

What is Victorian Floriography? The language of flowers- floriography stems from the coded messages of the Victorian era that aided the exchange of feelings through flowers. This exhibit features floral artifacts from Castle Kilbride's collection. A special exhibit in honour of the Wilmot Horticultural Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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Castle Kilbride 60 Snyder's Road West Baden  
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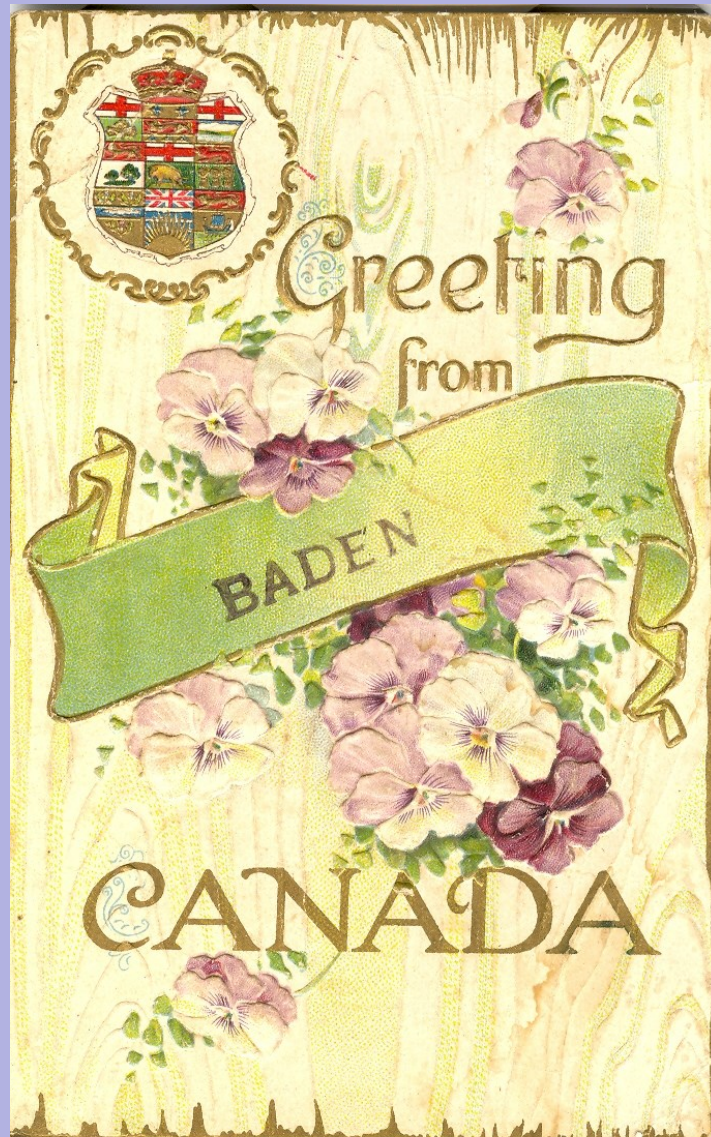
# Featured Flower and Meaning

Lilac (white)- Youthful innocence, Purity

## Artifact Info

New Hamburg Photographer John Lautenschlager c.1915

The subject is Susannah Grundenberger of New Hamburg and her hat decorated with live lilacs.



# Featured Flower and Meaning

Pansy - Thoughtful reflection, Merriment

## Artifact Info

Baden Postcard c.1915

From the Castle Kilbride collection.



# Featured Flower and Meaning

Heather- Good luck

## Artifact Info

Birthday Card Auld Lang Syne and heather both symbols associated with Scotland.



# Featured Flower and Meaning

Dahlia- Dignity and Elegance

## Artifact Info

New Hamburg Photographer John Lautenschlager c.1915

The subject is John's wife Eliza.

**BRICKER-LIVINGSTON WEDDING.**—The residence of James Livingston, M. P., of Baden, the popular member for South Waterloo, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on the afternoon of Wednesday, 28th inst. The principals were Mr. Chester E. Bricker, druggist of Port Huron, and Miss Barbara Helen, daughter of James Livingston, Esq. The bride was handsomely attired in a beautiful gown of white corded silk, trimmed with chiffon and pearl trimmings, with veil and orange blossoms and carried a magnificent bouquet of cream roses. She was attended by her sister, Miss Caroline and her cousin, Miss L. Livingston, of Listowel, who were both charmingly dressed in cream and carried large bouquets of pink roses, while Mr. Bricker was ably supported by her brothers John and Harry. As the bride entered the drawing room on the arm of her father, the strains of a wedding march, perfectly rendered, pealed forth. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. H. Johnson, B. A., of Chesterfield. After congratulations the guests sat down to a most sumptuous repast. The presents were both numerous and costly. Mrs. Bricker is a general favorite and will be greatly missed among her large circle of friends, especially in the Presbyterian church, where she ably performed her duties as organist. The happy couple left on the 4.45 train for New York and other points in the East amid showers of rice and the best wishes of their friends. *Oct 30 1896*



