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Memorial Gardens have become a popular and wonderful way to remember loved ones, but have you ever wondered what each flower, tree, or herb means? During the nineteenth century there was a tremendous interest in the meaning of plants and their connection to the languages of emotion, love, and memorializing. These classical and romantic meanings are still attached to plants and still serve as a wonderful way to remember loved ones.

For centuries the bereaved have turned to gardens as a place to reflect and remember. Gardens have served as a place of great beauty, a place in which to gather your inner strength and a place to vent your emotions or frustrations.

The possibility is there for you to create your own garden using flowers, herbs and trees. Remember, your garden should not be based on size, but rather on content. You do not want a garden that is too big for you to handle, too time consuming, or not your style. Always start small; you can expand your garden in the coming years. If planting a traditional garden is not of interest to you consider planting a window box or a deck pot. It's important to remember that gardens come in all kinds of types and shapes. Some are water gardens, with lovely blooming water plants and fountains, other are planted in the ground and are always nice and tidy. Of course there is the old fashioned garden that is arranged in a soft flowing, charming manner with turning paths and secret resting spots.

Some gardens contain purchased plants, while others have flowers, trees, shrubs and herbs that have been given by cherished family members or friends. For example, yellow lilies from your mother's garden, peonies from your grandmother, daisies from your best friend, hosta's from the family next door and new white iris in memory of a loved one. Finishing touches are never ending in gardens. Perhaps you add a fountain and line it with rock from your grandfather's field, or you add that special statue or trellis in memory of someone dear.

But what if the gardening end of it is just not for you? Remember, flowers can be purchased. You can create a beautiful little nosegay or huge bouquet for your home, office, a friend, or your loved one's grave. The fragrance and beauty of fresh, silk, or dried flower and herbs can settle the soul and warm a heart.

Whatever style, try to choose flowers, trees, and herbs that hold special meaning, come from someone special, or have traditionally carried a precious message.

George Elliot once said "Surely these flowers keep happy watch; their breath is their fond memory of the loving light."

Love and a Rose

By Karen M. Fye

One rose dies in the morning sun,
One bud blooms, a new life begun.

To the rose should we go when our love
 passes on,
Can you see the new life our hearts wait upon?

The dreams and the memories,
 mere shadow of time,
They flow as we ponder the dance through our
 minds.

And dance we must, to do life's flow
 To go on and completely let go.

Inside is a well with a spring, ever deep
Climbing up, up, up, as we struggle to keep
 Our dreams tossed and blown,
 by a merciless wind
To a place we can't see, nor can we enter in.
Hope forever lives in this world of broken-ness
 And brings promises of peace to our
 unhappiness.
Like the rose as it grows and become a
 teaching friend
 Life ends,
but it begins and starts all over again.
Love never dies, nor brings to an end
A life and its dreams; live on, my friend.
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My Secret Garden

My sorrow is
my secret garden
 where I go
when I feel alone.

There I find
the brook of tears,
the soft blossom of a broken heart,
and fields of emptiness.

My secret garden
grows freely
in the darkness
of my baby's death.

Where do I find
a single bud of hope
watered by my tears?
Hiding there,
in a meadow of despair.

I am alone
in my garden
because I've lost
my way.
Please take my hand
and walk with me
along my path today.

A

Abutilon ~ Meditation

Acacia ~ Concealed love, Chaste love, Friendship, Beauty in retirement

Pink ~ Grace

Rose or White ~ Elegance, Friendship

Yellow ~ Secret love

Acanthus ~ Artifice, fine arts

Achillea ~ War

Aconite ~ Luster, Misanthropy

Acorn ~ Nordic Symbol of life and immortality

Adder's Tongue ~ Jealousy

Adonis ~ Sad memories

Agrimony ~ Gratitude

Allspice ~ Compassion

Almond ~ Imprudence, Indiscretion, Perfidy

Almond Flowering ~ Concealed love, hope

Aloe ~ Grief, Misplaced devotion, Religious superstition

Althaea or Alcea ~ I am deeply in love, consumed by love

Alyssum ~ Excellence beyond beauty, Modesty

Amaranth ~ Foppery, Immortality, Pretension, Piety, Unchangeable

Amaryllis ~ Proud, Beautiful, Splendid beauty

Ambrosia ~ your love is returned or reciprocated

Anemone ~ Forsaken, Estrangement, Expectation, Loneliness, Fading hope, Symbol of love

Angelica ~ Inspiration, Magic

Apple Blossom ~ Good Fortune, Preference, Partiality, Hope, Temptation

Arborvitae ~ I never change, Live for me, Unchanging friendship, Immortality

Arbutus ~ You are the only one I love

Asclepias ~ Sorrowful remembrance

Ash ~ Prudence, Dignity, With me you're safe

Aspen ~ Excess of sensibility, Fear

Asphodel ~ Memorial sorrow, My regrets follow you to the grave

Aster ~ Symbol of love, Daintiness, Variety, Diversity

Astilbe ~ Love at first sight

Auricula ~ Wealth in not always happiness

Azalea ~ Take care of yourself for me, Temperance, Fragile, Passion, Chinese symbols of womanhood, Forbearance

