

Bible Leaf – A Heritage Plant
(*Chrysanthemum balsamita* or *Tanacetum balsamita*)

This heritage plant was passed from one generation to another in the Kuse family. Only a small cluster of plants survives and an effort is being made to protect and preserve it in hopes that the existing clump will grow larger. It is located near Bench X west of the pond.



Leaves of the Bible Leaf Plant in Mid May



Growing Bible Leaf Plants with Buds in Mid July



Leaf in Mid August



Flower Buds at the End of August



Flowers at the Beginning of October



Flowers in Mid October

Things to Do and Questions to Think About

- Heritage plants help us understand ways our ancestors lived. View the video to learn about the uses of Bible Leaf throughout history.
- Why were Bible Leaf plants important?
- How were heritage plants brought to our community?
- How were they maintained and propagated?
- What are some examples of heritage plants in your family or your town?

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