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According to UK Horticulture Extension professor Richard Durham, few plants can live up a winter day like the amaryllis. The large pink, white, red, orange and variegated flowers are truly spectacular. You may have received an amaryllis bulb as a holiday gift.

A member of the lily family, the amaryllis rises from a large bulb. The growth habit makes it well suited for blooming during the colder months of the year. Knowing about its natural habitat in Central and South America will help you successfully grow and flower an amaryllis at home.

Amaryllis Can Live Up Winter Days

The plants are adapted to ecosystems with a long, moist growing season, followed by a shorter dry season. At the beginning of the rainy season, the bulb sends forth foliage and flowers. Although the flowers last only for two to three weeks, the foliage grows throughout the moist season during which time new flower buds form within the bulb. It goes dormant during the dry season, but resumes growth and flowers when the rainy season begins.

When you buy an amaryllis, it likely will be a dormant bulb. If so, pot the bulb about 6 to 12 weeks before you want the plant to bloom. Use a container with a diameter just slightly larger than the bulb and a potting mix that promotes good drainage. One-third to one-half the pointed end of the bulb should remain above the soil. Thoroughly water and put the pot in a bright, warm window. Water when the soil becomes dry to the touch, but do not give it too much water because this will cause the bulb to rot. Never allow water to accumulate in the saucer beneath the pot.

In a few weeks, a flower stalk should emerge, usually before the foliage develops. Rotate the container every few days to keep the flower and foliage from leaning too much toward the light. You may need to stake the flower stalk to keep it upright in a low-light situation. When the bloom is spent, remove the wilted flowers and cut the flower stalk back to the top of the bulb. Do not remove any foliage because the leaves continue to provide energy for the next season's flowers. Fertilize it every couple of weeks to promote healthy foliage.

If you want to keep the amaryllis and get it to bloom again next year, give the plant as much light as possible after it flowers. It will help to move the plant outdoors when the danger of frost is over, generally around mid-May. Gradually acclimate the plant to brighter light by first putting it under a tree or awning; then moving it to brighter light every few days until the plant is in full sun. When summer is over, keep the plant in a sunny location, but withhold water. As the foliage begins to die, move the pot to a cool, dry location such as a basement or closet. In the winter, repot the bulb to a new container, again only a few inches larger than the bulb's diameter. As an amaryllis bulb becomes larger, it may produce two or even three flower spikes during the blooming period.

For more information, contact the Estill County Cooperative Extension Service at 723-4557. We hope you have a wonderful Christmas and best wishes in the upcoming New Year!

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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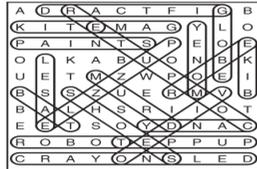
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Puzzle Answers

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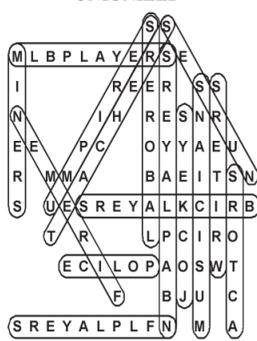
Riddle Answer:
A book about web sites.

Letter Box

Solution

A	G	O	F	I	P	T	N	E
E	F	T	O	N	A	G	I	P
P	N	I	E	G	T	O	A	F
N	T	G	I	E	F	P	O	A
O	P	E	N	A	G	I	F	T
F	I	A	P	T	O	E	G	N
G	O	F	A	P	E	N	T	I
T	E	N	G	F	I	A	P	O
I	A	P	T	O	N	F	E	G

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CryptoQuip

answer
Coalition formed by a group of people who had become weary of learning: Bored of Education.

CryptoQuote

answer
It is as hard for the good to suspect evil as it is for the bad to suspect good. — Cicero

FEAR & KNIGHT



Even Exchange

- Donna M. Pettman
- Course, Coarse
 - Sundae, Sunday
 - Danny, Donny
 - Boast, Coast
 - Thyme, Theme
 - Faller, Faster
 - Point, Joint
 - Tiber, Tiger
 - Outlet, Outset
 - Wager, Wafer

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

3	6	8	5	1	7	2	9	4
4	7	2	3	9	6	1	5	8
9	1	5	4	8	2	6	7	3
1	3	4	6	2	9	5	8	7
2	8	9	7	3	5	4	6	1
6	5	7	1	4	8	3	2	9
7	4	6	8	5	3	9	1	2
5	2	1	9	7	4	8	3	6
8	9	3	2	6	1	7	4	5

King Crossword

Answers
Solution time: 27 mins.

J	E	T	H	A	S	H	W	E	S	T	
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B	O	I	L	T	U	T	C	H	E	N	
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- Store the live tree outside in a shady, wind-free area. Select its permanent outside spot and dig the hole before the ground freezes. Keep the soil from the hole covered and dry.
 - Check for critters on the trunk and branches before bringing inside, then set the tree up in a cool area away from heat sources. Keep the root ball lightly moist. Decorate your beautiful live tree!
 - On a mild day, remove decorations and root coverings and place the tree into its hole, with the base of the trunk at ground level. Fill in with the dry soil from the hole. Mulch around its base, and water well. Protect the young tree from harsh winds. — Brenda Weaver
- Source: www.missouribotanicalgarden.org, www.bhg.com

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Stickeler's Puzzle

STICKELERS by Terry Stickels

The following are five areas of specialization in the medical profession. Can you come up with the correct "ology" associated with each?

1. digestive system
2. nose
3. disease
4. skin
5. kidneys

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Stickeler's Answer on Page 11



The writing's on the wall,
For another great season.
And folks like you,
Are the number-one reason!
That if fills us with such joy to say,
"We wish you a happy holiday!"

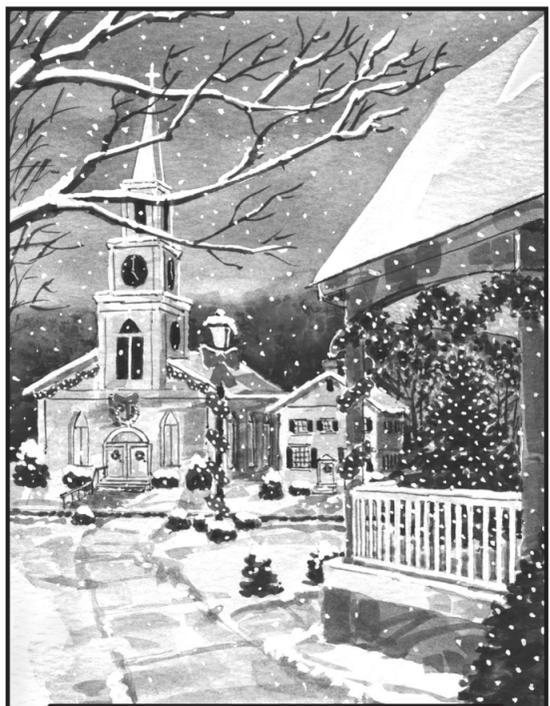
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ANSWERS (1) Mar/
John; 2. Moving forward; 3. Angel; 4. Leviticus; 4. Glory; 6. 7th