B

Baby's Breath ~ Pure heart, Innocence, Constancy
Baby Violet ~ Faithfulness
Bachelor's Button ~ Single blessedness, Celibacy, Hope in love
Balm ~ Sympathy, Society
Balsam ~ Impatience, pray
Barberry ~ Sharpness of temper
Basil ~ Hatred, Animosity
Bay Leaf ~ I change only dying
Bayberry ~ Discipline, Instruction
Beech ~ Affluence
Begonia ~ Beware, Warning, Deformity
Belladonna Lily ~ Beautiful but timid, pride, pastoral, Silence
Bellflower ~ Constancy, Gratitude, I wish to speak to you
Bells of Ireland ~ Good luck
Bellwort ~ Hopelessness
Bilberry ~ Treachery
Birch ~ Grace, meekness
Bittersweet ~ Truth, Platonic love
Black Locust ~ Platonic love
Blackthorn ~ Difficulty
Bleeding heart ~ Broken heart, longing
Bluebell ~ Constancy, Humility, Loyalty, Sorrowful, Regret, Fidelity
Bluebottle ~ Delicacy
Borage ~ Bluntness, Talent
Box ~ I believe in your constancy
Bramble ~ Holiness, Remorse
Broom ~ Humility, Neatness
Bryony ~ Prosperity
Bulrush ~ Docility
Burdock ~ Importunity
Buttercup ~ Riches, You are rich, Childishness, Ingratitude
Butterfly Bush/Weed ~ Let me go, Cure for heartache

C

Cactus ~ Endurance, Warmth, Affection

Calla Lily ~ Beauty

Calycanthus ~ Benevolence

Camellia ~ Admiration, Perfection, Good luck, Gift to a man, Gratitude, My destiny is in your hands, Reflected loveliness

Blue ~ you're a flame in my heart

Pink ~ Longing for you

Red ~ You're a flame in my heart, unpretending excellence

White ~ You're adorable, Perfected loveliness, Without blemish, worth

Camellia Japonica ~ Surpassing excellence

Campanula ~ Thankfulness

Candytuft ~ Indifference

Canterbury Bell ~ Gratitude, Acknowledgment, Obligation

Cape Jasmine ~ You're lovely, secret love

Cardamom ~ Paternal error

Cardinal Flower ~ Distinction

Carnation ~ Distinction, Fascination, Pure and deep love, Admiration, My heart aches for you, Pure and deep love

Deep Red ~ Alas, for my poor heart

Pink ~ I'll never forget you, Unforgettable, Woman's love

Purple ~ capriciousness

Red ~ Admiration, Ardor

Solid Color ~ Yes

Stripped ~ No, refusal, I can't be with you, Rejection

White ~ Sweet, lovely, innocence, pure, good luck

Yellow ~ disappointment, rejection

Catalpa ~ Beware of the coquette

Catchfly ~ Pretended love, Snare, Unchanging friendship

Cattail ~ Peace, prosperity

Cattleya ~ Matronly grace, Mature charms

Cedar ~ Strength, I live but for thee, Think of me

Celandine ~ Joys to come

Centaurea ~ Delicacy

Cereus (creeping) ~ Modest genius

Cereus (night blooming) ~ Transient beauty

Chamomile ~ Fortitude, Energy in adversity

Cherry Blossom ~ Spiritual beauty, Good Education

Chervil ~ Sincerity

Chestnut ~ Do me justice

Chestnut Blossom ~ Do me justice

Chickweed ~ Give an account of yourself, Rendezvous, Assination

Chicory ~ Frugality

Christmas Rose ~ Relieve my anxiety

Chrysanthemum ~ Upbeat outlook, friendship, truth, cheerfulness, rest, a desolate heart, Optimism, A desolate heart

Cineraria ~ Always delighted

Cinquefoil ~ Maternal affection

Cistus ~ Popular favor

Citron ~ natural beauty
Clematis ~ Intelligence, Mental beauty, I love your mind
Clematis (evergreen) ~ Poverty
Clianthus ~ Self seeking, Worldliness
Clotbur ~ Rudeness
Clover ~
 Four leaf ~ Be mine
 Red ~ Diligence, Industry, Good
 White ~ Think of me
Cloves ~ Dignity, Nobility
Cobaea ~ Gossip
Cockscomb ~ Do you love me?, Affectation, Pretension
Coltsfoot ~ Justice shall be done
Columbine ~ Folly, Inconstancy, foolishness
 Purple ~ Resolved to win
 Red ~ Worried, Trembling
Convolvulus ~ Uncertainty, Quandary
 Major ~ Despondency, Extinguished hopes
 Minor ~ Night
 Pink ~ Worth sustained by affection
Corchorus ~ Return quick
Coreopsis ~ Always cheerfulness, Gladness
Coriander ~ Hidden worth, Never judge solely on appearances
Corn Blossom ~ Riches
Corn Cockle ~ Peerless and proud
Cornflower ~ Delicacy, Refinement
Cowslip ~ Comeliness, Winning grace, You are my divinity, You are wonderful
Coxcomb ~ Foppery
Crabapple Bloom ~ Irritability
Cranberry ~ Cure for heartache, Hardness
Cress ~ Power, Stability, Abuse not
Crocus ~ Cheerfulness, Gladness, Mirth, Abuse not
 Spring ~ youthful joy and exuberance
 Saffron ~ Joviality
Crowfoot ~ Ingratitude
Crown Imperial ~ Arrogance, Majesty, Pride of birth
Cuckoo Flower ~ Ardor
Cudweed ~ Unceasing remembrance
Currant ~ Your frown will destroy me
Cuscuta ~ Meanness
Cyclamen ~ Resignation, goodbye, Diffidence, Modesty
Cypress ~ Despair, Mourning, Without hope, Deceitful, Vanity, Regard, Unrequited love

D

Daffodil ~ Joy, Much regard, Unrequited love, You're the only one, Respect, Esteem,
Yellow ~ Gallantry

Dahlia ~ Dignity, Elegance, Capriciousness, I will sustain it, Instability, Rebuff, Forever yours
Yellow ~ Distaste

