

Table Display Descriptions

1. **The Corpse Flower:** This display introduces the corpse flower and other unusual plants like the venus fly trap and the monkey cup pitcher plant. The emphasis being on plant adaptations for nourishment and pollination.
2. **Musical Plants:** This display showcases plant material used to make instruments. The information covers primitive instruments and modern instruments, including woodwind, percussion and strung instruments. Seeds, reed and wood are highlighted.
3. **Silk:** This display introduces silk, silkworms and the mulberry tree. The information covers the relationship between silk worms, the mulberry and silk production. This was a cultural highlight for our TF Thailand exhibit.
4. **How Monkeys make Chocolate:** This display examines some of the species in the tropical forests and their relationship to trees, in particular the *Theobroma cacao*. The information also explains that monkeys have a symbiotic relationship with the chocolate tree because of its fruit. Monkeys eat the sweet pulp of the cacao pod and spit out the seeds, helping to ensure future generations of the chocolate tree.



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RAINSTICK (Palos de Agua)

Rainsticks come from South America. They are ceremonial instruments that are made from the dead stems of cacti. The hollow stems are filled with pebbles or sand. Cactus spines are then pushed through the stem. When the rainstick is turned upside down the result is a sound much like raindrops.

MUSICAL PLANTS!

It would be almost impossible to have music without plants. Most instruments that we use today still need plant products or were developed from primitive instruments. Bamboo, reeds, seeds, nuts, wood, coconut shells and gourds are just a few plant products used to make instruments.

SHEKERE (SHEY-kay-REH)



A shekere is a percussion instrument from Africa. It is a dried and hollowed out gourd covered with a woven net of beads. A hollowed out gourd can also be used as a drum, rattle, scraper or even a wind or stringed instrument.

DOUBLE BAMBOO SHAKER



PANPIPE



Panpipes have long been a part of traditional folk music throughout the world. They are made from bamboo and are played by blowing into the pipes. Panpipes are found in many cultures, including the Andes, the Alps, and the Himalayas.



PHIPPS

DISCOVERY

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Three Looks: Table Aesthetics

Look at the table display for three seconds...

1. What caught your attention?

Look at the table display for thirty seconds...

2. What main idea(s) did you take away?

Look at the table display for two minutes...

3. What did you learn?

4. What questions do you have?