

*Floriography*

The Art of the Language of Flowers

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# Carnation

Full Women Collection 2020

The term dianthus was coined by Greek botanist Theophrastus, and is derived from the Ancient Greek words for divine ("dios") and flower ("anthos"), whilst in Ancient Rome the flower was known as "Jupiter's flower" and used to honour the King of the Gods. The name "carnation" is believed to come from the Latin corona-ae, a "wreath, garland, chaplet, crown", as it was one of the flowers used in Greek and Roman ceremonial crowns.



- General: Fascination, distinction, love
- Striped: refusal
- Solid: Affirmation
- Red: deep romantic love, passion
- Green: love between two men
- White: innocence, pure love, faithfulness
- Pink: a woman's love, a mother's love
- Yellow: rejection, disdain
- Purple: whimsical, unreliability
- Mauve: dreams of fantasy



Some believe the name Dianthus originated from the myth of Diana, goddess of the hunt, who was returning from an unsuccessful hunting trip. She stumbled upon a shepherd playing a flute and blamed his music for spoiling her hunting. In a fit of rage, she attacked him and plucked out his eyes. Once she cooled down, she regretted her actions. Where the eyes fell, red carnations grew as signs of innocent blood.



Others believe that Dianthus was named after Zeus, as Zeus in Greek is dios and flower is anthos. Carnations are also referred to as the flower of the gods.

Christians believe that the first carnation bloomed on earth when Mary wept for Jesus as he carried his cross.



*Cesallandae satiosa*

# Iris

The iris is represented in Greek mythology. Iris was the goddess of the rainbow and a messenger for Zeus and Hera, and many believe that the flower is named after her. She carried messages from heaven to earth on the arc of the rainbow, and was a companion to female souls on the way to heaven. To this day, Greeks plant purple irises on women's graves so that Iris will guide them to their resting place in heaven.



The iris inspired the fleur-de-lis, a decorative symbol used by French royalty. It originated in the Middle Ages. During this time the fleur-de-lis became tied to the French Monarchy, and appeared on their coat of arms, coins, and shields. Some believe that the three petals represented the three social orders: nobility, clergy, and peasants.



**General:**  
Eloquence, good news

**Blue:**  
Faith, hope

**Purple:**  
Wisdom, compliments

**Yellow:**  
Passion

**White:**  
Purity



The artist Philip Hermogenes Calderon painted an iris in his 1856 work *Broken Vows*; he followed the principles of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood. An ancient belief is that the iris serves as a warning to be heeded, as it was named for the messenger of Olympus. It also conveys images of lost love and silent grief, for young girls were led into the afterlife by Iris.

# Rose

In ancient Greece, the rose was closely associated with the goddess Aphrodite. In the Iliad, Aphrodite protects the body of Hector using the "immortal oil of the rose" and the archaic Greek lyric poet Ibycus praises a beautiful youth saying that Aphrodite nursed him "among rose blossoms".

The second-century AD Greek travel writer Pausanias associates the rose with the story of Adonis and states that the rose is red because Aphrodite wounded herself on one of its thorns and stained the flower red with her blood.



The rose was a privileged symbol for Mary, Queen of heaven and earth. One of her titles in Catholic Marian devotion is Rosa Mystica or Mystic Rose.

The mystic rose appears in Dante's Divine Comedy, where it represents God's love. By the twelfth century, the red rose had come to represent Christ's passion, and the blood of the martyrs.