Daisy ~ Innocence, Youthful purity, loyalty, Cheerfulness, I will think about it
Colored ~ Beauty
Garden ~ Share your sentiments
Gerbera ~ Thoughts of absent friends
Michaelmas ~ Farewell
Wild White ~ I will think of it

Dandelion ~ Faithfulness, Happiness, Prophet, Coquetry, Love's oracle, I accuse you of

Daphne ~ Fame, Glory, Sweets to the sweet

Darnel ~ Vice

Datura ~ Charming

Dead Leaves ~ Sadness

Delphinium ~ Airy

Dew plant ~ Serenade

Diosma ~ Your simple elegance charms me

Dittany of Crete - White ~ Passion

Dock ~ Patience, Endurance

Dodder of Thyme ~ Baseness

Dogbane ~ Falsehood, Figment, I doubt you

Dogwood ~ Success crowned you

E

Eglantine ~ Genius, I wound to heal, Poetry, Talent

Elder ~ Compassion, Zealousness

Elm ~ Majesty

Endive ~ Frugality

Eschscholtzia ~ Do not refuse me

Eupatorium ~ Delay

Evergreen ~ Indigence

Everlasting ~ Always remembered

Eyebright ~ Cheer up

F

Funnel ~ Strength, Courage, Worthy of praise, Hardness
Fern ~ Magic, Fascination, Confidence, Shelter, Grace, Sincerity
Fern Maidenhair ~ Secret bond of love, Discretion
Fig ~ Argument, I keep my secret
Filbert ~ Reconciliation
Fir ~ Time
Flax ~ Domestic symbol, I feel your kindness, Fate
Fleur de lis ~ Message
Flower of an Hour ~ Delicate beauty
Forget Me Not ~ True love, Memories, Do not forget me, Remembrance
Forsythia ~ Anticipation
Four o'clock ~ Timidity
Foxglove ~ Insincerity, Your false, Stateliness, Youth, Hypocrisy
Foxtail Grass ~ Sporting
Freesia ~ Trust
Fuchsia ~ Taste, Confiding love, Frugality
Fumitory ~ Spleen
Furze ~ Anger, Love for all occasions

G

Gallic ~ Courage, strength
Gardenia ~ Secrets untold love, You're lovely, Refinement, Purity
Gentian ~ You are unfair
 Closed ~ Sweet by thy dreams
 Fringed ~ I look to heaven
Geranium ~ Folly, I prefer you, Courtliness, Gentility, Peaceful mind, Elegance
 Dark ~ Melancholy
 Fish ~ Disappointed expectation
 Horseshoe ~ Stupidity
 Ivy ~ Favor
 Lemon ~ Unexpected meeting
 Nutmeg ~ Expected meeting
 Oak ~ True friendship
 Penciled ~ Ingenuity
 Rose ~ Preference
 Scarlet ~ Comforting, Consolation
 Silver leafed ~ Recall
 Wild ~ Steadfast piety
Gilly Flower ~ Bonds of affection, Lasting beauty, Fair
Gladiola ~ Generosity, I am very sincere, Ready armed, Strength of character, Love at first sight
Globe Amaranth ~ Unfading love, Constant, Unchangeable
Gloxinia ~ Love at first sight
Goldenrod ~ Success, Encouragement, Be cautious, Support
Gooseberry ~ Anticipation, Expectancy
Gorse ~ Ire
Grape - wild ~ Charity, Mirth
Grass ~ Submission, Usefulness

H

Handflower ~ Warning

Harebell ~ Grief, Submission

Harlequin ~ Laugh at trouble

Hawkweed ~ Quick sighted

Hawthorn ~ Hope, Expectation

Hazel ~ Reconciliation, Heart is agitated, Reunion

Health ~ Solitude

Heather ~ Admiration, Solitude, Protection, Wishes will come true, Loneliness

Helenium ~ Tears

Heliotrope ~ Devotion, Attachment, Eagerness, Intoxicate with joy, Let us pray for each other

Hellebore ~ Malicious representation, you have listened, Scandal

Hemlock ~ You will cause my death

Hemp ~ Fate

Hibiscus ~ Delicate beauty

Holly ~ Am I forgotten?, Good wishes, Defense, Domestic Happiness, Foresight

Hollyhock ~ Ambition, fertility, I seek glory, Fruitfulness, Aspiration

Honesty ~ Honest, Fascination

Honey Flower ~ Love sweet and secret

Honeysuckle ~ Generous, Devoted affection, Fidelity, Bonds of love, Sweet disposition

Hop ~ Injustice

Hornbeam ~ Ornament

Horse Chestnut ~ Luxury

Houseleek ~ Domestic industry, Vivacity

Haustoria ~ content ever with you

Huckleberry ~ Faith

Hyacinth ~ Games, sports, richness, dedicated to Apollo, Playful

Blue ~ Consistency

Purple ~ Grief, I am sorry, please forgive me, sorrow

Red or pink ~ Play

White ~ Loveliness, I'll pray for you, unobtrusive loveliness

Yellow ~ Jealousy

Hydrangea ~ Thank you for understanding, Frigidity, Heartlessness, Boaster

Hyssop ~ Cleanliness

I

Ice Plant ~ Old beau, Rejected, Your looks freeze me

Impatiens ~ Impatient

Iris ~ A message for you, Hope, Power, Wisdom, A wonderful friendship, Faith, Valor, My compliments Eloquence, Massive