# Featured Flower and Meaning

Orange Blossoms— Innocence, Purity, Eternal love, Marriage

Cream Roses-Happiness

Pink Roses- Perfect happiness

## Artifact Info

Wedding Announcement

Barbara Livingston's wedding announcement to Chester Bricker in October of 1896.



# Featured Flower and Meaning

Calla Lily—Magnificent beauty

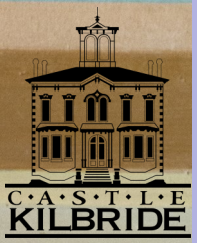
Longi Lily- Pure, Modest

## Artifact Info

Waxed Flowers c.1904

Waxing and preserving flowers was popular in Victorian times. These flowers are from Mrs. Livingston's funeral in 1904.

**Rose**  
**Pelargonium**  
**Lily**  
**Larkspur**  
**Rose**  
**Yellow Iris**  
**Clematis**  
**Phlox**  
**Pink Rose**



**Gargoyle Vase in Main Hallway**





# Featured Flower and Meaning

Lily- Wealth

Larkspur- An open heart

Pelargonium— Consolation

Yellow Iris- Passion

Phlox- Our souls are united

Rose (pink)- Perfect happiness

Rose (red)- I Love You

We are unsure if artist Henry Scharstein planned on using these particular flowers in his 1878 paintings, however





**Larkspur**

**Lavender**

**White Rose**

**White Rose**

**Pink Rose**

**Pelargonium**

**Phlox**



**Vase in Main Hallway at Castle Kilbride**



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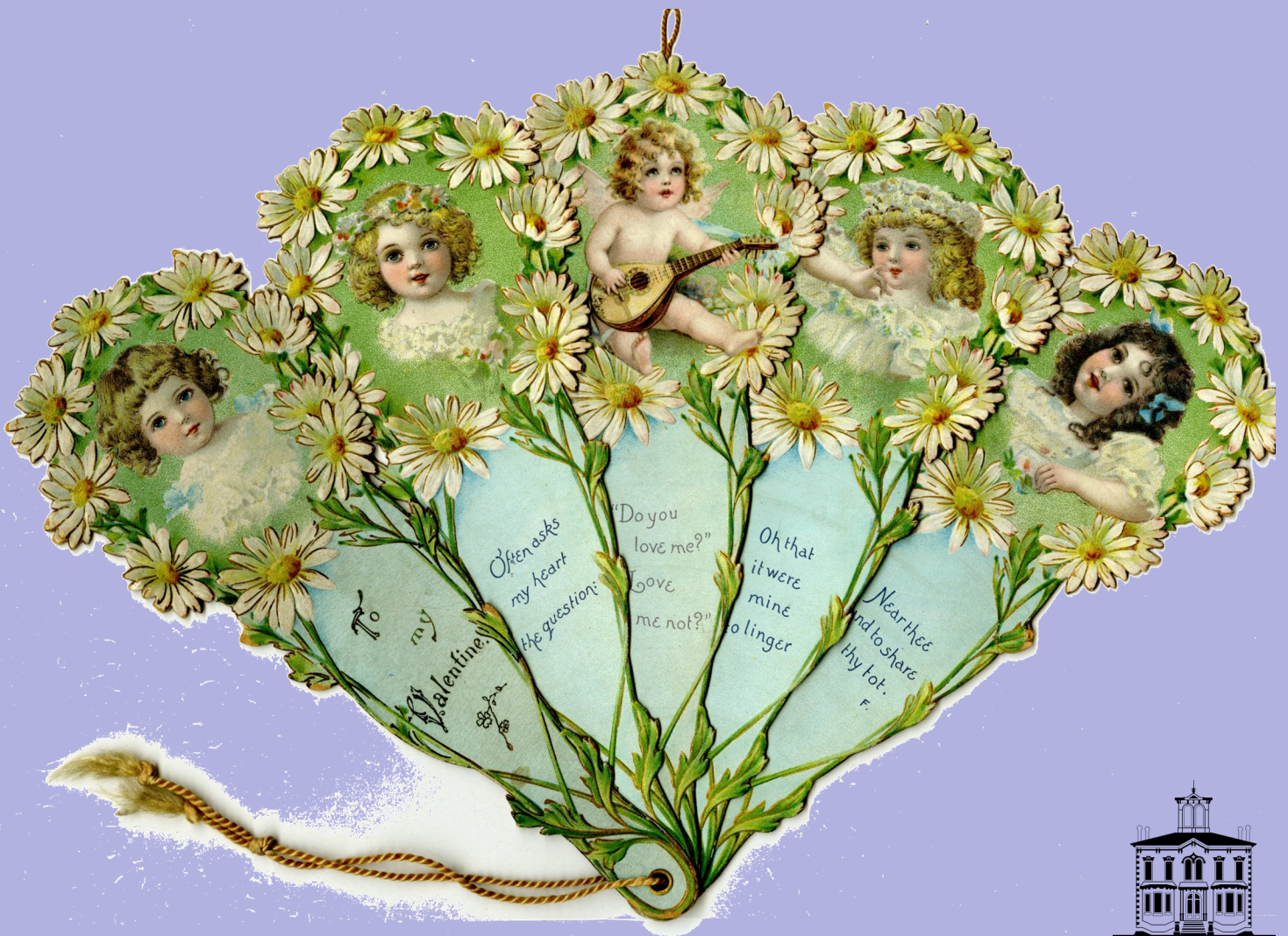
Rose (white)- Charm, Innocence

