



THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS

Steeped in Victorian tradition, the language of flowers is a romantic way to express feelings through the flowers and plants we share with others.

In 1884, Kate Greenaway published a book called *Language of Flowers* filled with illustrations that defined the meaning of common blooms. This is a fun reference to help you create truly unique garden bouquets for friends and family.

A modern take is the brilliant book written by Teresa Sabankaya, *The Posy Book*.



A GRADUATION POSY

I created this posey for my neighbor's daughter to celebrate her graduation from high school.

Here are the meanings for the flowers used in this posy.

Cedar - Strength

Mint - Warmth of feeling

Peony - Happy life, compassion, hands full of cash

Carnation – Affection

Calla lily – Magnificent beauty

Peruvian lily – Wealth, prosperity, friendship, fortune and strength



A PURPLE AND WHITE SPRING BOUQUET

Allium - Patience, unity, humility

Pansy - Thoughts

Bleeding Heart - undying love, elegance, fidelity

Bleeding Heart (white) - purity, innocence

Columbine - Resolved to win, strength, wisdom, hypocrisy

Columbine (purple) - Penance, resolved to win

Cranesbill - Constancy, availability, envy, I desire to please

Dame's Rocket (white) - Despair not



A SPRING BOUQUET FROM MY GARDEN

Tulip (white) - Lost love

Snowflake - Herald of Spring, purity, hope

Lily of Valley - Return to happiness, sweetness, you've made my life complete

Solomon's Seal - Secret

Epimedium - Unable to locate a meaning so I say loyalty



FLOWERS IN THE GARDEN

Lamb's Ear - Softness, support, surprise

Yarrow - Cure for headaches, heals wounds, health, sorrow, war, dispel melancholy and heartache

Allium - Patience, unity, humility

Purple cone flower - Capability, skill, strength, health

Verbena - Faithfulness, sensibility, sensitivity, fertility, marriage, pray for me, enchantment



COSMOS

Modesty, innocent beauty, love flower, I love you more than anyone.



