



A Blossoming Romance

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Many cultures have found symbolism in their surrounding flora, the most romantic possibly being that of Victorian era courtship.

A floral delivery frequently carried with it the intentions of a suitor or a lady's response. However, they could also tell of personal qualities, wishes, and bonds outside of romance.

Many of our local plants keep secrets to blossom with the spring. Might admiration be declared through the elegant bluebell or cheerful coreopsis?

Perhaps yarrow will symbolize everlasting devotion. Iris may celebrate a cherished friendship.

More unhappy circumstances—such as unrequited love or hopes to end a relationship—might call upon daffodil or butterfly weed. This is only the beginning of the botanical language found in our backyard.

Which messenger is most reminiscent of your Valentine? This Monday is the perfect time for a floral dedication. And in the spring, you might find the bloom on a wildflower walk or surprise them with the plant for their garden, continuing a naturally timeless gesture of love.