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Have you ever wondered about the mythological stories of trees and flowers that we see every day in nature, rest in their shadows, admire their beauty, or plants we use for healing purposes? In this issue of our magazine, we researched the mythological stories of 7 different plants grown in our region and we wanted to share these interesting stories with you. We wish you pleasant reading.



# POPPY

According to legend, Myrrha was carrying the seeds of her forbidden love when she turned into a myrrh tree. However, this was not the human body, a tree could not explain her feelings, sorrows easily. Finally, Lucina notices the situation of Myrrha and helps her to give birth to her child by touching her. Forest nymphs take the child and think that she is a fairy because of her beauty. Indeed, Adonis was born as beautiful as a God, and she becomes much more beautiful as she is grown up.

After Adonis grew up, she was injured by an arrow which was thrown by Aphrodite unintentionally. Aphrodite, who fell in love with the moment he saw her, carried Adonis to the skies and healed her. He gave advices by telling the story of another character named Hippomenes. Aphrodite kissed his lover and, while going to where he came from, the dogs scared a boar and removed it from its cave. But the boar was more agile and attacked Adonis and killed her in one move. Aphrodite, who has



not reached his house yet, felt this pain and returned immediately.

When he saw the lifeless body of Adonis, he was damned and said, “You will live with all your presence. Adonis, You will remain as a monument of my loss. The blood that will turn you into flowers will make you big in our hearts.”

When the blood dripping from Adonis touched the soil, red flowers were grown up. These flowers, known as Manisa Tulip (Mountain Tulip), which lives shortly like Adonis.



## BAY TREE

One of the many stories in Greek mythology is the story of Apollon and Daphne (Defne). This story takes place in Harbiye, Antakya.

Apollon was the God of the sun, light, poetry, music, arrow, prophecy in mythology. He, who was the son of Zeus, brother of Artemis, was a very good archer.



Daphne was the daughter of Peneus, the God of rivers. There were many men who fell in love with this nymph, which was famous for being so beautiful. However, Daphne was determined not to marry her life and therefore had not accepted any requests for marriage.

One day, Apollon met the cupid Eros, an archer like himself, as he traveled the sky with his car drawn by four divine horses. Eros was busy with the bow and arrow and making people fall in love at the time. Apollon called Eros, who recently killed a dragon and was arrogant for his victory:

- Oh! God of love! These combat vehicles do not suit you. If you give them to me, I use them where appropriate, on the battlefields. You know, the arrow that I shot finds its place.

Eros was very angry at this condescending attitude of Apollo. He said to Apollo:

- The powerful and intelligent Apollo, the God of the sun, music, arrow. Of course there is truth in what they say. Your arrows will hit

everything. But there is one thing that you forgot that my arrows can even hit you. Why do you underestimate my work?

After finishing his words, Eros moved away from Apollon, but swore to give him lessons when the time came.

One day, while Apollon was playing his lyre in his country in the green, he saw the beautiful nymph Daphne, who was walking alone in the forest. As soon as he saw her, his whole body had a tremor. He started to watch this water nymph but there was someone else watching them: Cupid Eros. Eros was delighted to see that it was time to revenge, and he prepared two arrows, one gold and one bullet. He threw the golden arrow at Apollon and shot him in the heart, making him fall in love with Daphne. The bullet arrow was thrown at Daphne and made her hate Apollon.

After that day, Apollon went to the forest every day and watched the beauty of Daphne, envious of the Gods, who captured her heart. As the days passed, it was not enough to watch him from far. He said to himself:

- I am the powerful, handsome, fearless Apollo, the God of light and music. Why am I afraid? Let me go and talk to the beautiful girl of that forest. Let me suppress the pain of my heart that ripples from my love and pierces my chest.

After giving such courage to himself, Apollon appeared to the beautiful Daphne. Daphne was frightened when she saw Apollon suddenly, and started to run away from him. Apollo was running after her. He screamed:



- Stop, don't run away from me, beautiful fairy girl. I am Apollon, the God of the sun, music and light. I'm not your enemy. Why are you running away from me when there is not a single creature on Earth that will not fall in love with me?

Daphne never stopped. On the contrary, with the influence of the hate arrow in her heart, she was even more frightened by these love words of Apollon and continued to flee. Apollon continued to chase Daphne in desperation. On the other hand, he called out to her:

Don't run away from me, you are beautiful. Look, I am the God of light, but my eyes have become blind from your love, I am the God of the arrow, but I have no cure for this love, arrow stuck in my heart. Wait, don't run away from me, it's the love that makes me run after you, not enmity!

Meanwhile, Zeus, the God of the Gods sitting on his throne in Olympos, was watching all that was going on. He was upset about this deplorable situation where his son fell, but he did not want to intervene in the events either. Daphne continued to escape, and Apollon continued to chase him. A moment has come that Daphne is now starting to feel

the burning divine breath of Apollo. Her legs, which trembled with exhaustion, are no longer able to carry her body. Suddenly she paused the ground with her foot and asked the God of rivers for help by pleading with her father. Hearing Daphne's sincere pleading, her father helped his daughter using his transformation ability. Daphne's body suddenly began to get heavier. Her feet slid deep into the soil, her body was turned into a tree trunk, and her hair into leaves. Her delicate arms extended and turned into branches, and the beautiful Daphne turned into a laurel tree.