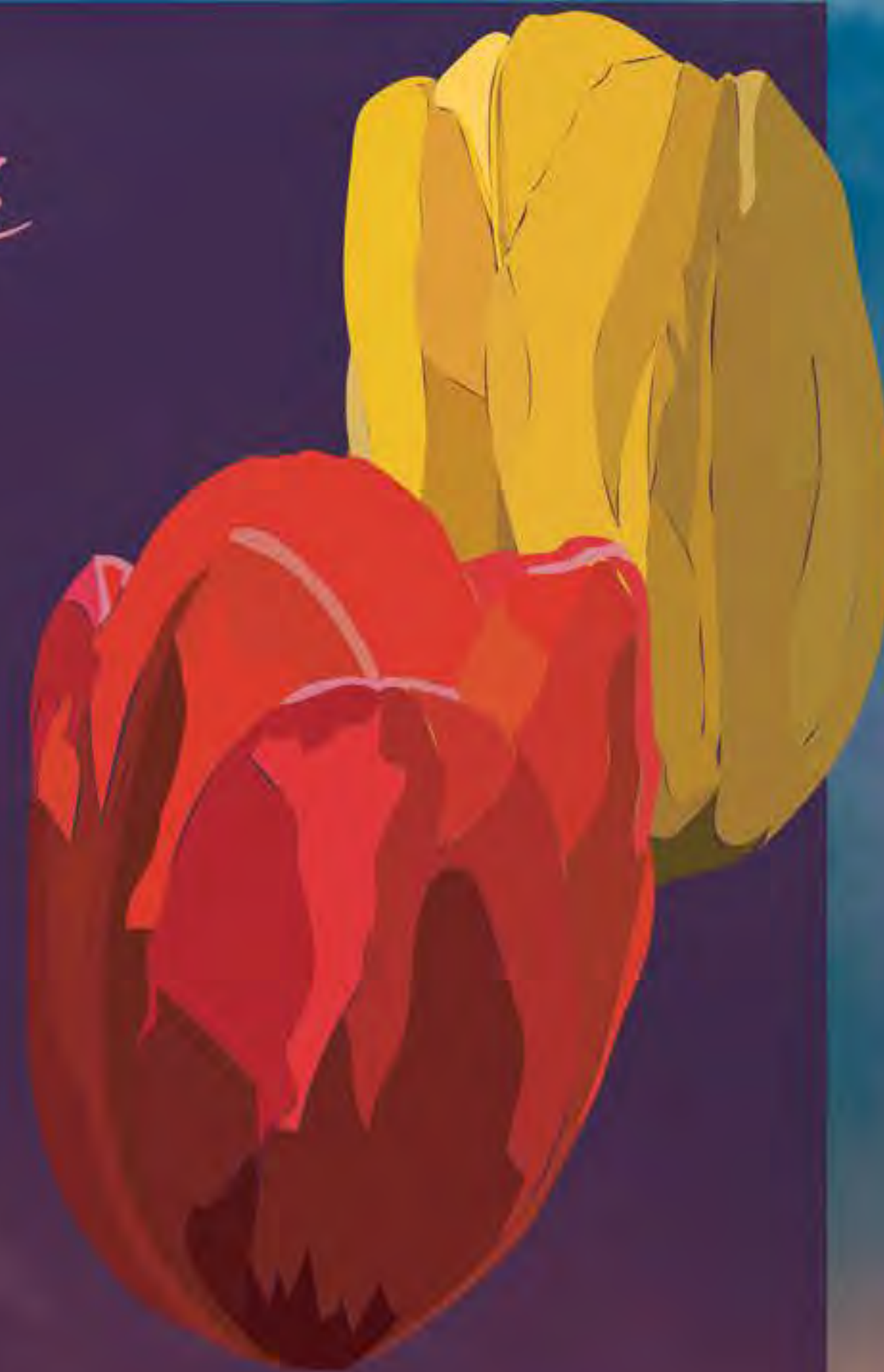


Red: True love  
Blue: Mystery, attaining the impossible, love at first sight  
White: Silence or innocence, wistfulness, virtue, purity, secrecy, reverence and humility  
Black: Death, hatred, despair, sorrow, mystery, danger, obsession  
yellow :Friendship, apology, intense emotion, undying love; extreme betrayal, a broken heart, infidelity, jealousy  
pink Grace  
Dark pink Gratitude  
Light pink Desire, passion, joy of life, youth, energy  
Burgundy Unconscious beauty  
coral or orange Desire, passion  
lavender or violet Love at first sight