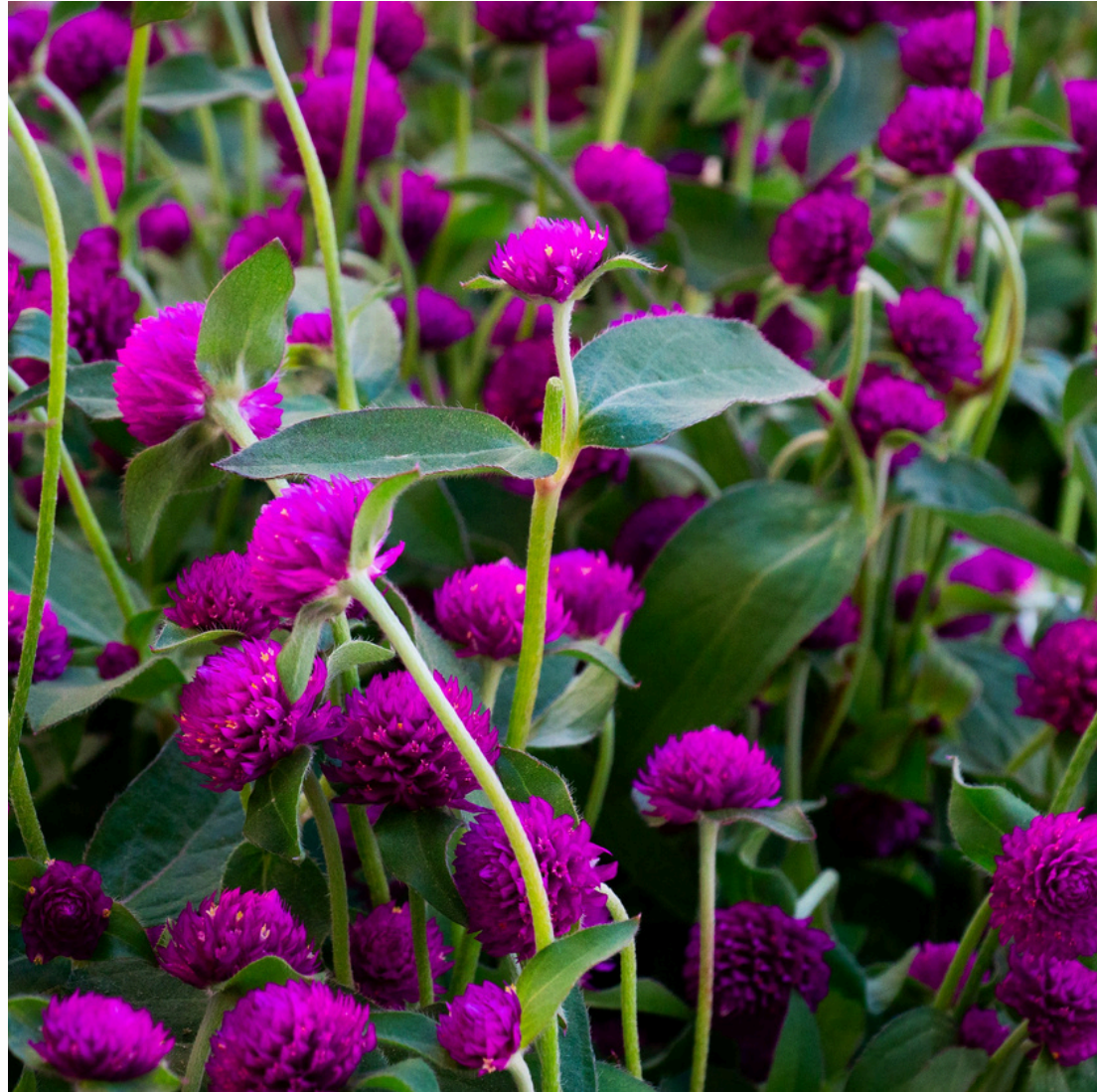
COSMOS

White colored cosmos - Joy in love and life



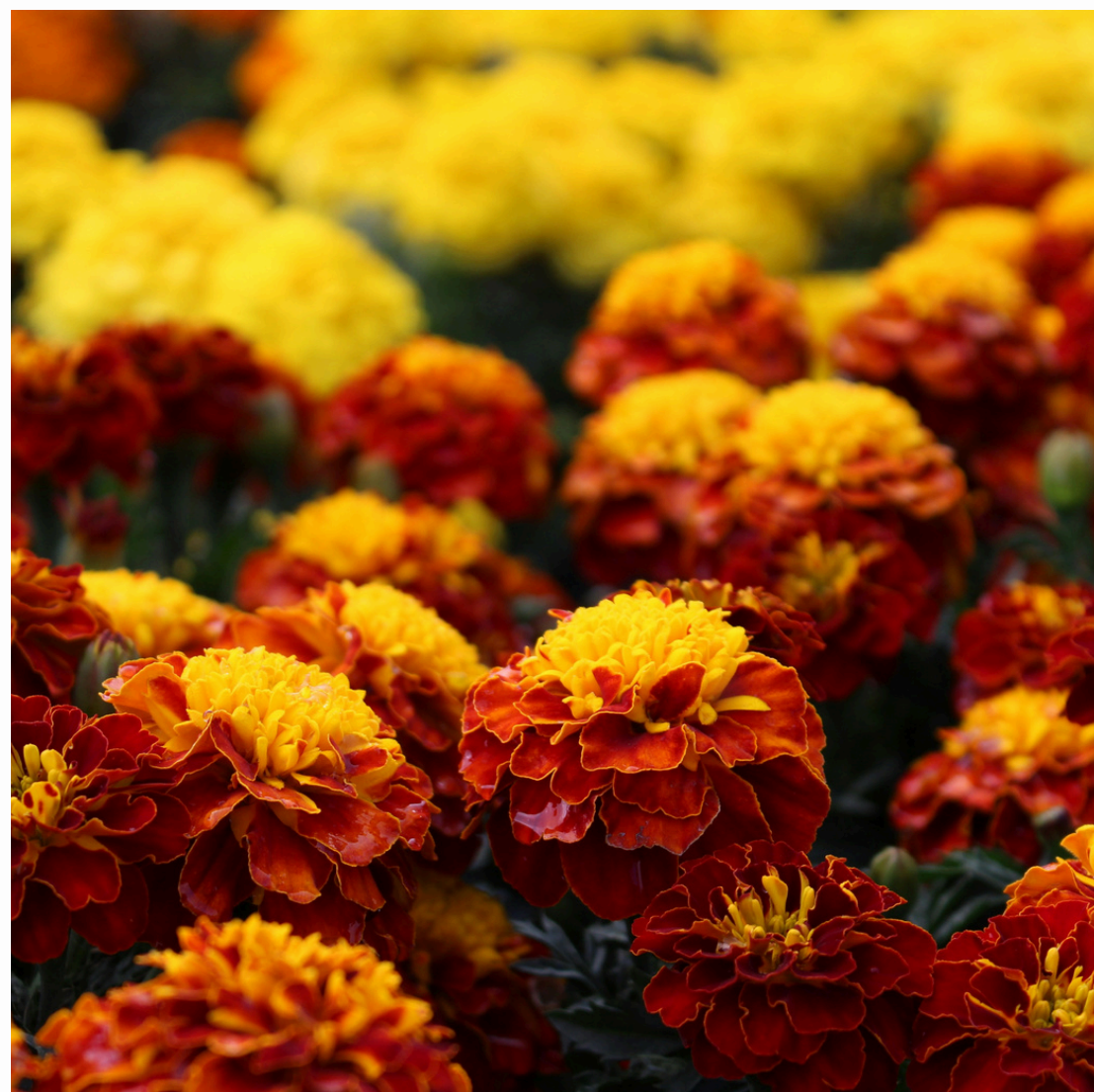
ZINNIA

Thoughts of absent friends



GLOBE AMARANTH

Immortality, unfading love



