

Products from around the world for home and garden

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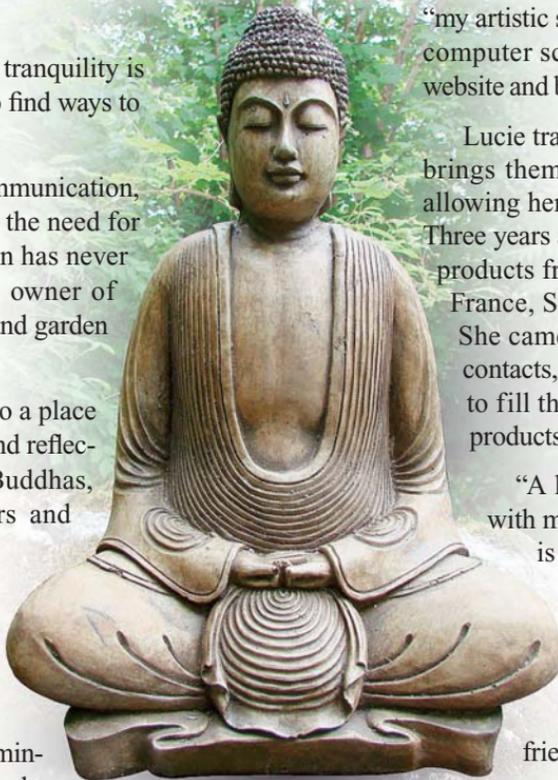
These days, the search for tranquility is motivating people to find ways to add serenity to their home and gardens.

“In today’s world of unlimited communication, information and sensory stimulation, the need for peace, solitude, nature and meditation has never been greater,” says Lucie Bourdon, owner of Mondus Distinction, an online home and garden gift business.

“People transform their garden into a place to go to find comfort, peace of mind and reflection,” she says. “People are buying Buddhas, fountains, birdbaths, candle holders and lanterns.”

This is her fifth year in business. “I started slowly, but with more and more interest in gardening, it has really taken off.”

She graduated with a degree in Administration but always had a dream to develop



“my artistic side.” When she received a grant to study computer science, she decided to put the idea of a website and business together.

Lucie travels the world to discover new products, brings them home and adds them to her website, allowing her to be different from the “other stores.” Three years ago, she went to Vietnam to explore new products from the Far East. She also went to Italy, France, Switzerland and other places in Europe. She came home with lots of business cards and contacts, and started importing. She is also trying to fill the demand for more and more Canadian products.

“A house becomes a home when we fill it with memories,” says Ms. Bourdon. “Mondus” is the Latin word for ‘world’ which represents the vision we hold, searching the world for exclusive treasures. We want to help ‘your house’ become ‘your home.’ Many of my customers keep coming back and have become my friends.”

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