Young and strong Apollo who is surprised at what he will do with surprise in the face of what he sees. She has shed plenty of tears from sorrow and wrapped in a laurel tree. She absorbed the scent of her beautiful leaves. Apollon said to the Laurel tree:

- Beautiful Daphne, I loved you very much. You didn't want me and you fled from me. However, how much I was in love with you and there was no other creature on earth that would reject me. I was going to make you my wife. If you couldn't be my wife then you will be my honor tree. From now on, me and all the heroes will decorate themselves with the branches of your tree. The leaves of this fragrant tree will remain green in summer and winter and I will make them crown.

On these sincere and sweet words, Daphne, who turns to the laurel tree, bows with respect. The place where this divine love story takes place is the Harbiye of Antakya today. And they say; The waterfalls of Harbiye are the tears shed by the beautiful Daphne!



## POPLAR



According to the legend, Helios (a Titan that existed before the Gods of Olympus, the God of the Sun) had a son named Phaeton and his daughter called Heliads. He learned and asked his father for his car to be proved. The brothers Heliads were very upset and cried and beaten for this death of Phaeton. For four months they did not leave his grave. Do you want to have the same situation but also transformed itself in the square gelmiş. kütüg legs, arms became branches, scaly body of each tarafı.gözyaş after the solidification of daylight shining like gold, amber formed within their ‘



## HYACINTH

According to the legend, Hyacinthus is a Sparta prince. Hyacinthus, a man of extraordinary beauty, falls in love with Apollo. One day Apollo and Hyacinthus play discus throws. The disc that Apollon throws either hits the head of Hyacinthus by the effect of the wind or bounces from a rock. Apollo is very upset about the life of Hyacinthus, who wants to live, as the name of the person he falls in love with as a flower. it will be possible to see the letter (in Greek).



‘As stated by Pierre Grimal in the Mythology Dictionary, there are other reasons behind Hyacinthus’ death, according to some authors, one of Apollo’s rival, Zephyros’s desire to take revenge on him, and the other that Boreas is in love with Hyacinthus and the names of Zephyros are familiar from the names of the wind. Some authors’ association with these two deified winds afflict the ‘bouncing of the rock’ phenomenon in the legend. Indeed, other gods or people have an effect in mythology rather than misfortune.



# DAFFODILS



With renewable and fascinating fragrant, narcissus flowers are named after a mythological hero named “Narsis” or “Narcissus”. The flower of love is as impressive as its beauty as well as its meaning and story. Narcissus means “beauty”. However, this beauty is a self-harming beauty. 3 different mythological stories of narcissus flower are told. One of them is as the following:  
A beautiful fairy girl named Echo, who does not respond to those who fall in love with her, once met a very handsome hunter named Narcissus and fell in love with him as soon as she saw him. Narcissus did not respond to the fairy girl’s love and walked away. Echo was very upset about this, began to melt day by day, and died. After she died, the bones of the girl turned into a rock, and her voice turned into echo or echoes in those

rocks. The Gods on Mount Olympus were very angry with this and decided to punish Narcissus. It is a punishment in the form of loving someone who does not like someone else.

One day, Narcissus, who went on hunting again, came to an edge of a river and bent to drink water, found his own face and body reflected in the water. It was very beautiful and fascinating, he fell in love with himself deeply, could not eat or drink anything, melted day by day and his life was spent watching his reflection in the water. The fairly fragrant flowers appeared in the water after his death. They were called the fairies “narcissus”. Narcissus flower takes its name from here.



# OLIVE TREE



Zeus, the head of the Gods in ancient Greece, promised that the God or Goddess who gave humanity the most valuable gift would be the ruler of the newly founded city. Hearing this news, the God of sea Poseidon and the Goddess of wisdom Athena entered into a great struggle. Poseidon gave the majestic “Horse” that will take people to distant lands as a gift to the humanity; Athena created the “Olive Tree”, which will be a source of abundance and life for hundreds of years and gave to the humanity as a gift. Only one of these gifts presented to people was more valuable, and the city recognized that Olive Tree was truly a source of fertility. Thereupon, the city was named “Athens” in honor of Athena. In other words, the olives that we use almost everywhere in our lives were sent to the Earth as a gift.

# LIME TREE AND OAK



According to the legend in Greek and Roman mythology, Baukis and Philemon are a poor and elderly couple living in a city around Phrygia.

One day, God Zeus and his son Hermes descend from the mountain of Olympus and become human and join the public.

According to some sources, the two gods who come to Bergama today and around Cappadocia do not like what they see here, nor are they considered as guests by any host they want to stay.

The angry gods try their last chance by knocking on the door of Baukis and Philemon.

The elderly couple living in a simple cottage accept the two men and are extremely generous despite all their poverty.



Baukis, who offers wine and food to his guests, realizes for a moment that nothing decreases as the two men eat and drink thanks to an invisible blessing!

At that moment the old couple understands that the two men are gods and ask them to forgive themselves if they make any mistakes. Zeus tells that they do not need to leave their homes with them. Because it will destroy anyone and the town that do not show hospitality.



Upon this, the elderly couple, who climbed to the top of the mountain with the gods, saw that the town was under water; but the club they stayed in has now turned into a flamboyant temple.

Zeus asks the old couple if they want something. Husband and wife, who do not have much expectation from life, say that they want to be the guardian of the temple and, most importantly, never to leave each other, they want to die together when the time comes. Zeus will fulfill this request. When the time of death comes, this old husband and wife, who love each other, turn into two different trees that are intertwined. They say; they are now the plane tree and lime tree that unite in the same trunk.