

ASHFERN & IRON

BOTANICAL SPIRITUAL GUIDE

Website-Ready Herb & Flower Correspondences

A reference for the spiritual symbolism, ritual associations, and website descriptions of the botanicals currently used or kept by Ashfern & Iron.

Important: These correspondences are spiritual, folkloric, historical, or modern symbolic associations. They are not medical claims and do not guarantee spiritual results. Plant safety, skin safety, candle safety, pet safety, and ingestion safety must be evaluated separately for each finished product.

Website Botanical Directory

St. John's Wort

Spiritual Associations: Protection • Solar Energy • Courage • Light • Warding

St. John's Wort has a long history in European folk tradition as a protective, light-associated plant. Its bright yellow flowers naturally support solar symbolism, courage, confidence, and the clearing of heavy or unwanted energy.

Ritual Uses: Protection work, solar rituals, confidence intentions, warding, courage work, and light-centered devotional practice.

Correspondence Type: Historically rooted European folklore; correspondence varies by tradition.

Safety / Product Note: Not for ingestion in Ashfern & Iron ritual products. Verify species and intended product use before formulation.

Honeysuckle

Spiritual Associations: Attraction • Prosperity • Love • Sweetness • Opportunity

Honeysuckle is often associated with drawing desirable things closer. Its sweet scent and climbing growth make it a fitting symbol for affection, abundance, opportunity, attraction, and strengthening bonds.

Ritual Uses: Attraction work, prosperity intentions, love rituals, abundance work, manifestation, and welcoming positive opportunities.

Correspondence Type: Folkloric and modern magical correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Use correctly identified plant material; avoid medical claims.

Rose

Spiritual Associations: Love • Beauty • Devotion • Passion • Heart-Centered Work

Rose is one of the most recognizable spiritual symbols of love and devotion. Across many traditions it is linked with beauty, affection, remembrance, sensuality, self-worth, and sacred love.

Ritual Uses: Love work, devotional offerings, attraction rituals, self-love intentions, beauty work, remembrance, and heart-centered magic.

Correspondence Type: Historical, folkloric, and modern devotional use.

Safety / Product Note: Choose clean, unsprayed petals for craft use where possible.

Calendula

Spiritual Associations: Sun • Success • Joy • Protection • Confidence

With its golden-orange flowers, calendula carries strong solar symbolism. In modern spiritual practice it is commonly used for optimism, success, confidence, warmth, protection, and renewal.

Ritual Uses: Solar rituals, success work, confidence intentions, happiness, prosperity, protection, and renewal.

Correspondence Type: Modern magical correspondence with strong solar symbolism.

Safety / Product Note: Verify exact product application before using in oils, candles, or body-adjacent products.

Hibiscus

Spiritual Associations: Passion • Attraction • Sensuality • Love • Divination

Hibiscus is often associated with vivid beauty, passion, desire, attraction, and confidence. Its striking blossoms also make it useful symbolically in intuitive and divination-centered work.

Ritual Uses: Passion work, attraction rituals, sensuality, love intentions, confidence, beauty magic, and divination.

Correspondence Type: Modern magical correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: For ritual/craft use unless a supplier specifically supports another use.

Chili Pods

Spiritual Associations: Fire • Power • Courage • Speed • Banishing

Chili carries unmistakable fire symbolism. It is frequently used in contemporary practice where an intention calls for intensity, motivation, courage, forceful boundary-setting, or rapid movement.

Ritual Uses: Courage work, fiery protection, banishing, motivation, breaking stagnation, and strengthening boundaries.

Correspondence Type: Modern magical correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Can irritate skin, eyes, and lungs. Handle carefully and keep away from children and pets.

Clove

Spiritual Associations: Protection • Strength • Prosperity • Purification • Confidence

Clove has a warm, forceful character and is commonly used in folk and modern magical traditions for protection, prosperity, purification, confidence, and strengthening intentions.

Ritual Uses: Protection blends, prosperity work, cleansing, confidence, abundance, and reinforcing ritual work.

Correspondence Type: Folkloric and modern magical correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Use only at application-appropriate levels; concentrated aromatic products can be irritating.

Salt

Spiritual Associations: Cleansing • Protection • Purification • Boundaries

Salt is one of the most widespread symbols of cleansing and protection. In modern ritual practice it is used to represent purification, grounding, boundaries, and the separation of sacred space from unwanted influence.

Ritual Uses: Protective circles, cleansing rituals, boundary work, spell jars, altar bowls, and purification.

Correspondence Type: Broad cross-cultural symbolism; specific ceremonial uses vary by tradition.

Safety / Product Note: Salt does not dissolve meaningfully into carrier oil; use as a separate ritual component.

Rosemary

Spiritual Associations: Protection • Remembrance • Clarity • Purification

Rosemary has centuries of association with remembrance and protection. Its strong aromatic nature has also made it a favorite for cleansing, clarity, household blessing, and devotional work.

Ritual Uses: Protection, ancestor remembrance, cleansing, clarity, purification, household blessing, and devotional practice.

