

### Daffodil

Bright, happy trumpets  
call in golden sunshine to  
cheer up rainy days.

### Bluebell

Fairy umbrellas  
crowded together in a  
woodland sea of blue.



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### Poppy

Vibrant pops of red  
turn up where least expected,  
bold, fearless and strong.



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### Gladiolus

Magnificent blooms  
decorate city windows,  
cheering passers-by.



### Hollyhock

From tall, sturdy stems  
showy faces look outward,  
proud and confident.



### Sunflower

Towering beacons  
burn bright in summer gardens.  
It's my time to shine!



# Floral Fun Facts



Poppies can grow in unlikely places. They can even sprout from cracks in the concrete where small amounts of soil have collected.



Lotus flowers rise up and open in the daytime. They slowly close as darkness falls, tucking back into the water. Their seeds can stay at the bottom of a pond for many years. The oldest seeds known to sprout were 1,300 years old!



Snowdrops flower in cold weather. They have been known to pop up through layers of snow!

Young sunflowers track the sun. They start off facing east and turn their heads towards the west throughout the day.



The poinsettia originates from Mexico and Central America where it is known as "Christmas Eve flower." Aztecs used it for red dye and medicine.

Storax, also known as "starflower," helps certain plants to grow by repelling harmful insects and attracting helpful pollinators like bees and butterflies.



Gladioli get their name from the Latin word "gladius," meaning "sword" due to the shape of their long pointed leaves.



Cherry blossoms bloom for only a short time. They are celebrated in a Japanese festival called "Hanami," meaning "flower viewing."

Margolids are used in Hindu weddings and festivals. They represent the sun and its positive energy.



In Mexico, marigolds are used in Day of the Dead celebrations to help guide spirits home.



Bluebells poking up through soil in spring are a sign of ancient woodland. Thousands of flowers bloom all at once to form a bright violet-blue "carpet" on the woodland floor.



In China, the scallop is known as "thinking of home bell."



The word "cosmos" comes from the Greek "kosmos," meaning "world order." Spanish priests named the flower for its evenly-spaced petals, reflecting a harmonious universe.

