



A kind word is like a spring day.

Russian Proverb

"I had not thought of violets of late,
The wild, shy kind that springs beneath your feet
In wistful April days..."
~ Alice Dunbar-Nelson



### Flower of the Month - Daisy



The traditional April flower is the daisy. The daisy gets its name from the Old English phrase day's eye. That's because of its appearance (round with a pupil-like center) and because daisies open at dawn as the day is just beginning.

Per legend, the first daisy appeared when a young nymph turned herself into one to avoid unwanted praise and attention. Thus, the flower has come to symbolize modesty, chastity, and innocence. In ancient times, daisies were used as magical charms to heal wounds, gout, and fevers, remove warts, and change gray hair to black.

Daisies are often referred to as "love's oracle" because of the tradition of pulling the petals off one by one and saying "he loves me" or "he loves me not" for each petal. So, if you want to know if your true love loves you back, this is the flower for you.

### Special Days

All Fools' Day April 1

Palm Sunday April 9

> Passover April 11

Good Friday April 14

> Easter April 16

Earth Day April 22

Arbor Day April 28

#### Birthstone - Diamond

Diamonds have been a symbol of wealth and power for centuries, and their sturdiness has represented undying love since Roman times. In fact, Cupid's arrows are supposedly tipped with diamonds. The most famous diamond in the world is the Hope Diamond. In spite of being one of the largest and most beautiful diamonds in history, it carries with it a curse. According to legend, it was stolen from a religious idol in India and given to French royalty as a gift. The diamond eventually ended up in the hands of King Louis XVI and his queen, Marie Antoinette, who were beheaded during the French Revolution. The stone is now at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., where it can't cause anyone any more trouble. It's been more than 58 years, and the Smithsonian has not experienced misfortune.

Could the curse of the Hope Diamond finally be over?

# Gardens and Hearthside April Activity Calendar

## Bus Trips and Shopping Please make reservations with the Front Desk 253-838-3700

Church pick-up Sunday: 8:45 am and 9:05 am
Local Doctor Appointments: Tuesday: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursday: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Local Morning Shopping: Monday: 9:30 am (Fred Meyer, WinCo, Post Office, Banking)

Friday: 9:30 am (320th, Safeway, Walmart)

### **Extras**

Water Toning Monday & Friday 9:00 Spa/Pool Room
10:15 am Zumba Gold/Line Dancing: Mon/Wed/Fri Fairfield Fitness Room
12:00 pm Chair Yoga: Monday and Friday; Chair Chi: Wednesday Fairfield Fitness Room
Fitness-Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 1:00 pm Activity Room 2

King Co. Traveling Library 1st Wed. of each month 9:00 Hearthside Lobby

### Beauty Shop ~ 253-838-5987

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday Hearthside/Gardens Building

Bingo~ Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at 3:00 pm in the Activity Lounge

Birthday Party~ Monday, April 24th at 2:00 pm in the Juice Bar

Whammo~ Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 pm in the Activity Lounge

Roundtable~ Wednesday~ April 12th at 1:45 pm in the Juice Bar

Morning Stretch~ Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:00 am in the Activity Lounge

Jeopardy~ Fridays at 1:30 pm in the Activity Lounge

Chicken Soup for the Soul and Conversation~ Wednesdays at 11:15 am in the Activity Lounge.

Memory Games~ Tuesdays at 1:30 pm in the Activity Lounge