

Golden Thumb Award

A Golden Thumb salute to the Loveland Colorado Coalition for Peace and the Highplains Arts Council for their terrific community gardening program. Members of the coalition recently planted an herbal Peace Garden (around a bronze statue of a boy with a dove) in Loveland's Benson Sculpture Park, reports The Herb Companion Magazine...

The Coalition's Peace Garden features herbs selected for their connotations of peace, based on the book, Flora's Dictionary: The Victorian Language of Herbs and Flowers written by Kathleen Gips. Want to duplicate this terrific idea in your garden or city park? Here are the herbs they chose and the qualities they're associated with:

- Lavender for Loyalty
- Thyme for Courage and Happiness
- Oregano for Joy
- Rue for Purification, Virtue and Understanding
- Southernwood for Perseverance
- Santolina for Protection
- Germander for Faithfulness
 - Excerpted from the Organic Gardening Magazine, November, 1995

Flora's Dictionary: The Victorian Language of Herbs and Flowers by Kathleen Gips

- All lovers of herbs, flowers, and Victoriana will want this book on their reference shelf
- More than 700 dictionary inclusions with full color inserts of Victorian Tussie Mussies
- Full color cover, authentic Victorian illustrations, soft-bound, 200 pages, complete reference including index
- The most complete American floral dictionary available... A Floral Thesaurus!