German ~ Aflame, I burn adversity

German Bearded ~ Ardor

Yellow ~ Sorrow, Passion

Ivy ~ Fidelity, Friendship, Affection, Wedding love, Loyalty, Conjugal affection

Sprig of White Tendril ~ anxious to please, affection

J

Jacob's Ladder ~ Come down

Jasmine ~ Amiability, sensuality, grace, elegance

Cape ~ I am to happy

Carolina ~ Separation

Indian ~ Attraction, I attach myself to you

Night blooming ~ Love's vigil

Spanish ~ Sensuality

White ~ I desire a return of my affection

Yellow ~ Grace and elegance

Johnny Jump Up ~ Love in idleness, Modesty, Pleasant thoughts, Thinks of me,
You occupy my thoughts

Jonquil ~ Love me, affection returned, desire, sympathy

Judas Tree ~ Betrayal, Unbelief

June Lilies - White ~ Purity and sweetness

Juniper ~ Safekeeping

K

Kingcup ~ Riches

L

Laburnum ~ Forsaken, Pensive beauty

Lady's Slipper ~ Capricious beauty, Win me and wear me, Fickleness

Lady's Smock ~ Ardor

Lady's Thimble ~ Grief, Submission

Lady's Tresses ~ Bewitching grace

Lambs~ear ~ Gentleness

Lantana ~ I am unyielding

Lapageria ~ There is no unalloyed good

Larch ~ Audacity, Boldness

Larkspur ~ Attachment, Levity

Pink ~ Fickleness, Flippancy

Purple ~ Haughtiness

Laurel ~ Perfidy, Treachery, Ambition, I will win, Splendor

Ground ~ Perseverance, Token

Mountain ~ Ambition, Aspiration

Laurestine ~ I die if neglected
Laurus ~ Constant, Unchanging
Laurustinus ~ A token, pray remember
Lavender ~ Happiness, Devotion, Failure, Refusal, Acknowledgment, Distrust
Lemon ~ Discretion
Lemon Blossom ~ Fidelity in love, Zeal
Lettuce - Iceberg ~ Cold heartedness
Lichen ~ Dejection, Refusal, Solitude
Lilac ~ Fastidiousness, Do you still love me?, Beauty
 Purple ~ First love, First emotions of love
 White ~ Youthful Innocence
Lily ~ Purity, Pride, Innocence
 Calla Lily ~ Magnificent Beauty, Maiden modesty
 Day Lily ~ Chinese emblem for mother, coquetry
 Eucharist Lily ~ Maiden charm
 Frog ~ Disgust
 June ~ Purity and sweetness
 Orange Lily ~ Hatred
 Peruvian Lily ~ Devotion
 Tiger ~ Wealth, Pride, prosperity, Dare you to love me
 Water ~ purity of heart
 White Lily ~ Virginity, Purity, Majesty, Heavenly to be with you
 Yellow Lily ~ I'm walking on air, falsehood, gratitude
Lily of the Valley ~ Happiness, sweetness, tears of the Virgin Mary, Return to happiness, humility, you have made my life complete, Let's make up
Lime ~ Conjugal love
Linden ~ Conjugal love
Lisianthus ~ Thoughts
Live Oak ~ Liberty
Liverwort ~ Confidence
Lobelia ~ Dislike, Rebuff, Arrogance, Malevolence
Locust ~ Affection beyond the grave, Vicissitude
London Pride ~ Frivolity
Lotus ~ Eloquence, mystery and truth, Estranged love
Love in a Mist ~ Perplexity
Love Lies Bleeding ~ Hopeless but not heartless
Lucerna ~ Life
Lupine ~ Voraciousness
 Rose ~ Fanciful
 White ~ Always happy

M

Madder ~ Backbiting, Tranquility

Magnolia ~ Nobility, love of nature, Benevolence, High Souled, Magnificence

Swamp ~ Perseverance

Marsh Marigold ~ Riches

Maize ~ Riches

Mallow ~ Mildness, Gentleness

Manchineel ~ Falsehood

Mandrake ~ I would to soothe

Maple ~ Reserved, Constraint, Retirement

Marigold ~ Cruelty, Grief, Jealousy, Sacred affection, Despondency

Marjoram ~ Innocence, Blushes

Marsh Mallow ~ Beneficence in consent

Marvel of Peru ~ Timid

Mayflowers ~ You only do I love

Meadow Saffron ~ My best days are past

Meadowsweet ~ Uselessness

Melissa ~ Fun, Pleasantry, Sympathy

Mesembryanthemum ~ Idleness

Mezereon ~ Desire to please

Mignonette ~ Your qualities surpass your charms, I live for thee

Milford ~ War

Milk vetch ~ Your presence softens my pain, Comfort

Mimosa ~ Wonderful Friendship, Exquisite, Fastidious, perception

Mimosa Bloom ~ Concealed Love, Beauty in retirement

Mint ~ Virtue, Strength, Virility, Warmth of feeling, Let us be friends again, Purity

Mistletoe ~ Kiss me, affection, to surmount difficulties, sacred plant of India, magic plant of the druids, You are a parasite

Mock Orange ~ Recollection, Counterfeit

Monarda ~ Your whims are unbearable

Monkshood ~ Deadly foe is near, Beware, Danger is near, Chivalry, Gallantry

Moonflower ~ I only dream of love

Morning Glory ~ Affection

Moschatel ~ Weakness

Moss ~ Maternal love, Charity, Patience, Pray wait, Boredom

Moss Rose ~ Confession of love

Motherwort ~ Concealed love

Mourning Bride ~ I have lost all, Unfortunate to attachments

Mugwort ~ Happiness, Peace

Mulberry ~

Black ~ I shall not survive you, Sadness

White ~ Wisdom

Mullein ~ Take courage

Mum ~ Hope, All is not lost

Musk ~ Vulnerability, Be bolder

Mustard ~ I'm smart, I am hurt

Myrtle ~ Love in absence, Hebrew Emblem of Marriage, Love positive

Wax ~ Discipline, Instruction

N

Nandina ~ My love will grow warmer

Narcissus (Daffodil) ~ Formality, Stay as sweet as you are, Egotism, Vanity, You love yourself too well

