

Stories for Line III Gnomes

Angelica

Item# 5580

By Thomas F. Clark

Angelica is a guardian angel for the garden. She is dressed in a springtime gown which is embellished with autumn acorns. Her wings are made of leaves from all seasons. The green leaf on her thumb assures us that she will watch over the growth of all things in the garden. She is a gardener's guide much as the Native American Sacagawea was for Lewis and Clark. That is why her lucky coin honoring Sacagawea is hung around her neck.

Her hands are folded in gratitude for the beauty of the earth and the beauty of the skies. Her thoughts are like those of the poetess Frances Wile who wrote:

“All beautiful the march of days,
As seasons come and go;
The hand that shaped the rose hath wrought
The crystal of the snow;

Hath sent the hoary frost of heaven,
The flowing waters sealed,
And laid a silent loveliness
On hill and wood and field.”

Azalea

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Azalea loves it when someone gives her a potted plant on a special occasion. She enjoys the indoors full bloom, and then she takes her treasures outside to be planted so that it will bloom again in nature without being forced. As you can see from her green thumb she has a way with flowers. Azalea's garden is the envy of her Gnome neighborhood.

It is no coincident that she is dressed to match the outdoors. That is where she spends most of her time, so why shouldn't she have on colors that correspond with blossoms in the garden? Furthermore, her dress acorns came from her favorite tree, and her lucky coin, with flowers of course, is from Japan.

Azalea has a special nook in her garden which she calls "Friend's Corner". It is filled with plants which were gifts and first arrived in pots. She enjoys showing this area to friends and being able to say, "This one is from my sister, and that one is from the Sunday School class, and that one came last Christmas, and ..." She then notes that the plants, just like the friendships that they represent, grow, mature and become even more beautiful over time.

B Q

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“Grilled mushrooms, anybody?”

B Q is the gnome chef whose specialty is cooking scrumptious food for forest treats. He is proud of his homemade grill, which he fashioned from a tin can that drifted down the creek near where he lives.

B Q has a lucky quarter from North Carolina, a state known for its superb Barbeque. This chef can take any plant or root and make it tasty. The aroma from his grill will awaken sleeping creatures within a mile of his backyard. They will soon flock to his area, singing “Hey good looking! Whatcha got cooking?”

Bogie

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Bogie and Bacall are two green thumb gnomes named for legendary movie stars who were a couple in several films and in real life.

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Dr. Green Jeans

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Every garden occasionally needs a good plant Doctor. Dr. Green Jeans is the best. He can tell when a plant is in need of vitamins, enriched soil, more sun and water... and he knows precisely when they need tender loving care!

The good doctor wears the traditional color of green, similar to the color used by doctors in our hospitals. In Greenjean's environment, he blends in with the foliage.

The mirror on his eye glass helps him to detect diseases, like black spot on roses. The stethoscope aids him in checking the growth rhythms of the plants. He keeps his gloves at the ready in case he has to protect his hands before "amputating" dead leaves and branches. His lucky coin is from France and celebrates people who are involved in planting gardens.

When the plants ask him for his prescription for good health, he usually says "Get plenty of rest, sunshine, fresh air and vitamins. And drink lots of fresh water during hot weather. Also, be sure to remove distracting "weeds" from your environment."

That sounds like a pretty good prescription for the good health of all of us as well!

Lucinda

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This Green Thumb Gnome is proudly named for a lovely lady in Knoxville, Tennessee, Lucinda Denton. She encouraged me to honor the Red Hat Society with a statue.

This Society is dedicated to having fun (hence, the lucky coin on the base of the statue says "Fun For All".) The members have a meal together on appointed days, and they come dressed in purple wearing a red hat.

Naturally my Green thumb Gnomes wanted to get in on the fun, so they too founded a group that would "echo" that of the humans around them. Of course, you have to be a least age 200 to join, since Gnomes generally live to be 400. By age 200 they are through raising their children, and the house chores are fairly routine. So there is time for get-togethers that are strictly for fun and fellowship. It is no accident that this gnome lady is wearing a blouse that boasts the design of a big heart! The dress has a few Gnome red hats on the skirt. Lucinda's hat is tied down by a scarf because she sometimes finds it hard to keep what she's heard "under her hat". This Lucinda is grateful to the Red Hat Society Lucinda for getting her first Gnome chapter started.

Wanta join?

Perennial Santa

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Annual flowers are beautiful and fun to plant, but some gardeners think that the best crops are perennials that come back year after year without having to be “invited”.

Santa is like that, for he returns every year to homes & gardens everywhere.

The clippers that he has are hard to wrap, so he has just tied a ribbon on them and they will beckon the gardener from under the Christmas tree.

There is a “creature stirring” and it’s a mouse. Fortunately he’s busy reading a book about gardening rather than looking for holiday cheese treats.

No lucky coin is needed for all the presents are free to this home. When they get their spring garden planted it will truly bring “Joy” to their world.

