

THE FEBRUARY GARDEN



P.1-2 FLOWER OF THE MONTH

Presenting the Snowdrop first in English then in French.

Floral facts, legends and poems around this Winter flower!



P.3 A COLOURING

Colour your snowdrop. Its flowers are usually white but with a little imagination anything is possible!

P.4 A SNOWDROP VALENTINE'S CARD

Colour and decorate your card then send it to a loved one.



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THE SNOWDROP

FLORAL FACTS

- Snowdrops were named after earrings not drops of snow. Women often wore white drop-shaped earrings known as 'eardrops.'
- Snowdrops can also be named; Fair Maids of February, Candlemas Bells, White Ladies, Little Sister of the Snows, Snow Piercers, Dingle-dangle, Flower of Hope and Death's Flower because their bulbs are poisonous.
- The snowdrop's Latin name is *Galanthus*, meaning milk-white flower.
- Each snowdrop bulb produces two or three long narrow leaves and one stalk, topped with a snowy-white flower.
- Snowdrops announce the arrival of Spring. They are one of the first plants that appear while the ground is still covered with snow.
- Snowdrop is a perennial plant which means that it can survive more than two years in the wild.
- Snowdrops grow best in cool climates.



A LEGEND

When Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden they thought the cold winter would never end.

An angel then appeared and changed some of the snowflakes into snowdrop flowers, proving that the winters do eventually give way to Spring! Henceforth snowdrops became a symbol of hope.



A POEM

Robed in white comes Snowflake
Fairy, braving wintry winds and
ice, pearly "Maid of February,"
whom the glistening frosts entice.
Gladly welcome Snowflake Fairy,
on your terrace give her room. She
alone in February braves the cold
to shed her bloom.

—Elizabeth Gordon



LA FLEUR DE FÉVRIER

LE PERCE-NEIGE

UN PEU DE BOTANIE

- Délicate mais robuste, cette fleur perce littéralement la neige et apporte une touche de gaieté dans les jardins pendant les grises journées hivernales. Elle porte donc bien son nom. Le perce-neige annonce l'arrivée du printemps.
- On l'appelle parfois clochette d'hiver, galanthe des neiges ou fleur de l'espoir car elle annonce le printemps.
- Sa désignation latine est *Galanthus*, ce qui veut dire fleur en lait. En effet ses pétales sont blanches comme le lait.
- Chaque bulbe produit deux ou trois longues feuilles et une tige de laquelle émane les clochettes blanches.
- C'est une plante vivace, elle peut survivre plus de deux ans dans la nature à l'état sauvage.
- Le perce-neige pousse mieux dans les climats frais.



UN POÈME

Sous un voile d'argent la Terre ensevelie
Me produit malgré sa fraîcheur :
La Neige conserve ma vie,
Et me donnant son nom me donne sa
blancheur!

— Manuscrit poétique de la Guirlande de
Julie 1641



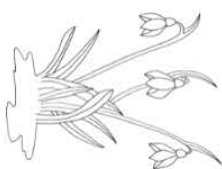
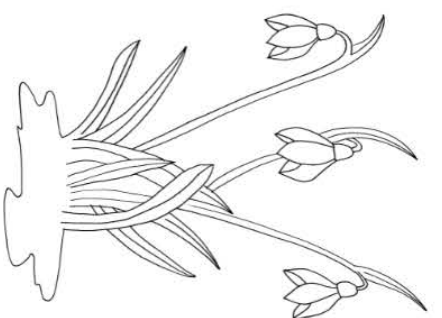
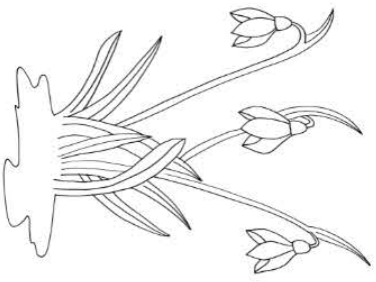
UNE LÉGENDE

Quand Adam et Eve furent expulsés du
jardin d'Eden, ils désespéraient de voir
l'hiver s'éterniser. Un ange apparut et
transforma un flocon de neige en perce-
neige prouvant que le printemps finissait
toujours par arriver. La fleur devient un
symbole d'espoir.

Happy Valentine's day



Lots of love



Charlotte & Burlington