MARIGOLD

Marigold - Grief

Marigold, African - Vulgar minds

Marigold, French - Jealousy



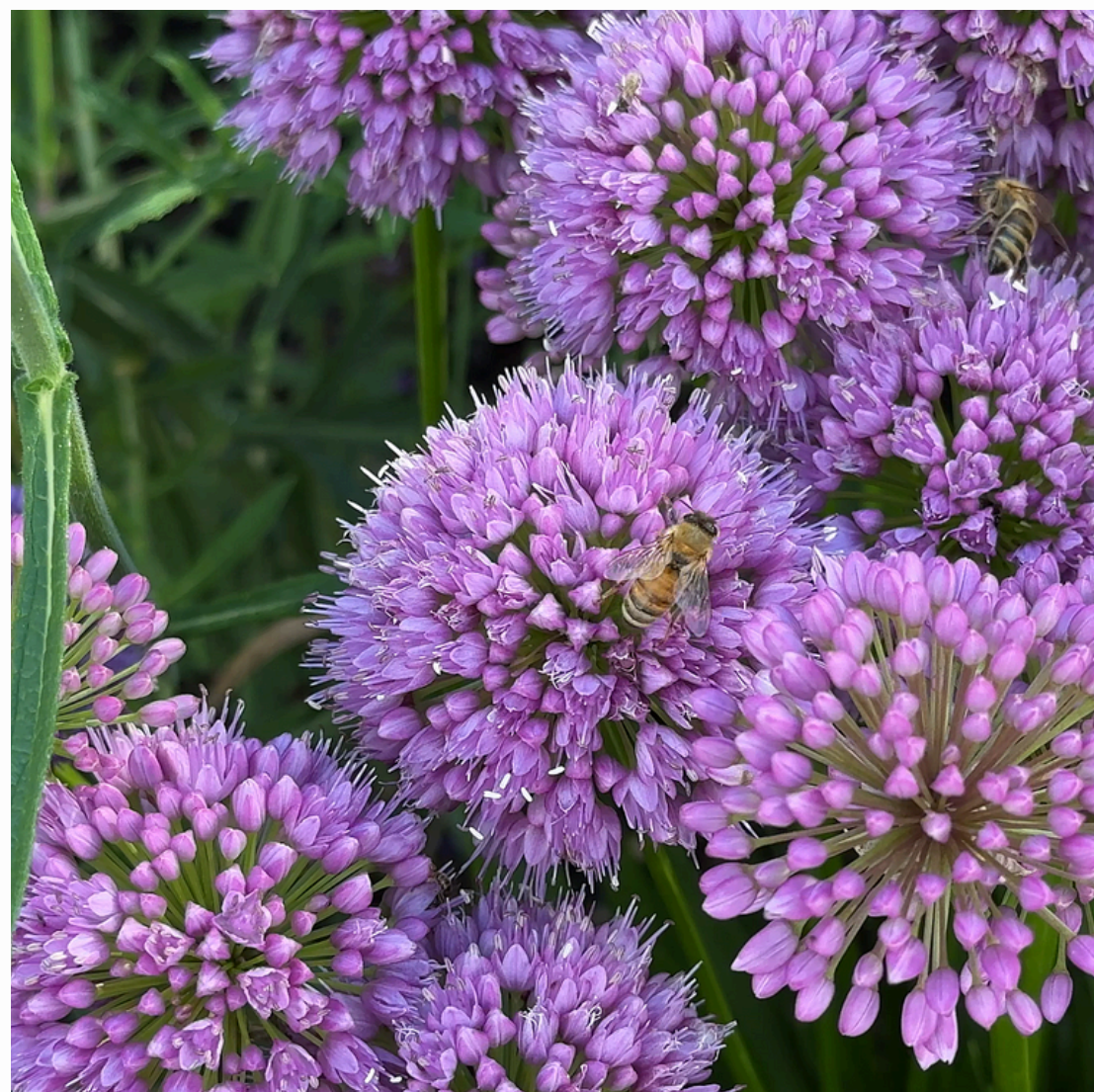
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Patriotism