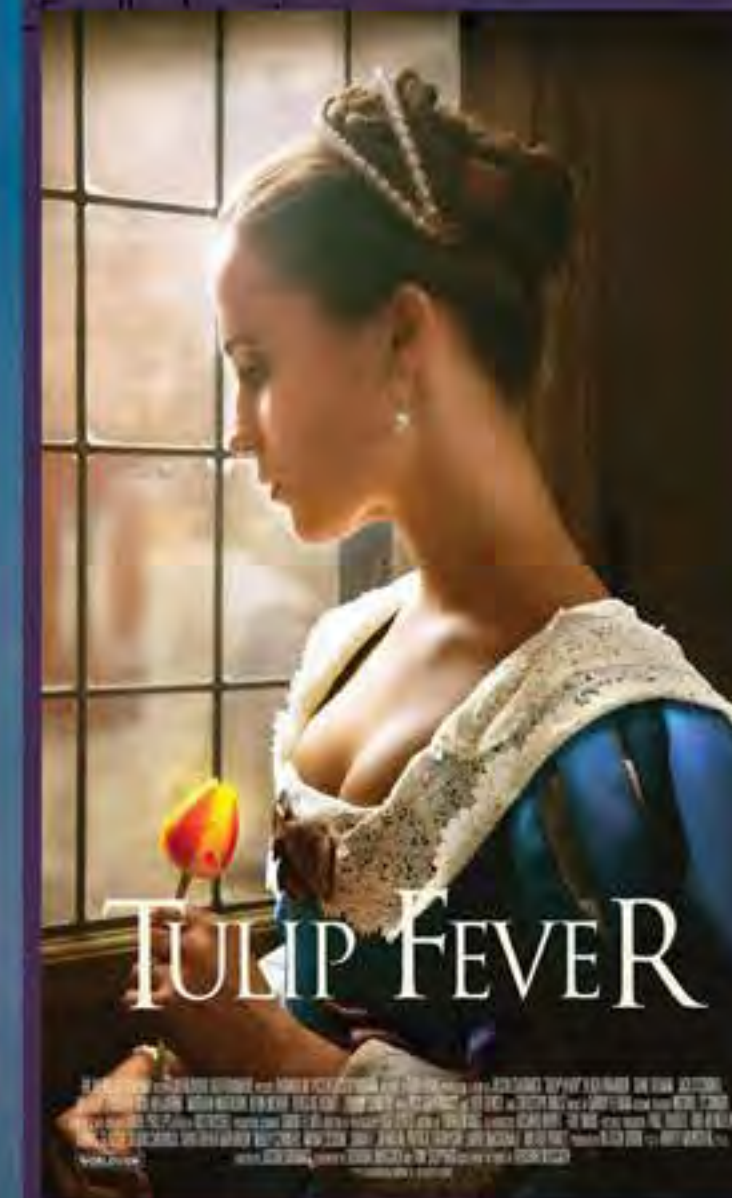
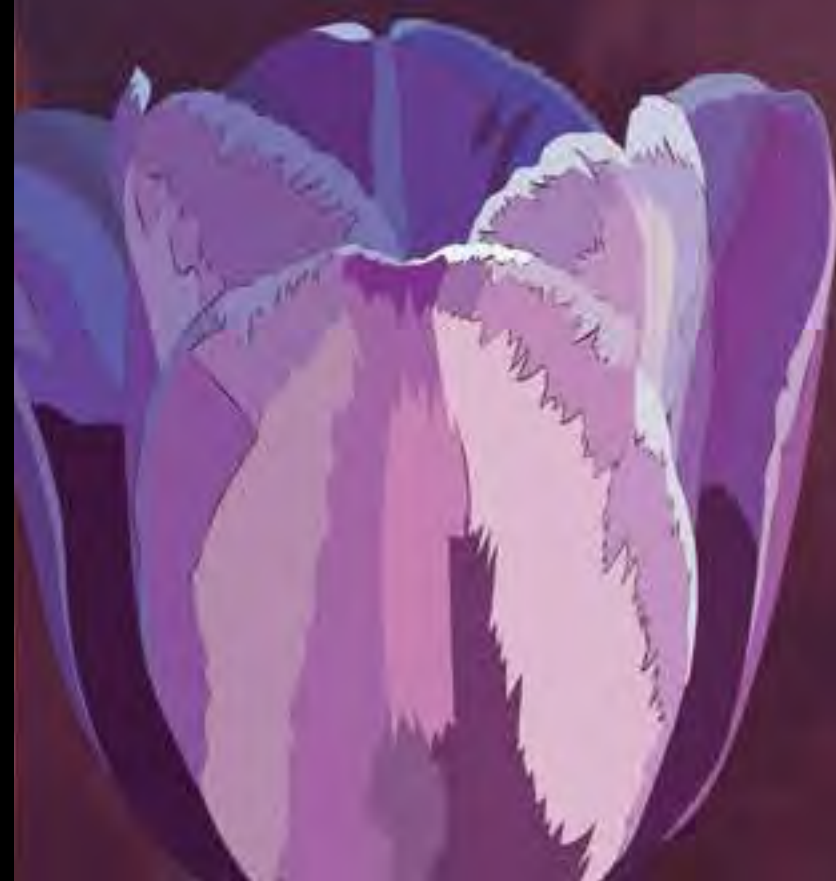


# Tulip

Tulips commonly mean perfect love. The meaning of perfect love is tied to Turkish and Persian legends about the love between Farhad and Shirin. Farhad is a stone cutter and Shirin is a princess. He tries to win her over and she rejects him, so he goes to the hills to play music to honor her. When she learns this, she falls in love with him. However, her father isn't pleased that she's fallen in love with a commoner, and tasks him with digging a giant canal to prove his love.



After years, Farhad nearly finishes the canal, so Shirin's father sends a courtesan to convince Farhad that Shirin is dead. He is so distraught that he takes his life. When Shirin learns of this, she goes to find him and takes her own life to be with him. Red tulips grow where their blood hits the ground as symbols that their love will last forever.



- Red:  
Undying love, Passion, Perfect love
- Pink:  
Caring, Good wishes, Friendship, Joyful Occasions, Confidence
- Purple:  
Nobility/Royalty, Rebirth, Spring
- White:  
Forgiveness, Remembrance, Worthiness, Sincerity
- Yellow:  
Cheerful thoughts, Sunshine, Hope
- Blue:  
Respect, Tranquility, Trust
- Orange:  
Understanding, Appreciation, Truest love
- Black:  
Power, Strength, Supreme elegance
- Variegated:  
Beautiful eyes

## Fun facts about tulips!

Their flower buds are known for being perfectly symmetrical. They are the 11th wedding anniversary flower. Tulip petals are edible and can be used to replace onions in many recipes or even to make wine. At the peak of the tulip mania, the flowers were worth more than diamonds. There are over 150 species of tulips with a shocking 3000 varieties.