Nasturtium ~ Conquest, Victory in battle, Patriotism, Affectation

Nettle ~ Slander, Cruelty, You are spiteful

Nightshade ~ Your thoughts are dark, Falsehood, Verity

Nuts ~ Stupidity

O

Oak ~ long live, strong, forever, Hospitality

Oak Leaf ~ Courage, I will endure

Oats ~ The witching soul of music, I love your music

Oleander ~ Caution, Heed

Olive or Olive Branch ~ Peace and security

Orange Blossom ~ Purity, Chastity, Innocence, Eternal love, Marriage, Fruitfulness, Bridal festivities, Your purity Equals your loveliness

Orange Mock ~ Deceit

Orchid ~ Beauty, love, refinement, Chinese symbol of many children, thoughtfulness

Bee ~ Error, Industry

Butterfly ~ Gaiety

Cattleya ~ Mature charm

Fly ~ Error

Wild ~ you are a belle, You flatter me

Oxeye ~ Be patient

P

Palm and Palm Leaves ~ Victory, Conquest, Success

Pansy ~ Thinking of you, Pleasant thoughts, Modesty, Reflections

Parsley ~ Useful knowledge, Festivity, Entertaining

Pasque flower ~ You have no claims

Passion flower ~ Faith, Belief, Piety, Trust in God, Holy love, Religious fervor, superstition

Pea - everlasting ~ appoint a meeting, Lasting pleasure

Peach Blossom ~ I am your captive

Pear ~ Affection

Pear Blossom ~ Tenderness, Not altogether lovely

Pelargonium ~ Fervor

Pennyroyal ~ You had better go

Peony ~ Happiness, compassion, Indignation, Anger, Bashfulness

Pepper flower ~ Satirical thoughts

Peppermint ~ Warm feelings

Periwinkle ~ Never forget, Memory, Pleasing remembrance

Blue ~ Early friendship

White ~ Harmony, Pleasure of memory, Fond reminiscences

Persicaria ~ Restoration

Persimmon Blossom ~ Bury me amid nature's beauties, I shall surprise you by and by

Petunia ~ Resentment, I am furious, Your presence soothes me, Don't lose hope

Pheasant's Eye ~ I can't forget you

Phlox ~ Friendship, Unanimity, Assent

Star Shaped ~ Affability, Trying to please you, Agreements

Pimpernel ~ Assignation, Change

Pine ~ Hope, Pity, Compassion

Pink ~ Boldness, Fragrance, Household love, I am at home

China ~ My heart aches

Double red ~ Ardent love, Darling

Indian ~ Always lovely

Mountain ~ Aspiration, Desiring

Variegated ~ Refusal, Rejection

White ~ Fascination, Talent

Plum Blossom ~ Keep your promises, Fidelity

Plumbago ~ Holy wishes

Polyanthus ~ Purse proud

Pomegranate Blossom ~ Grace, Mature elegance, Perfection

Poppy ~ Eternal sleep, Consolation, Oblivion, Imagination, Forgetfulness, Pleasure, Wealth, and Success

Oriental ~ Quiet

Red ~ Pleasure

Scarlet ~ Fantastic extravagance, Profligacy

Variegated ~ Flirtation

White or Opium ~ My antidote, my bane, Forgetfulness, Sleep, Indecision

Yellow ~ Wealth, Success

Potentilla ~ I claim your esteem

Pride of China ~ Dissension

Primrose ~ Believe me, Youth and sadness, Childhood, Youth, Bashfulness, Inconstancy, Neglected merit

Evening ~ Sweet memories, Inconstancy, Early youth

Red ~ Neglected merit

Prince's Father ~ I blush for you

Privet ~ Prohibition

Pyxie ~ Life is sweet

Q

Quaking Grass ~ Agitation, Turbulence

Quamoclit ~ Busybody

Queen Anne's Lace ~ Steadfast love

Queen of the Meadow ~ Uselessness

Quince Blossom ~ Temptation, Provocation

R

Ragged Robin ~ Ardor

Ranunculus ~ Dazzled by your charms, Attractiveness, You are radiant with charm

Raspberry Blossom ~ Remorse, penitence

Reed ~ Submission

Spit Reed ~ Imprudence

Rhododendron ~ Beware, I am dangerous

Rocket ~ Rivalry, Conflict

Rose ~ Deep Love, Perfect happiness, Always, Desire, Friendship, Unity, Warm heart, Love at first sight, Joy, Gladness, Please believe me, Passion

Burgundy ~ Unconscious beauty

Coral ~ Desire and enthusiasm.

Crimson ~ Mourning

Dark Pink ~ Thank you

Deep Red ~ Admiration, Bashful, Embarrassment, shame

Faded ~ Beauty is fleeting

Lavender ~ Enchantment

Light Pink ~ Admiration

Orange ~ Fascination

Pale Colors ~ Friendship

Peach ~ Let's get together, closing of the deal

Pink ~ Grace, gentility, joy, thankfulness, the glow of your smile,
perfect happiness

Pink and White ~ I love you still and always will, Unity

Red ~ I love you, respect, courage, passion and divine love.

