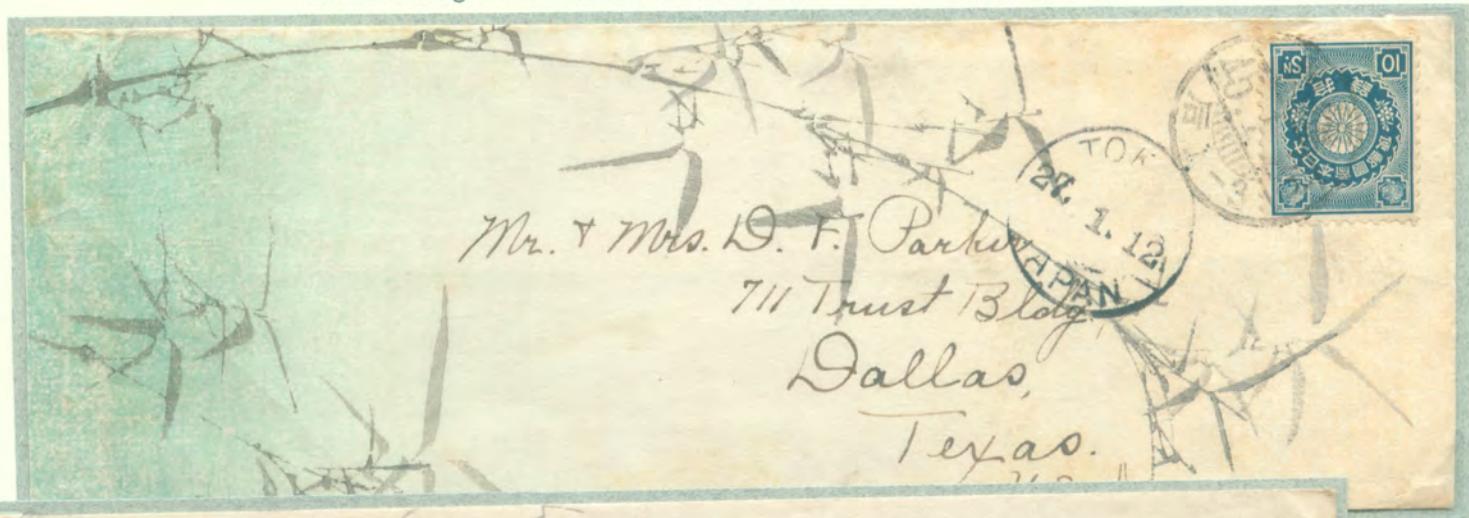
...and in the Indian Ocean,  
we find Bamboos, Mauritius

Bamboo, Jamaica has used a variety of marking and labels over the years.



## 3.6 BAMBOO AND THE POST

Bamboo designs were unusual on stationery in the last century ...



Although this cover is embellished with bamboo, it is NOT made of bamboo even though frequently sold as such. (It is thinly sliced and treated wood.)

### 3.6.1 BAMBOO AND THE TAXMAN

... and just when you least expect it, a visit from the tax collector!

A short philatelic study of the 'bamboo clump' Viet Nam tax stamps.

Three basic designs or colors; numerous shade varieties; used for wide variety of taxes.

Forerunner bamboo clump cancel.



First Issue



Second Issue



Usage periods overlap.



Third Issue  
Change of Stamp and Overprint Colors



## 5. CONCLUSION

After this brief but exhaustive tour of the wonderful world of bamboo, let us partake of some refreshments at ...

...the BAMBOO ROOM at the Ford Hotel in Toronto or...



that hotbed of bamboo activity,  
Cleveland, Ohio!



Party hearty at the Bamboo Room in the Hotel Olmsted  
or dine and dance at the Bamboo Garden

## 5. CONCLUSION

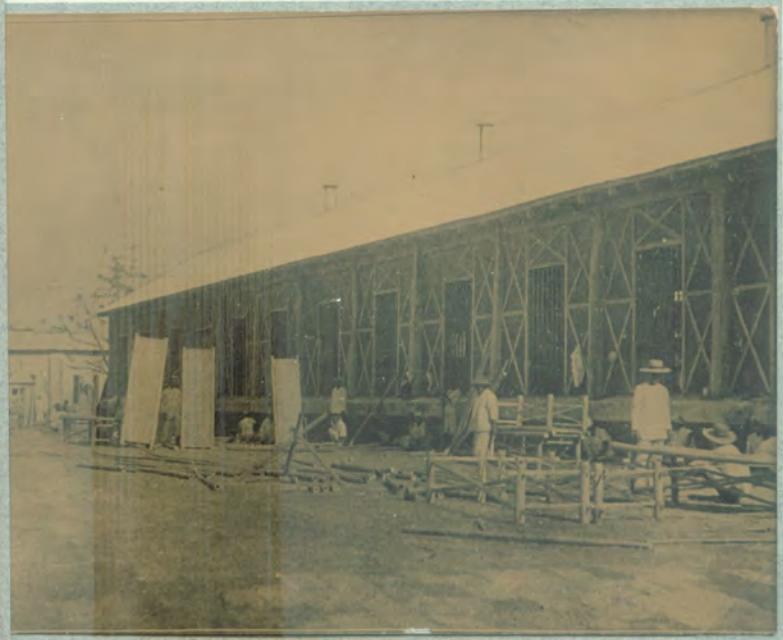
... but be careful what you smoke in your bamboo bong ...



.. because a Mountie always gets his man.  
(The guide-on pole is made from the  
bamboo *Dendrocalamus strictus*.)



You could wind up in the Manila Penitentiary  
with its bamboo walls and doors...



...or join this gang in their bamboo stocks.



UDB Card (?) Indochine, 4 AVR 08 to Grenoble (Isere), 1 May 08