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A Child's Garden of Literature



While browsing through the garden blogs this rainy morning I came upon the **Human Flower Project** and this recent **post** about the Books in Bloom garden created by St. Michael's College (Burlington, VT) education professor Valerie Bang-Jensen and biologist Mark Lubkowitch and their students. All the plants in the garden have a connection to a children's book. There are lupines for Miss Rumphius, poppies for the Wizard of Oz and blueberries for Blueberries for Sal. Of course, there are more modern books referenced in the garden. Guess what Harry Potter plants are included? Aunt *Petunia* and the family live on *Privet Lane*.

This is one of the teaching gardens on campus as part of their trans-disciplinary learning approach. To me it was just another reminder of how many paths there are in the garden, leading through the pages of literature, history, science and almost any discipline you can think of. No wonder gardeners are readers.

Posted by Pat Leuchtman at **7:51 AM**

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2 COMMENTS:

Barbarape said...

Pat,

I've seen a number of Shakespeare gardens but never one that represented the flowers in children's books - how lovely. I'm all for any project that combines the outdoors, flowers & literature - good for those folks in Burlington Vermont.

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Pat Leuchtman said...