Red and White ~ Unity

Red and Yellow ~ Congratulations

White ~ You're heavenly, reverence, purity, secrecy, spiritual love and
innocence, pure silence

White Dried ~ Death is preferable to loss of virtue

White Withered ~ Transient impression, fleeting beauty, you made no
impression, I am in despair

Yellow ~ Joy, friendship, enjoy the moment, I to care, welcome back, lets forget

Yellow and Orange ~ Passionate thoughts

Austrian Rose ~ Your are all that is lovely

Bridal ~ Happy love

Rosebud ~ Beauty, youth, pure and lovely

Red ~ Inclined to love, Pure and lovely

White ~ Too young to love, Heart ignorant of love, the heart that knows no love

Cabbage ~ Ambassador of love

Carolina ~ Love is dangerous

China ~ Beauty always new

Rose - Christmas ~ Tranquilize my anxiety, anxiety

Damask ~ Persian Ambassador of love, Beauty ever new, Young and brilliant,
Freshness

Full Blossom ~ Engagement

Full Blossom placed over buds ~ Secrecy

Grandiflora ~ high souled

Garland or Crown ~ Beware of Virtue, reward of merit, symbol of superior merit

Guilder ~ Aged, Winter
 Half Blossom ~ Timid love
 Hibiscus ~ Delicate, beauty
 Jacqueminot ~ I am true
 Japanese ~ Beauty is your only attraction, Illusion
 La France ~ Meet me by moonlight
 leaf ~ You may hope
 Marechal niel ~ Yours, Heart and soul
 Montiflora ~ Grace
 Moss ~ Superior, Confessions of love
 Mundi ~ Variety
 Musk ~ Charming, Capricious beauty
 Provence ~ My heart is in flames
 Rock ~ Popular favor
 Rose Single Bud ~ Perpetual love
 Rose - two taped or wired together ~ Symbol of engagement and future marriage
 Single Full Bloom ~ I love you, I sill love you
 Tea Rose ~ I'll remember, always
 Thornless ~ Love at first sight, Ingratitude, Early Attachment
 Wild ~ Simplicity
 York and Lancaster ~ Conflict
Rosemary ~ Remembrance, Your presence revives me, Fidelity, Love
Rudbeckia ~ Impartiality
Rue ~ Go, Never return, beware of excess pleasure, contempt

S

Saffron ~ Voluptuousness, You are perfectly lovely, Marriage, Avoid Surfeit
Sage ~ Domestic virtue or duties, Gratitude, Esteem, Cherished
Sainfoin ~ You Confuse me
Saint John's Wort ~ Hostility, Thinking of you, Animosity
Salvia ~
 Sage ~ Esteem, Domestic virtue, Long life, Wisdom
 Blue ~ Wisdom
 Red ~ Untiring energy, Always yours
Satin flower ~ Fascination
Saxifrage ~ Affection, Tenderness
Scabiosa ~ Unfortunate love
 Sweet ~ Widowhood
Sea bindweed ~ Uncertainty
Sensitive plant ~ Fine Sensibility
Senvy ~ I'm smart
Shamrock ~ Light heatedness, Loyalty, Cheerfulness
Shepherd's purse ~ O offer you all
Smilax ~ Loveliness, Constancy
Snapdragon ~ Deception, Gracious lady, Strength, Presumption, No!
Snowball ~ Bound thoughts of heaven
Snowdrop ~ Consolation, Friendship in trouble, Faithful in adversity, Expectancy

Sorrel ~

Wild ~ Ill timed wit
Wood ~ Secret sweetness

Southernwood ~ Bantering, Jest

Spearmint ~ Warm Sentiments

Speedwell ~ Womanly fidelity

Spiderflower ~ Elope with me

Spiderwort ~ I esteem but do not love you

Star of Bethlehem ~ Atonement, Reconciliation

Starwort ~ Afterthought

Statice ~ Sympathy

Stephanotis ~ Happiness in Marriage, travel

Stock ~ Bonds of affection, Promptness, You'll always beautiful to me, Lasting beauty

Stonecrop ~ Tranquility

Straw ~ Agreement

Broken ~ Broken agreement

Strawberry Blossoms ~ Far sightedness

Sumac ~ I shall survive the change

Dwarf ~ Adoration

Sunflower ~ Large ~ You are splendid, Arrogance

Short ~ Adoration, Pride

Sweetpea ~ Delicate pleasure, Remember me, Good bye, Departure, Blissful pleasure, Thank you for a lovely time, Lets meet, Tenderness

Sweet William ~ Gallantry, Grant me one smile

Sycamore ~ Genius

Syringa ~ You shall be happy yet

T

Tamarisk ~ Crime

Tansy ~ Resistance, I oppose you, Dislike, Refusal

Teasel ~ Misanthropy

Thistle ~ Independence, Austerity, Sternness

Scotch ~ Retaliation

Thorn Apple ~ Delusive beauty

Thrift ~ Sympathy

Thyme ~ Courage, Activity, Grace, Elegance, Domestic virtues, Thriftiness, I am diligent, Liveliness

Tickle grass ~ fleeting

Trefoil ~ Retribution

Trillium ~ Modest ambition

Trumpet Flower ~ renown, Fame

Tuberose ~ Dangerous pleasures

Tulip ~ Perfect lover, Fame, Emblem of Holland, Luck, Beautiful eyes, Look at me, Declaration of love

Red ~ Believe me, Declaration of love, undying love

Variogated ~ Beautiful eyes, Enchantment

Yellow ~ There's sunshine in your smile, Hopeless love, Desperately in love

Tulip Tree ~ Rural happiness, Renown

Turnip Blossom ~ Charity

Tussilago ~ You shall have justice

U

Umbel ~ shade, cool, light hearted, protective

Umbrella Tree ~ Nobel, Nobility love of nature, benevolence, high souled, Magnificence

