

Mondays at the Museum

(at home!)



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This week we are thinking about **flowers and art**.

Below are pictures of an autograph book owned by Eileen May Finch from our current exhibition *Inherit: old and new histories*.

Inherit is Orange Regional Museum's new long-term exhibition where we can learn about both familiar and less well-known stories from across the central west.

Autograph books date back to sixteenth-century Germany and were often used by students to keep a record of fellow scholars and tutors.

By the nineteenth century, they had become a popular form of exchange between friends and classmates, containing personal messages, poems, sayings, drawings, pressed flowers and locks of hair.

This autograph book was kept by Eileen Finch, of Molong, and has inscriptions, sketches and watercolours dating from 1911. Many of the delicate drawings are Eileen's own. She was an accomplished artist and won several prizes in painting at the Molong Show in 1913.



Image Credit: Autograph book belonging to Eileen Finch, c 1911. Loan courtesy of Molong Historical Society Inc.

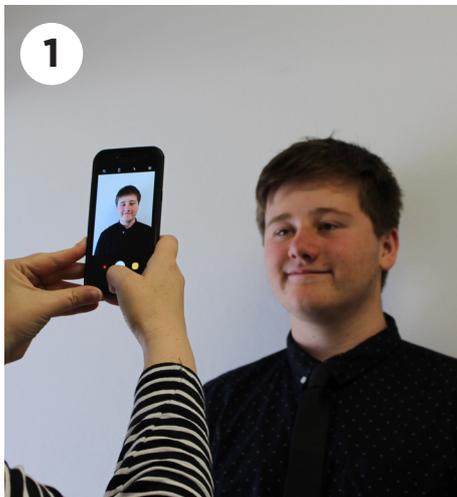


A photo frame

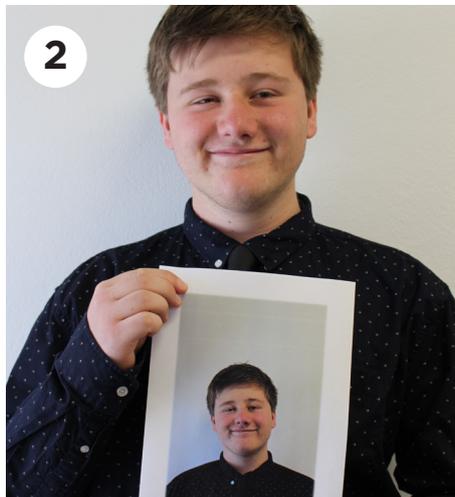
This week we are going to make a photo frame, you can add magnets so it can be displayed on your fridge.

What you'll need:	Substitute
A camera or phone with a camera	A picture of you or someone you know
Printer and A4 paper	Draw a portrait yourself
A3 coloured cardboard	Any piece of cardboard
Collected seeds, pods, petals, flowers, leaves.	Flowers and leaves can be dried between the pages of a book before using.
A3 cardboard	
Glue	

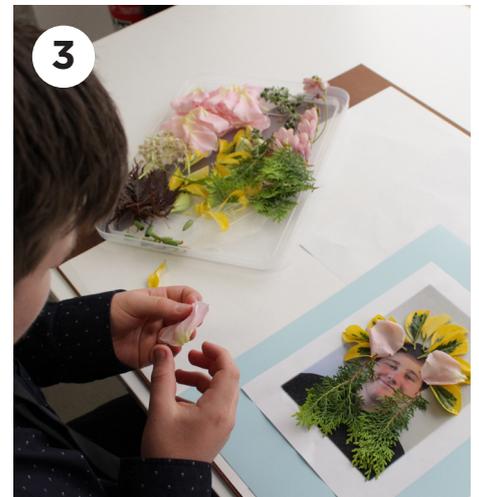
Instructions



1 Ask an adult to take a photograph of you.



2 Print out the photo onto A4 paper and glue into onto a piece of A3 coloured cardboard.



3 Use the flowers and leaves you collected on a walk to decorate your portrait. Arrange them around your face or body.



4 Glue down the items in the place you prefer, or you can take a photo of this final version and print it off. That way you have a 2D or digital version to send to a friend.



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Extra Time:

1. Take photographs of your whole family and complete a nature collage portrait for each person. They make excellent presents!
2. Photograph or draw someone showing the shape of their body, then create a costume for them out of natural objects.
3. Make an autograph book and ask your friends and family to sign it, leaving messages and artworks for you.
4. Visit Orange Regional Museum and see the exhibition Inherit: old and new histories. Can you find Eileen Finch's autograph book?