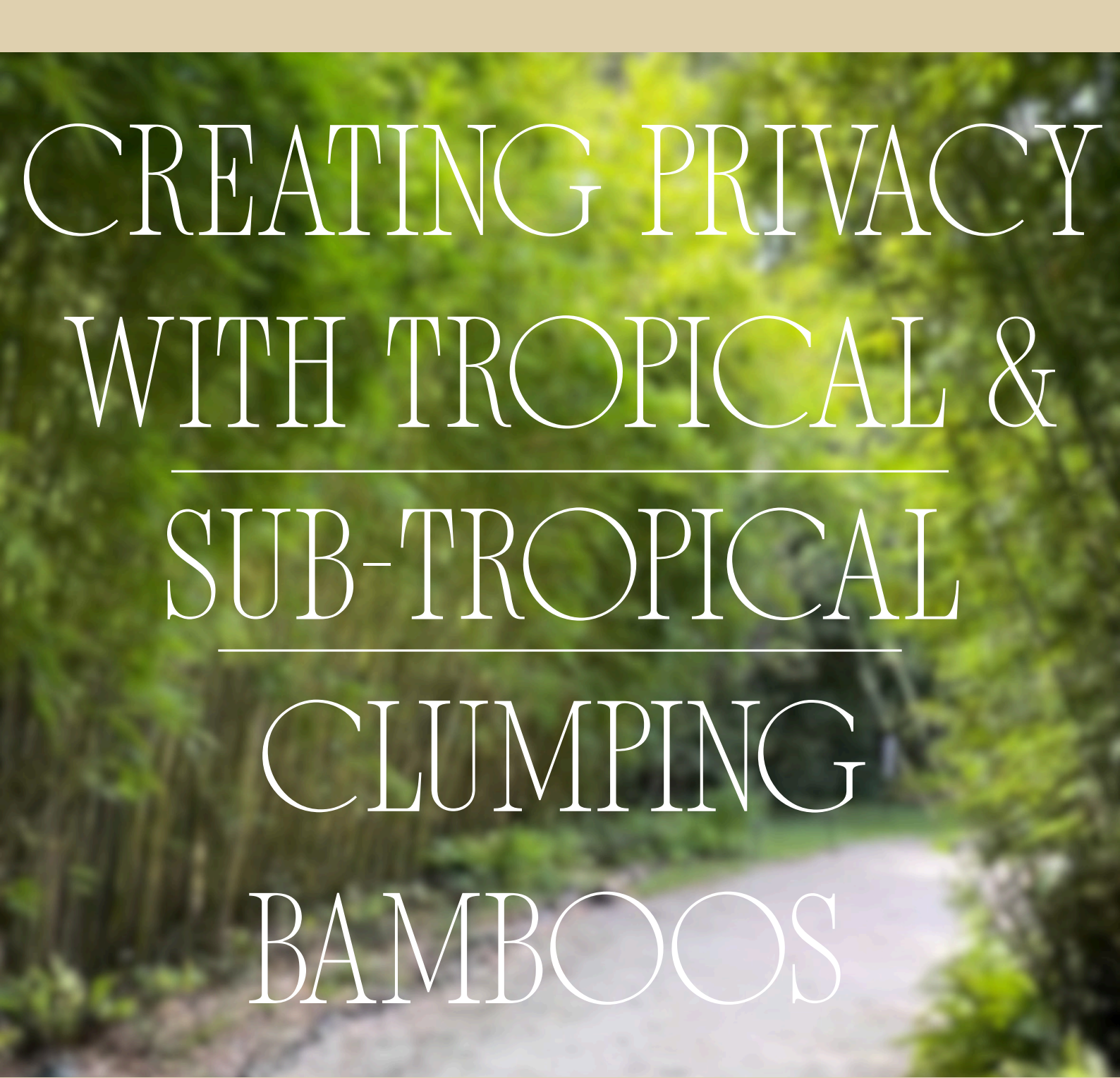




CREATING PRIVACY WITH TROPICAL & SUB-TROPICAL CLUMPING BAMBOOS

Successfully incorporating bamboo into your landscape comes down to choosing the right plant for the right place. With many varieties available, understanding how a specific species will behave in your environment is essential. Ultimately, your design goals will determine which bamboos you select—and the level of maintenance required. Let's explore the basics of using bamboos to create privacy.



*The top two plants for privacy are 1. Graceful: *Bambusa textilis gracilis* 2. Golden Goddess: *Bambusa multiplex*
Golden Goddess (often interchangeable with Fernleaf)*



Step 1: Measure the linear ft you would like to plant. Spacing for Graceful is 3-5' on center, spacing for Golden Goddess is 2-5' on center. Planting closer together will result in a faster effect.



Step 2: Using a string line or piece of rope anchor stakes at either end and place a flag or paint mark where each plant goes. (Tools required: hammer, (2) stakes, tape measure, string, marking paint or flags)



Step 3: Using a shovel or an auger dig a hole just slightly larger than the rootball. Be sure when planting to leave the bamboo plant slightly above grade (1"). Burying the plant too deep will kill it.



Step 4: Spread one bag of mulch per plant and water thoroughly. The mulch gradually releases retained moisture, introduces essential soil fungi, and visually marks the base to protect tender new shoots from string trimmers.

Step 5: Water daily for the first month, then slowly taper off. Consistent moisture helps young roots establish faster, provided the soil has good drainage and the roots are not sitting in standing water.



Planting bamboo involves several key considerations, including initial plant size, spacing, variety, target height, soil type, moisture levels, and whether you intend to create a hedge. Consulting a reputable grower or landscape designer can help you navigate these choices. Keep in mind that while non-invasive clumping varieties won't spread wildly, they still

expand each year, making a consistent maintenance routine highly recommended.

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