V

Valerian ~ Am accommodation disposition, You are considerate

Venus's Fly Trap ~ Duplicity

Venus's Looking Glass ~ Flattery

Verbena ~ Enchantment, Pray for me, Tender and quick emotion

Scarlet ~ Sensitivity

White ~ Honesty

Veronica ~ Fidelity, Fealty

Vervain ~ Enchantment, Superstition

Violets ~ Faithfulness, Steadfastness, Modesty, Virtue, Watchfulness, Let's take a chance on happiness

Blue ~ Watchfulness, Faithfulness, I will always be true, Love

White ~ Hope, Modesty, Candor

Virginia Creeper ~ I cling to you

Virgin's Bower ~ Filial love

Vesicaria ~ Will you dance with me?

W

Wake Robin ~ Ardor, Zeal

Wallflower ~ Fidelity in misfortune or adversity, Fealty though ordeal

Water Lily ~ Purity of heart

Wax Plant ~ Susceptibility

Wheat ~ Prosperity, I wish thee riches

Willow ~ Forsaken, Grieving

Wintergreen ~ Harmony

Wisteria ~ Cordial welcome, Welcome fair stranger

Witch Hazel ~ Inspiration, Mysticism, A spell is upon me

Wolfsbane ~ Misanthropy

Wood Sorrel ~ Joy

Woodbine ~ Fraternal love

Wormwood ~ Absence

X

Xanthium ~ Pertinacity, Rudeness, Impudence

Y

Yarrow ~ Cure for heartache, Strife, War

Yew ~ Grief, Penitence, I am sorry

Z

Zephyranthes ~ Expectation

Zinnias ~ Thoughts of absent ones, lasting affection, I mourn your absence, Goodness, Daily remembrance, Thinking of you

Magenta ~ Lasting affection

Mixed ~ In Memory of , thinking an absent friend

Scarlet ~ Constancy

White ~ Goodness

Yellow ~ Daily Remembrance

The Rose

Near shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.

As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall
Through which there shone
a beam of light.

Onward it crept with added strength
With never a thought of fear or pride,
It followed the light through the crevice's length
And unfolded itself on the other side.

The light, the dew, the broadening view
Were found the same as they were before,
And it lost itself in beauties new,
Breathing its fragrance more and more.

Shall claim of death cause us to grieve
And make our courage faint and fall,
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive ~
The rose still grows beyond the wall,

Scattering fragrance far and wide
Just as it did in days of yore,
Just as it did on the other side,
Just as it will forevermore.

From the writings of

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The Vegetable Garden of Daily Living

Plant Three Row Of Peas:

Peace of mind
Peace of heart
Peace of soul

Plant Five Rows of Squash:

Squash gossip
Squash indifference
Squash grumbling
Squash selfishness
Squash intolerance

Plant Four Rows Of Lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful
Lettuce be kind
Lettuce be patient
Lettuce really love one another

No Garden Is Complete Without Turnips:

Turnip for meetings
Turnip for service
Turnip to help one another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme:

Thyme for each other
Thyme for family
Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

**There is much fruit in your garden
because you reap what you sow!**

Author Unknown

**“Listen to your Garden ~
It will soothe your soul”**

Anonymous

Drying Your Fresh flowers

There are a number of methods of preserving flowers and foliage. They include hanging them upside down to dry, burying them in sand borax, or using Flower-Dri and soaking them in glycerin. The last method is especially used to preserve foliage.

Standing flowers upside down in boxes, crocks, or pans and pouring or sprinkling borax over them is a time-tested process, but many flowers dry by the simply hanging upside-down method. This is the easiest and also gives excellent results. Materials keep their shape and flowers do not fall apart. However, some flowers, pansies and zinnias, for example, will not dry by this method but must be treated with sand or borax.

When gathering flowers to preserve, work on a warm, sunny day, as plants should be gathered dry. Hydrangeas are an exception. They should be cut in the cool weather of September or October. Some flowers especially yarrow and ageratum, hold color better if placed with stems in water for a day or two before drying.

Preparing a proper work place is helpful. Your work area must be dry, warm, dark and well-ventilated. An attic or closet might be more desirable than a damp basement. Avoid direct sunlight, as this tends to fade the dried flowers and moisture is your enemy during the drying period and after arrangements have been made.

Remove all leaves immediately after cutting. Any leaf left on will contribute their moisture to the stalk and prolong the drying period. They will eventually wither and must be removed before the flowers can be used.

Methods of Air Drying

Hanging:

It is important to wait until the flower is in full bloom before picking. Flowers such as Acroclinium, Strawflower and Xeranthemum should never show open pollen centers, as these tend to shatter after drying.

Divide plant material in small bunches to avoid crushing or crowding. Stems are tied together to hold them securely but should not be tied so tight as to break them. Materials that can be used for tying are:

Twine
Wire

Pipe Cleaners
Rubber Bands

Small Cord
Old Nylons/Pantyhose

Many people prefer to use nylons/pantyhose or rubber bands because as the stems shrink in the drying process, they will hold the stems together. Other materials may need re-tying.

Hang bunches upside-down but spaced far enough apart to allow free circulation of air. The upside-down position will encourage the semi-woody stems to dry straight and prevent the flower heads from drooping. Depending on the space available, you may hang your bunches from nails driven in rafters in the attic, wall of a closet or on coat hangers suspended from crossbars. The temperature should never exceed 110° F, otherwise the flowers will bake.