SUNFLOWER

Adoration, loyalty, you are spendid, best wishes
Tall sunflower - Haughtiness
Dwarf sunfower - Adoration



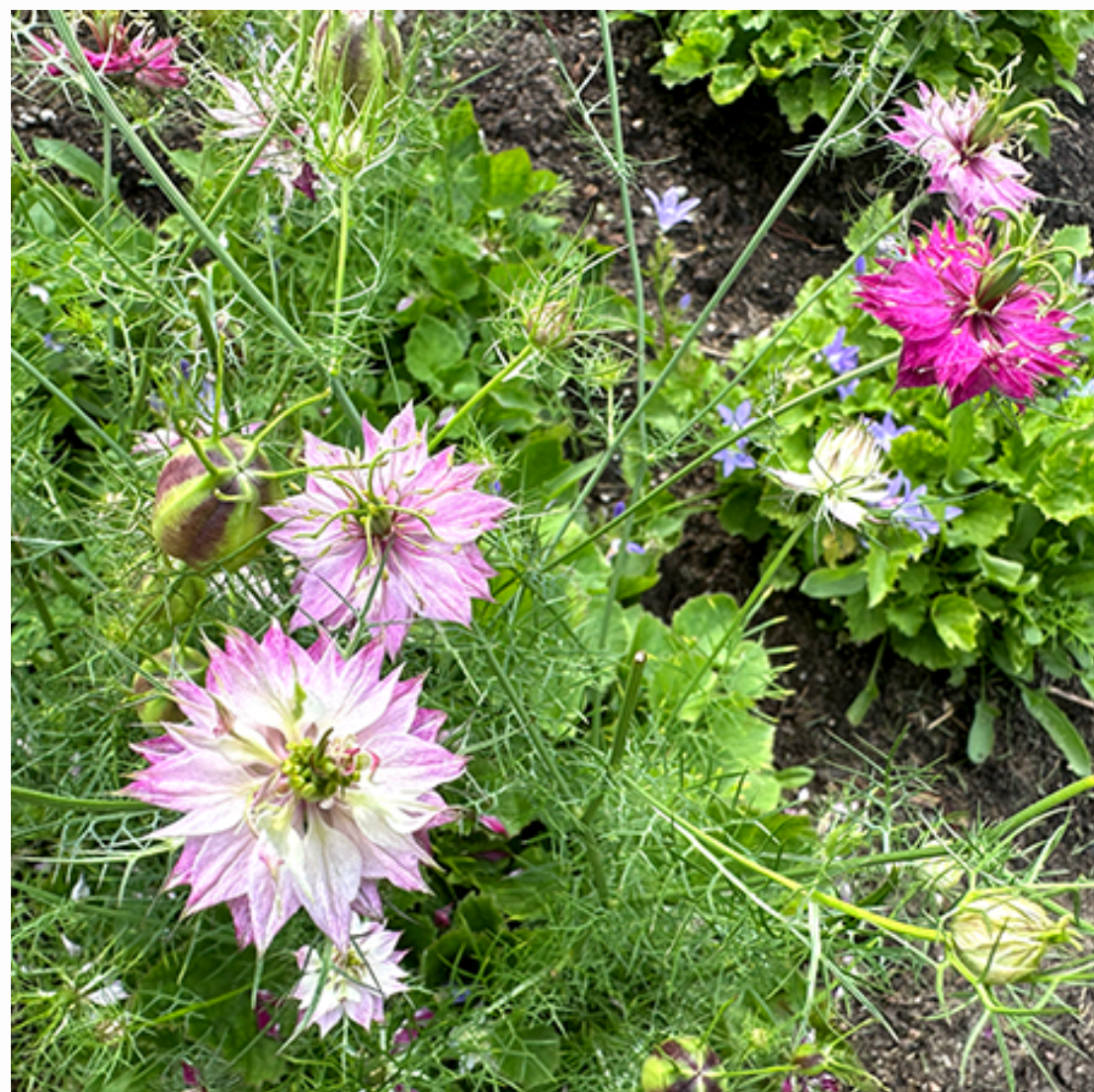
ALLIUM

Patience, unity, humility



HELLEBORE

Relieve anxiety, protection against calumny, scandal, a beautiful year ahead, wit



LOVE IN A MIST

Perplexity, bewilderment, independence, prosperity