Rose (pink) - Perfect happiness

Lavender- Loyalty, Love, Devotion

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# Featured Flower and Meaning

Daisy- Loyal love, Gentleness, Innocence

## Artifact Info

Valentine Fan c.1900

This is a scanned copy of a fan from Castle Kilbride's archival collection.



# Featured Flower and Meaning

Pale Pink Rose- Grace

## Artifact Info

Dance Photo c.1925

Laura Louise Livingston during her first recital for Miss Sternberg's dance class.



# Featured Flower and Meaning

Dahlia— Dignity and Elegance

## Artifact Info

Castle Kilbride September 1918

Laura holding baby Laura Louise on the front lawn of Castle Kilbride.



# Featured Flower and Meaning

Orange Blossoms— Innocence, Purity, Eternal love, Marriage

## Artifact Info

Bridal Veil c.1920





# Featured Flower and Meaning

Poppies—Eternal sleep, Oblivion, Imagination

## Artifact Info

Victorian Chamber Set c.1900

Kindly donated to Castle Kilbride by Jack Good-  
er.





# Featured Flower and Meaning

Black-eyed Susan- Encouragement

## Artifact Info

Victorian Crumb Catcher c.1890.

Used with a brush to remove crumbs from a tablecloth.

We believe a Livingston daughter hand painted and inlaid mother of pearl on this papier-mâché pan.



# Featured Flower and Meaning

Hydrangea- Thank you for understanding, Boastfulness, Heartlessness

## Artifact Info

Castle Kilbride Painting c.1996

This painting was created by Bernard R. Schrott and represents the heart-shaped driveway at Castle Kilbride.



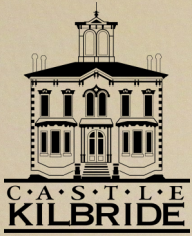
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Chrysanthemum -You're a wonderful friend, Rest,  
Cheerfulness

## Artifact Info

Calendar c.1900

From the business of N.M. Steinman of Baden, which was located on Snyder's Road.



# Featured Flower and Meaning

Daffodil- Regard, unrequited love, respect

## Artifact Info

Tea Cup c.1950

A beautiful bone china tea cup and saucer by Colclough of Eng-  
land



# Featured Flower and Meaning

Day Lily—Coquetry (flirtatious manner)

## Artifact Info

Victorian Day Dress c.1900-1910

Green corded silk, pigeon breast bodice.



# Featured Flower and Meaning

Pink Roses- Perfect happiness

Yellow roses- Friendship, Joy, Gladness

## Artifact Info

Haviland Limoges China c.1910

This 12 piece set of china was given to J.P. and Laura Livingston as a wedding present.



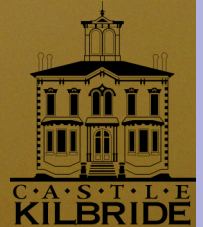
**Featured Flower and Meaning**

Tulip— Love and Passion

**Artifact Info**

Dish c.1890

Small china dish from the  
Castle Kilbride Collection.