Grasses and lightweight materials dry in 1 week. The majority of material you dry will be ready in 1-2 weeks. Heavier material dries in 2 or more weeks. After drying, the material may be left there until needed. If there is a chance it could become dirty, store it in boxes (suit boxes) protected from light and moisture.

Boxes will need tight fitting lids and each box should have a label identifying the contents. Some people prefer using Saran Wrap instead of a lid, for visual identification. If you live in a humid region, place dehumidifying crystals such as Dri-Rox, in the box to absorb moisture.

Favorable Plants

Chinese Lanterns
Bells of Ireland
Ornamental Grass
Xeranthemum

Honesty
Job's Tears
Celosia
Statice

Star Flower
Strawflower
Yarrow
Acroclinium

Baskets And Containers:

Stems and foliage will develop a slight natural curve when placed in baskets, urns or other containers. A heavy pitcher will insure a nice curve if the flower stem is allowed to droop over the spout. The is also true for wide-mouthed vases. Large, rough materials will require a container with sufficient height and weight to keep from overturning. All containers, no matter what shape or size, should be placed in a dry, warm, dark, well-ventilated area.

There are not too many types of flowers that appreciate being dried in this upright position, but perhaps you would like to experiment with a few of your own choosing. Grasses work well.

Stem And Head Wiring:

Dried flowers and stems become stiff and brittle, therefore, it is wise to wire a few flower stems to insure a few curved stems or additional support for those you wish to remain straight. For the average flowers that are dried, use a #18 gauge florist wire. This may be inserted through the stem right after picking. For those flowers you choose to make a stem, such as Strawflower, Globe Amaranth, carefully remove the stems (natural stems) and insert the wire from underneath. Do not push the wire completely through the flower head, unless you plan to create a spike of flowers. A spike would contain 6-8 or more flowers of graduated size, preferably of one color. It is important that the wires be inserted the same day you pick the flowers, since the flower-heads shrink and adhere to the wire.

Large crested Celosia with short stems may have additional stem length created by punching a hole through the stubby stems or through the lower portion of the flower head. If the flower head is exceptionally broad, you may need to make two holes an inch or so apart to provide for two supporting wires.

Stem wired material may be placed upright in a wide-mouthed jar or poked into a sheet of Styrofoam. Most flowers will dry in 1 -2 weeks. Heavy flowers such as Celosia may take 3 or more weeks.

As with other dried flowers, keep the material in a warm, dark, dry, well-ventilated area. After the drying period has been completed, depending on arrangement use. Put finished product in boxes to keep them clean.

Favorable Plants

Acroclinium
Xeranthemum

Strawflower
Globe Amaranth

Celosia

Sand and Borax Drying

For this method, unless you have beach sand which is very fine and needs sifting only if trashy, first sift, wash, and dry the sand. In many localities you can obtain sand already prepared or you can sift it yourself through a screen and then put it in the oven for a few minutes, stirring occasionally until it is thoroughly dry. Never use damp sand or flowers will be spotty and show signs of spoilage.

Next pour sand to an approximate four-inch depth into a box or pan. If a box is used, first arrange several thicknesses of paper in the bottom to give it strength. Stand the flowers, which should be dry and stripped of all foliage, upside down on the sand in the bottom of the box. Try to place the flower heads so that they do not overlap or even touch. After large heads are covered, you can fill in between them with small heads. Pour more sand gently in to the box until the flower heads are covered.

Label the box with the name of the flower and the date of drying. Store in a dark cool closet for two weeks. When the time is up, pour off the sand and gently wipe the flowers free of it with facial tissue or a soft brush. They are then ready to be arranged.

Borax may be used in almost the same way as sand and is a good medium for preserving materials when space is limited. If the borax is lumpy, it should be sifted before use. With it, flowers are laced lengthwise or upside-down in the box or pan and sprinkled in the same way as for sand. Use Flower-Dri according to directions.

When selecting the borax method for flowers, consider their forms. It is best to stand circular ones, like the dahlia, and deep-cut flowers such as narcissus and lily, upside-down in the borax, gently working the powder around the

trumpets and petals. Notice the position of the petals, smooth them out if necessary and then completely cover the flower. It is not necessary to cover the stem.

Borax does cling to such flowers as snapdragons and gloxinia's. If it remains after brushing, hold snapdragons under running water for a fleeting second; or clean them with a slightly dampened brush. On gloxinia's only the brush is safe. Afterward hang them both upside-down for a few minutes.

When you remove plants from borax, work as gently as possible. Place your hand underneath flower heads and do not be too dismayed if some things come apart as you lift them. Tulips often do, but you can wrap thread around the petals and so tie them back on the stem. Some things require longer in borax than others. Daisies and jonquils, which are light in texture, require about a day and half they cannot remain in borax for long periods after they are dried because they "burn" and brown spots appear. Some flowers require sixty hours. Occasionally remove one flower head to see how it is drying. Lilies, because of their weight, must have three to five weeks. Colorful autumn leaves such as dogwood, hickory, sweet gum, and maple may also be preserved by this method. Cut long sprays of euonymus which have variegated colors of pink, purple, yellow and white. Place them lengthwise in the borax. They will keep their colors and require only three days to dry. The same borax may be used over and over.

These Flowers Dry Well in Sand And Borax:

Bleeding-heart
Delphinium
Lilac
Narcissus
Chrysanthemums
Snapdragons
Sunflowers

Candytuft
Deutzia
Lily-of-the-valley
Pansies
Violets
Spiraea
Peach & Plum Blossoms

Daisies
Dogwood
Marigold
Roses



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