

FLOWERS!

Activities to try at home

Fruits were Flowers

Did you know that your favorite fruit came from a flower? After a flower gets pollen from another flower, it will begin to fruit. Fruit is a plant's way of protecting and spreading its seeds, so that a new plant can grow.

Draw your favorite fruit in the box on the left and then get an adult's help finding out what the flower your favorite fruit comes from looks like.

Draw the flower in the box on the right!



Your favorite fruit:

The flower it grew from:



Dandy Muffins

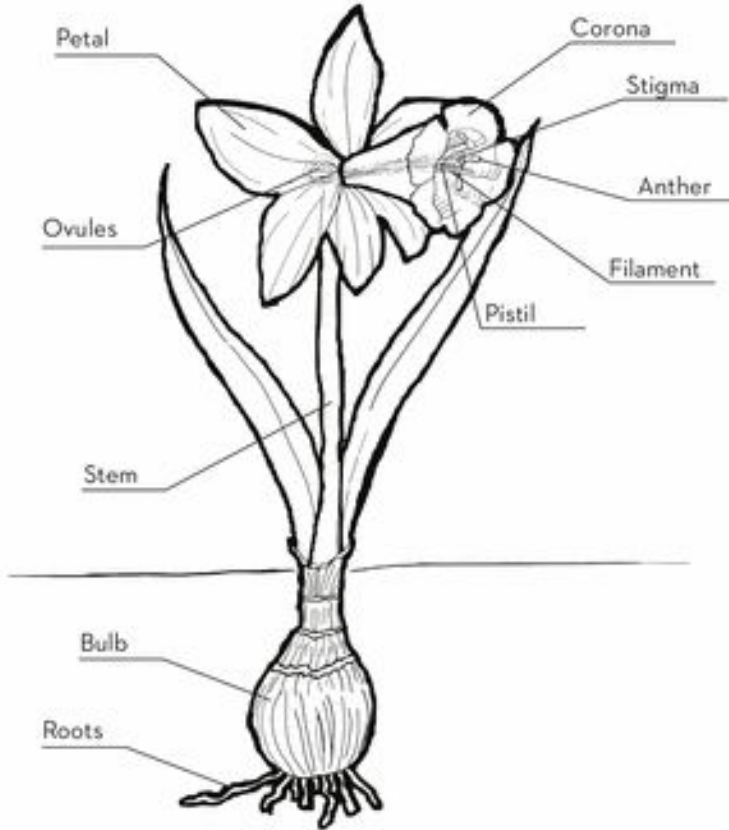
Dandelions play an important role in providing nutrients for early pollinators- they can also feed you! The whole of a dandelion is edible but this recipe just uses the cheery yellow flowers that are some of the first to pop up in the spring (what a good way to get your kids to help weed!).

2 c all-purpose flour
2 tsp baking powder
½ tsp salt
1 c dandelion petals**
¼ canola oil (or softened butter)
4 TBS honey
1 egg
scant 1 ½ c milk

**Collect clean (not sprayed!) & dry dandelion flowers, pull out petals & shake so not in clumps.

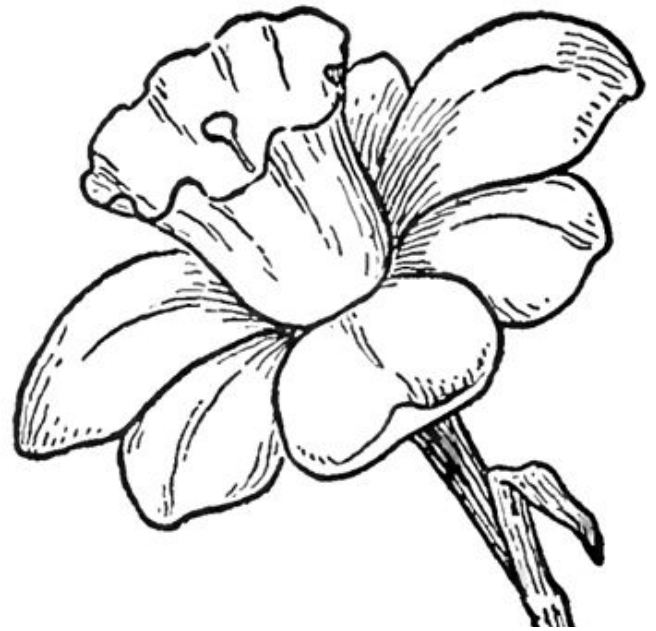
1. Combine all dry ingredients with petals and mix.
2. In a separate bowl, mix together milk, honey, oil, and beat in egg.
3. Add liquid ingredients to dry and stir- should be wet and lumpy.
4. Bake at 400° for 20-25 minutes.

Draw the flower that would come next in the pattern:



There are many daffodils growing in Wallowa County right now, have you spotted some?

Enjoy coloring these pictures and take some time to learn the names of a daffodil's anatomy. Then take a walk to see if you can find one of these early spring flowers and name its many parts!



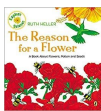
Book Suggestions for Learning More about Flowers

Don't have these at home? Use the links below to access a digital read aloud.



Flowers are Calling by Rita Gray

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhANf8WgtfE>



The Reason for a Flower by Ruth Heller

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_DtHM-Nek9c



Planting a Rainbow by Lois Ehlert

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k5IzhVhSXHM>