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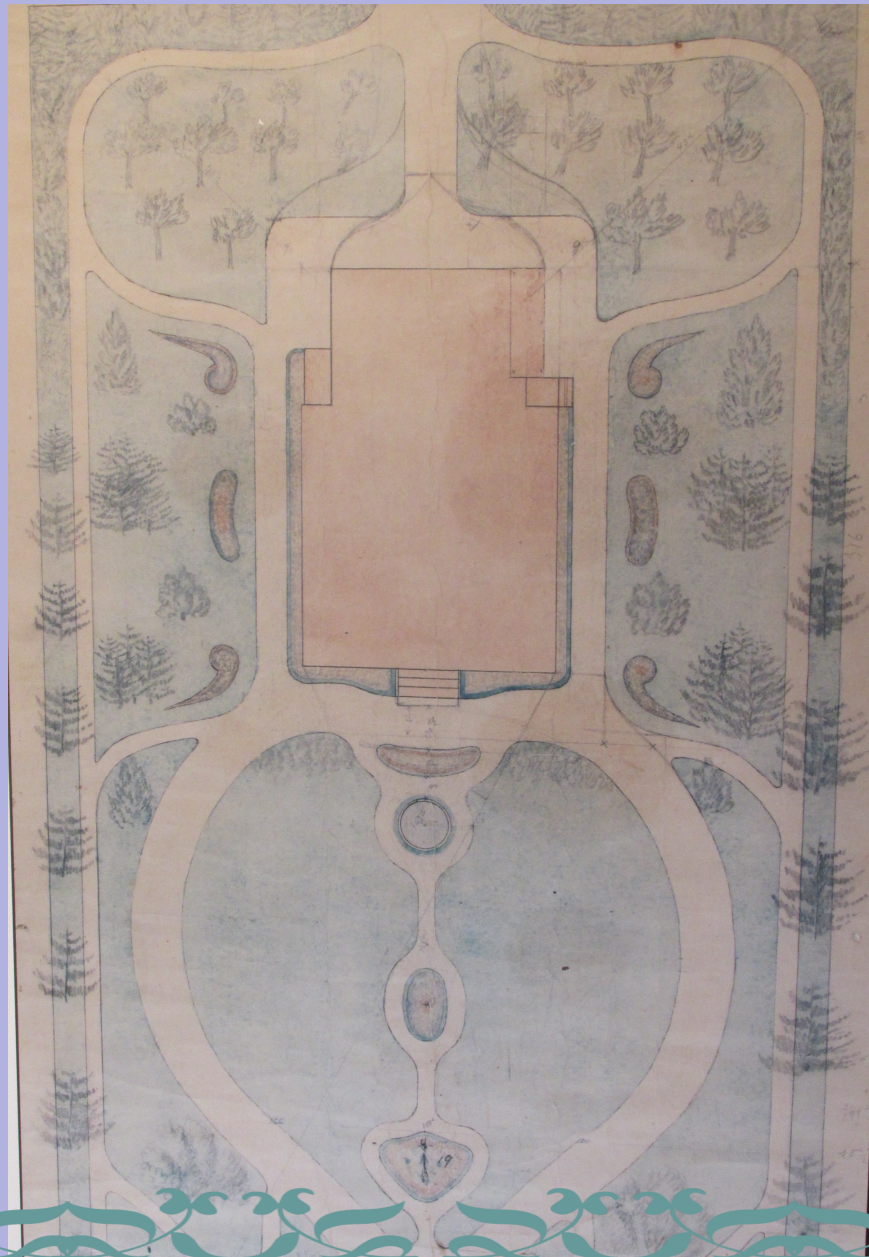
Aster - Fidelity, Variety, I will think of thee

## Artifact Info

Victorian Sewing Stand c.1880

Donated to Castle Kilbride in 1994.





The Wilmot Horticultural Society has been planting the gardens at Castle Kilbride since 1994.

# Artifact Info

Castle Kilbride Landscape Plan c.1877

Original landscape plan created for

James Livingston showing the importance of Victorian landscape design.



## Featured Flower and Meaning

Roses— You're everything to me

### Artifact Info

Calling Cards c.1900

Wilmot names like Hunsberger, Miller,  
Bricker and Cressman.





# Featured Flower and Meaning

Rose (white) - Charm, Innocence

## Artifact Info

Fire Screen c.1880

In Victorian times, needlepoint fire screens such as this would protect women's delicate faces from the harsh heat from the fireplace.