Correspondence Type: Historical and folkloric correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Appropriate use depends on plant preparation and finished product.

Peony

Spiritual Associations: Prosperity • Honor • Love • Protection • Good Fortune

Peony is associated with abundance, beauty, honor, good fortune, love, and flourishing. Its lush blossoms make it especially suited to prosperity and confidence-centered rituals.

Ritual Uses: Prosperity work, love rituals, beauty intentions, good fortune, confidence, honor, and abundance.

Correspondence Type: Folkloric and modern correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Use cultivated or purchased material for consistent retail sourcing.

Seeds

Spiritual Associations: Beginnings • Potential • Manifestation • Growth • Renewal

Seeds represent possibility before visible growth. They are powerful symbols for beginnings, manifestation, fertility of ideas, personal growth, business development, and long-term intentions.

Ritual Uses: Manifestation, new beginnings, business growth, goal-setting, fertility symbolism, prosperity, and transformation.

Correspondence Type: Universal symbolic use; meaning depends on species and tradition.

Safety / Product Note: Identify seed species before including in any finished product.

Pink Salt

Spiritual Associations: Protection • Cleansing • Love • Gentle Boundaries • Grounding

Pink salt carries the traditional symbolism of salt while its color supports themes of compassion, affection, peace, and gentler forms of protection.

Ritual Uses: Love-focused protection, cleansing, self-love, peaceful boundaries, altar work, and grounding.

Correspondence Type: Modern color-based ritual correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Best used as a separate ritual component rather than an oil infusion.

Wormwood

Spiritual Associations: Divination • Spirit Work • Protection • Banishing • Liminality

Wormwood has a longstanding reputation as a mysterious and liminal plant. In modern occult practice it is often linked with divination, spirit work, ancestor symbolism, boundaries, protection, and transition.

Ritual Uses: Divination, spirit work, ancestor practices, crossroads work, banishing, protection, and liminal rituals.

Correspondence Type: Historical folklore plus modern occult correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Requires caution. Not for ingestion in Ashfern & Iron ritual products; research exact application before use.

Stinging Nettle

Spiritual Associations: Defense • Courage • Boundaries • Strength • Reversal

Stinging nettle naturally lends itself to defensive symbolism. Its sting has made it a strong modern correspondence for boundaries, protection, standing one's ground, resilience, and reversal work.

Ritual Uses: Protective work, boundary-setting, courage, resilience, reversal symbolism, and personal strength.

Correspondence Type: Folkloric and modern magical correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Fresh nettle can sting and irritate. Handle with care.

Trumpet Vine

Spiritual Associations: Persistence • Ambition • Visibility • Determination • Overcoming Obstacles

Trumpet vine is used here primarily as an Ashfern & Iron house correspondence. Its vigorous climbing habit and bright trumpet-shaped flowers symbolize determination, visibility, persistence, and refusing to be easily stopped.

Ritual Uses: Ambition, business growth, confidence, overcoming obstacles, commanding attention, and persistence.

Correspondence Type: Ashfern & Iron house correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Use only correctly identified plant material; favor symbolic/ritual use unless product safety is established.

Lavender

Spiritual Associations: Peace • Purification • Protection • Dreams • Love

Lavender is widely used in modern spiritual practice for calm, purification, peaceful protection, dream work, affection, and creating a soothing ritual atmosphere.

Ritual Uses: Peace rituals, dream symbolism, cleansing, love work, protection, meditation, and devotional offerings.

Correspondence Type: Folkloric and modern magical correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Product safety depends on whether you are using dried plant material, essential oil, or fragrance oil.

Iris

Spiritual Associations: Messages • Intuition • Wisdom • Spiritual Communication • Hope

Named for the rainbow-associated Greek goddess Iris, the flower lends itself naturally to symbolism involving messages, hope, transitions, intuition, and communication between worlds.

Ritual Uses: Divination, communication work, intuition, guidance, spiritual messages, transition rituals, and devotional offerings.

Correspondence Type: Mythic name association plus modern ritual correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Exact iris species matters; use ornamental material symbolically unless safety is established.

Mint

Spiritual Associations: Prosperity • Luck • Cleansing • Vitality • Movement

Mint carries a fresh, energetic quality and is commonly associated with prosperity, luck, cleansing, abundance, mental movement, and forward momentum.

Ritual Uses: Money work, prosperity, cleansing, luck, business growth, communication, and revitalizing stagnant intentions.

Correspondence Type: Historical herb with folkloric and modern magical correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Different mint species and aromatic preparations have different safety profiles.

Catnip

Spiritual Associations: Love • Attraction • Happiness • Comfort • Feline Energy

Catnip is often used in modern folk magic for affection, happiness, attraction, peaceful domestic energy, and spiritual work involving cats or feline symbolism.

Ritual Uses: Love work, happiness, friendship, peaceful-home intentions, attraction, and feline devotional practices.

Correspondence Type: Modern folk-magical correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Keep finished products pet-appropriate; concentrated oils and dried herbs are not equivalent in safety.