Mrs. Potter

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This lady with the green thumb likes to garden in pots. As you can see from the lucky Japanese coin (100 yen), Mrs. Potter’s interest is flowers. But before you can have blossoms you have to prepare the soil and plant the seeds. Mrs. Potter is doing what many gardeners do in the early spring: getting the pots ready. She cleans out the pots from the previous season and finds that one particular pot appears to have been used as a secret deposit box for some squirrel’s acorn collection.

She has also found that some of her potted plants need to be repotted. They get “root bound” and need a new home. Like people who sometimes uproot themselves and divide their possessions, plants often need to be divided and placed in a new environment more conducive for healthy mature growth. Mrs. Potter doesn’t ever like to throw out a plant. “Oh”, she’ll say “they may be getting older, but just give them some fresh soil and a new pot. Then you’ll see them blossom even more beautifully this year.” She winks, because she seems to be talking about herself as well!

O’Hara

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This garden gnome is named for the owner of Tara in “Gone with the Wind”. The plantation was noted for its fertile fields and fine crops. The lucky coin is a quarter from Georgia, the home state of the famed Tara.

Our O’Hara is checking out the directions for distributing the plant food that is in the sack. Once the sack is empty, the gnome will wash the sack and use the material for patching his work clothes.

There are two small rabbits from the O’Hare family waiting for the crops to grow. They are wondering “Are the carrots for O’Hara or the O’Hares?”

Tobee Finch

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When this garden gnome was born, a Tobee Finch landed on the window sill. Thus his parents named him for the bird that sang about his birth.

Ever since, Tobee has loved birds and is responsible for keeping the feeders full. *This particular feeder will not only provide a feast for the birds in the neighborhood, but will be a nice bird house for a wren couple when the seeds are eaten away.

There is a lucky coin from Bermuda on the statue. It depicts a tropical bird with quite a tail to tell!

*The sunflower seeds will invite all species to the feast. The corn will beckon the crows, but the little seeds are for the sparrows.

Mr. Green Thumb Junior

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Like his father, Green Thumb Senior, Junior's main interests are in the health and productivity of the flora in his garden. He is standing by his bag of seeds, which will insure yet another season of flowers, shrubs and trees.

He has been busily planting seeds, and now has taken off his garden gloves. He is surveying your plants and garden with pleasure. Only the "gardener" in him can tell what has already been done, for weeds removed and seeds planted can't be appreciated by the casual observer.

Hopefully the birds of the air will spot Junior's red hat and know to leave his garden alone for now. When spring comes there'll be plenty of flowers and seeds for the enjoyment of the entire neighborhood.

Poppy

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The California poppy was the inspiration for this little Green Thumb Gnome.

"Poppy" was having his daily stroll around the Pebble Beach Golf course when – Surprise! – he found a lost golf ball. "It's over here!" he shouted.

Gnomes love golf courses (they usually play at night). If you are sensitive to Gnomes and appreciate their presence, they will help you find your lost golf balls.

My good friend and Gnome collector, Frosty, sent me the divot from California. It will be used by Poppy to replace any turf disturbed by a golfer's club. The lucky coin says "Good for one fare" which really means it is good for getting back on the "Fare way".

"Poppy", I asked, "Are you, like George Washington, the Founding Father of your Gnome country?" He answered "No, but when it comes to locating golf balls I have "Found'em Farther" than Washington could have ever hit one!"

Skoal

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“Skoal!” A Toast To Your Health is the meaning of this Scandinavian term. The Danes, the Swedes, the Norwegians and the Finns all use this expression when toasting one another. These four countries also share a love for lore about Gnomes.

In Norway the Gnomes are called “Tomte” or Nisse.” In Sweden they are called “Tomtebisse.” The Danes call them “Nisse” and the folks in Finland call Gnomes “Tonttu.”

Your Gnome, “Skoal” is dressed in traditional colors of blue (coat) and red (hat.) His boots are heavy duty. His pouch contains his tool kit. Even his acorn drinking cup will fit inside the pouch. He has found a good luck coin, from Norway, which indicates this is his lucky day! The little green leaf on his hand proves that he is a member of the elite Green Thumb Gnomes.

Perhaps “Skoal” grew the elderberry flowers from which the tea in his cup is made. Sometimes he uses raspberry blossoms, which ferment quickly. He has even been known to brew homemade wine and beer, but he doesn’t give out the recipe. When asked for it, he will only say, “Skoal!”

Woods

Item# 5554

By Thomas Clark

Dear Lord of all Nature,
For the beauty of the earth and for the fruit of the field I give thee thanks. Although I am but a Green Thumb Gnome, I see thy wondrous works in close proximity. The veins of leaves are beautiful and the symmetry of the acorns is marvelous to behold.

Accept my gratitude for the fruits that delight as well as nourish us.. for the trees that give shade and timber.. for the flowers that charm us and refresh the creatures that inhabit them.

Grant, O Lord, that I may be a good steward of the section of earth allotted to me. Keep me mindful of the ill effects of weeds and the nourishment needs of the plants that depend upon me.

I remember the adage, “he who plants a seed beneath the sod.. and waits to see.. believes in God.” I do believe and praise thee for the beauty of the earth.