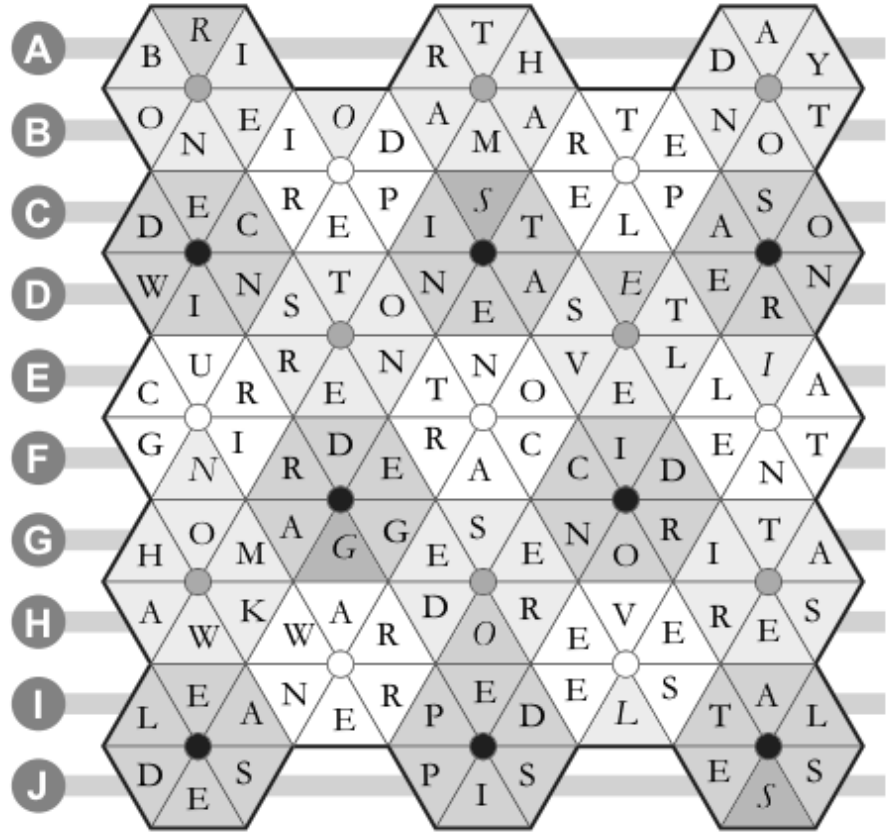


# A Child's Garden

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Each Row of this garden contains two answers reading across, except for Rows A and J, which each have one answer reading across the nine protruding squares; it is up to you to determine where the dividing line is between two answers in the same Row. The answers to the Bloom clues are to be placed in the appropriately-shaded hexagons, starting in any space and reading either clockwise or counterclockwise. The Bloom clues have been alphabetized, so use the Row answers to determine where to plant each Bloom. In each row, however, there is one letter which appears only in a Bloom answer, and is skipped over by the Row answers. These skipped letters, taken in order from top to bottom, will spell out this puzzle's dedicatee, a most special flower indeed.



## Rows

- A BIRTHDAY
- B ONEIDA  
MARTENOT
- C DECREPIT  
EL PASO
- D WINSTON  
EASTERN
- E CURRENT  
NOVELLA
- F GIRDER  
ACCIDENT
- G HOMAGE  
SEÑORITA
- H AWKWARD  
REVERES
- I LEANER  
PEDESTAL
- J DESPISES

## Light Blooms

- PETREL
- CONTRA
- PERIOD
- SLEEVE
- ENTAIL
- CURING
- WARREN

## Medium Blooms

- O'BRIEN
- DAYTON
- STONER
- MOHAWK
- SATIRE
- MARTHA
- ERODES
- SVELTE

## Dark Blooms

- EATS IN
- SIPPED
- WINCED
- NORDIC
- LEASED
- RAGGED
- REASON
- SLATES

The letters skipped over by the Row answers, indicated in the grid by italics and darker shading, spell ROSE INGOLS, who was born on February 21, 2013 to Martha and Kyle Ingols. (Note: two of the letters have two possible positions, due to being doubled in the Bloom answers, but this does not affect the final answer.)