Basil

Spiritual Associations: Prosperity • Protection • Love • Purification • Success

Basil is a versatile spiritual herb associated with household protection, prosperity, love, purification, success, and good fortune.

Ritual Uses: Money work, business success, household blessing, love, protection, prosperity, and cleansing.

Correspondence Type: Historical herb with folkloric and modern magical use.

Safety / Product Note: Use culinary species from reliable sources; application safety varies by product.

Sweet Pea

Spiritual Associations: Friendship • Gratitude • Gentle Attraction • New Chapters • Farewell

Sweet pea carries soft, sentimental symbolism. It is often associated with gratitude, friendship, gentle affection, transitions, and gracefully moving into a new chapter.

Ritual Uses: Friendship work, gratitude rituals, peaceful departures, new beginnings, gentle attraction, and emotional transition.

Correspondence Type: Modern floral symbolism.

Safety / Product Note: Sweet pea can be toxic if ingested; keep it symbolic or craft-only unless safety is well established.

Arnica

Spiritual Associations: Resilience • Strength • Endurance • Recovery Symbolism • Perseverance

For Ashfern & Iron, arnica is best treated as a symbolic plant of resilience, endurance, perseverance, and continuing after difficult experiences.

Ritual Uses: Resilience work, personal strength, endurance, courage, perseverance, and overcoming hardship.

Correspondence Type: Ashfern & Iron / modern symbolic correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Requires special handling. Do not treat as a general-purpose ingestible or skin botanical.

Lilac

Spiritual Associations: Renewal • Memory • Love • Spiritual Cleansing • New Beginnings

Lilac's association with spring makes it a natural symbol of renewal, memory, awakening, love, and moving forward after a period of stillness.

Ritual Uses: New beginnings, renewal, remembrance, love, cleansing, ancestor remembrance, and emotional transition.

Correspondence Type: Folkloric and modern floral correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Use positively identified, clean plant material for craft and ritual use.

Tulip

Spiritual Associations: Love • Beauty • Confidence • Prosperity • New Beginnings

Tulips are often associated with affection, beauty, confidence, prosperity, and the return of life in spring.

Ritual Uses: Love work, confidence, beauty intentions, abundance, spring rituals, and new beginnings.

Correspondence Type: Modern floral symbolism with historical cultural associations.

Safety / Product Note: Tulip parts can be irritating or toxic if ingested; keep ritual use non-ingestible.

Dandelion

Spiritual Associations: Wishes • Resilience • Divination • Spirit Communication • Transformation

Dandelion is a vivid symbol of persistence and change. Its seeds traveling on the wind make it especially fitting for wishes, messages, manifestation, freedom, and releasing intentions.

Ritual Uses: Wish magic, manifestation, divination, spirit communication, resilience, releasing intentions, and transformation.

Correspondence Type: Folkloric and modern magical correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Avoid plants from chemically treated lawns or contaminated roadsides.

Dandelion Root

Spiritual Associations: Grounding • Ancestor Work • Divination • Resilience • Transformation • Hidden Strength

The root carries a deeper, earth-centered symbolism than the flower or seed head. Because dandelion can regenerate after disturbance, the root fits work involving endurance, stability, ancestral connection, shadow work, transformation, and strength beneath the surface.

Ritual Uses: Grounding, ancestor work, resilience, protection, underworld symbolism, divination, transformation, and strengthening long-term intentions.

Correspondence Type: Folkloric and modern earth/underworld correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Keep spiritual claims separate from herbal or medical claims; source clean, correctly identified roots.

Goldenrod

Spiritual Associations: Prosperity • Good Fortune • Encouragement • Abundance • Divination

Goldenrod's bright golden flowers make it naturally suited to prosperity and success symbolism. In contemporary spiritual practice it may represent encouragement, opportunity, abundance, and finding one's way forward.

Ritual Uses: Prosperity, business success, confidence, luck, abundance, divination, and opportunity drawing.

Correspondence Type: Folkloric and modern magical correspondence.

Safety / Product Note: Confirm exact species and legal harvest location before foraging.

Fennel

Spiritual Associations: Protection • Purification • Courage • Communication • Prosperity

Fennel has deep Mediterranean roots and fits spiritual work involving protection, strength, communication, prosperity, and movement. It pairs especially well with devotional work involving Hermes/Mercury and Dionysus/Bacchus.

Ritual Uses: Protection, communication, prosperity, confidence, purification, travel symbolism, and business intentions.

Correspondence Type: Historical Mediterranean plant with later magical correspondences.

Safety / Product Note: Do not casually forage Apiaceae-family plants because dangerous look-alikes exist; cultivated or purchased fennel is preferable.

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Suggested Website Key

Historical: documented in older religious, mythic, or folk material. **Folkloric:** rooted in later traditional belief or customary symbolism. **Modern:** contemporary pagan, witchcraft, or occult correspondence. **Ashfern & Iron:** a clearly identified house correspondence developed for the brand's own symbolic practice.