

Field Guide

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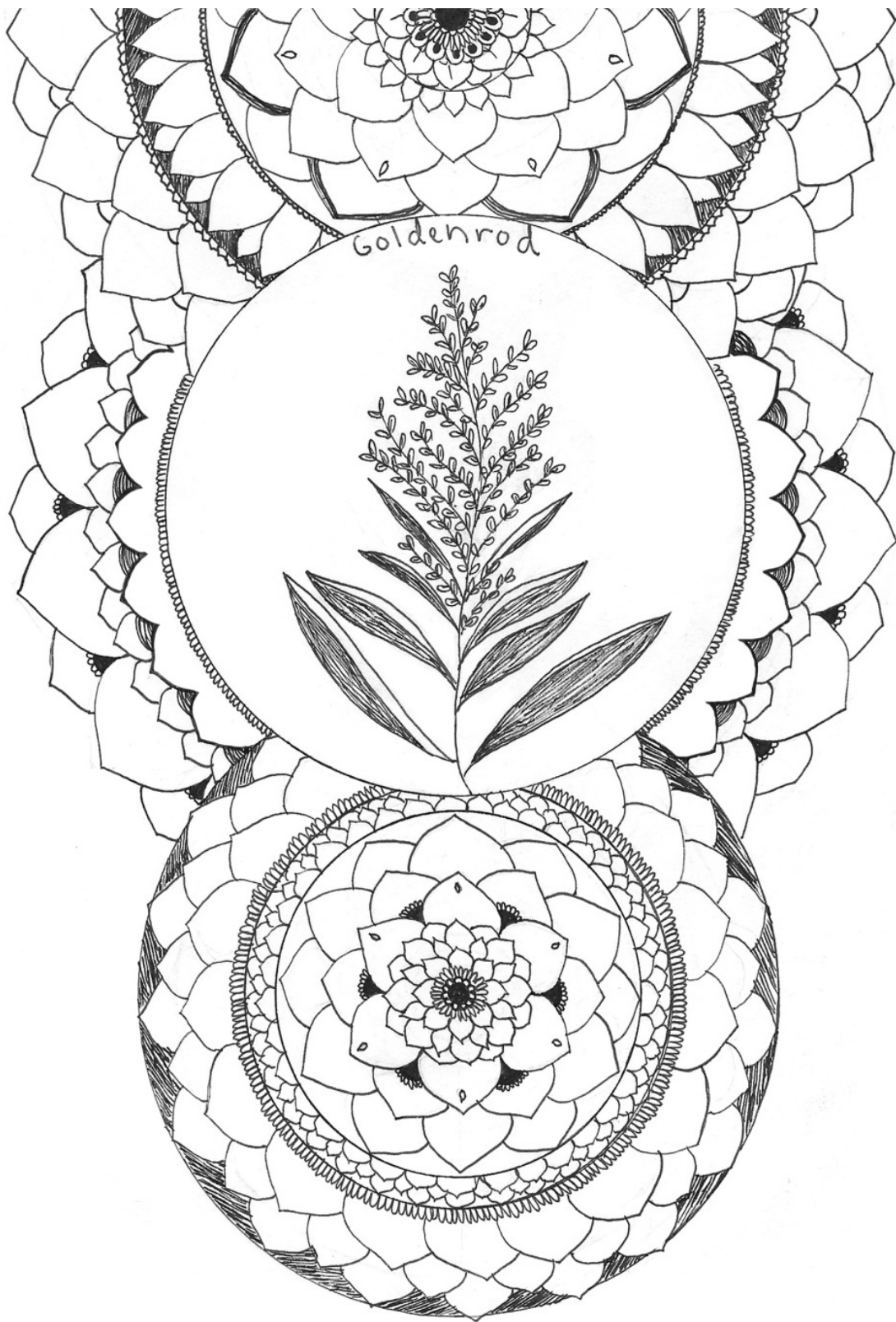
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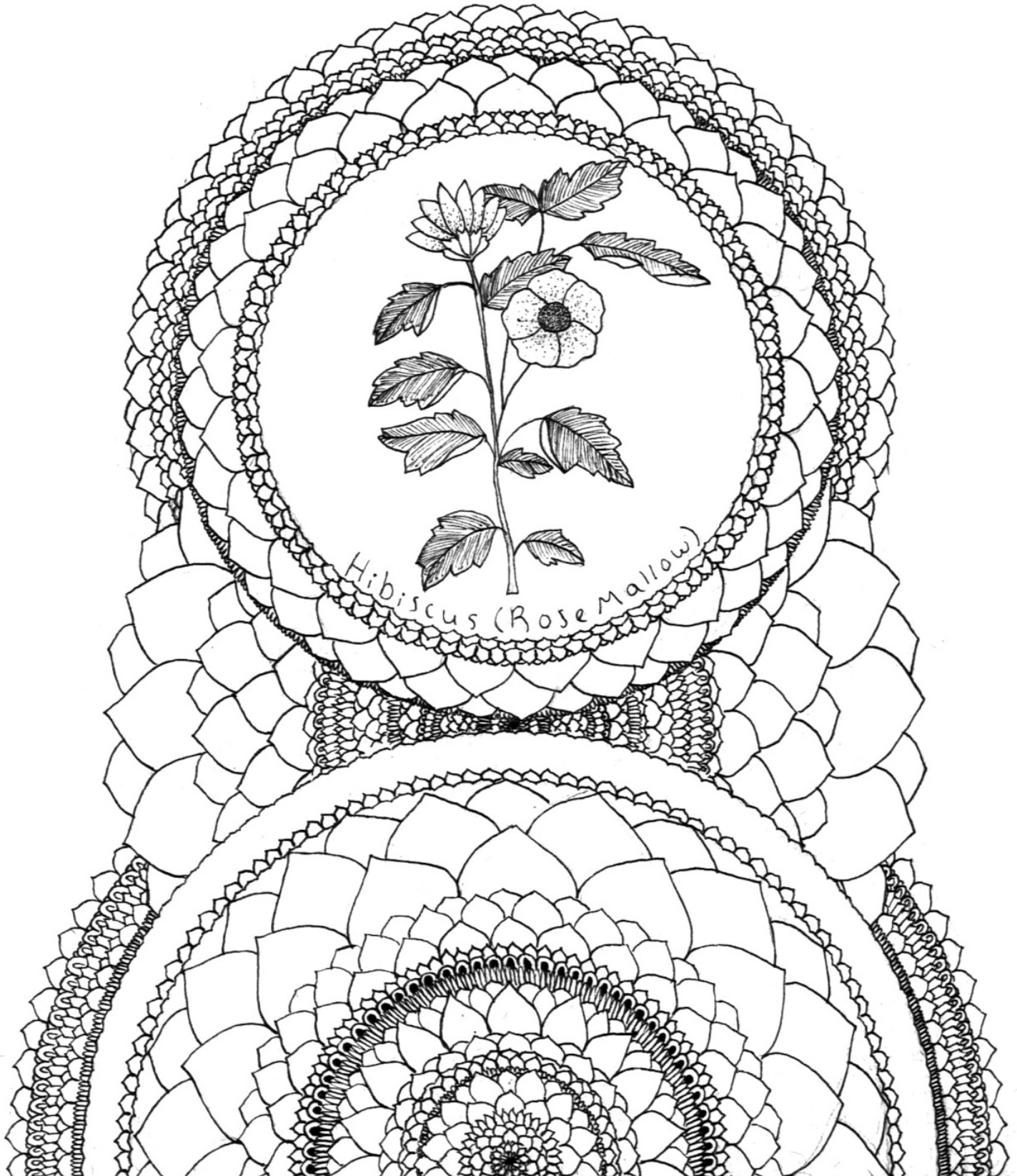
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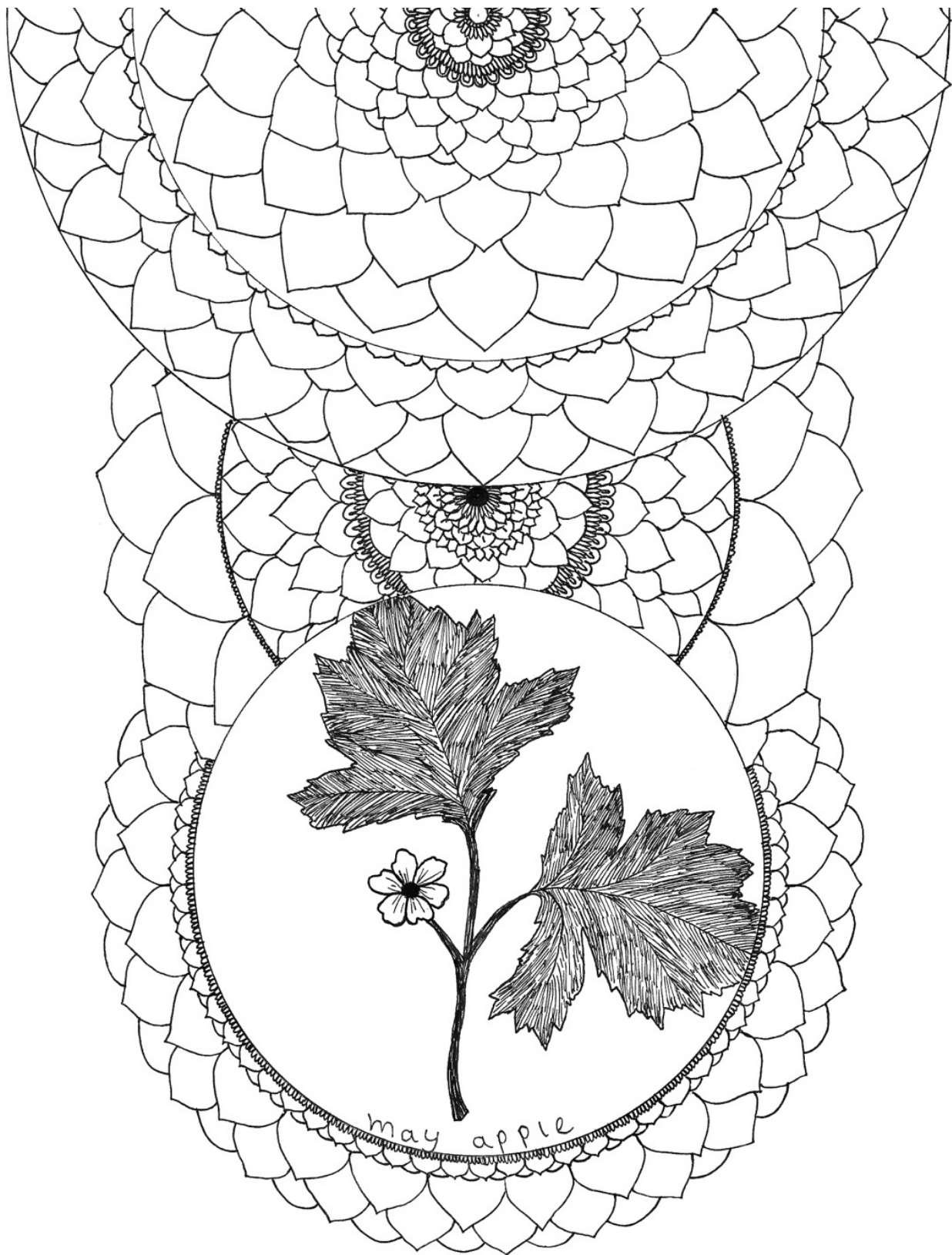


Goldenrod - Native to Michigan, goldenrod is commonly found in forests, fields, and along roadsides. These perennial plants are found in bloom from August to late October. It has a single stem that grows around three to four feet tall with easily identifiable yellow flowers. Their flowers grow in large clusters from about midway to the top of the plant and are known for attracting pollinators.

Hibiscus (Rose Mallow) - Native to many states in the U.S including the Great Lakes area, Rose Mallow grows near swamps and marshes. These plants have several blossoms at the end of the leafy stem and grow about 2 - 3 feet tall.

These flowers are most commonly white but can also be pink or red. They bloom from mid summer until mid fall. They grow strong roots which help to filter pollutants from the water that they grow near.

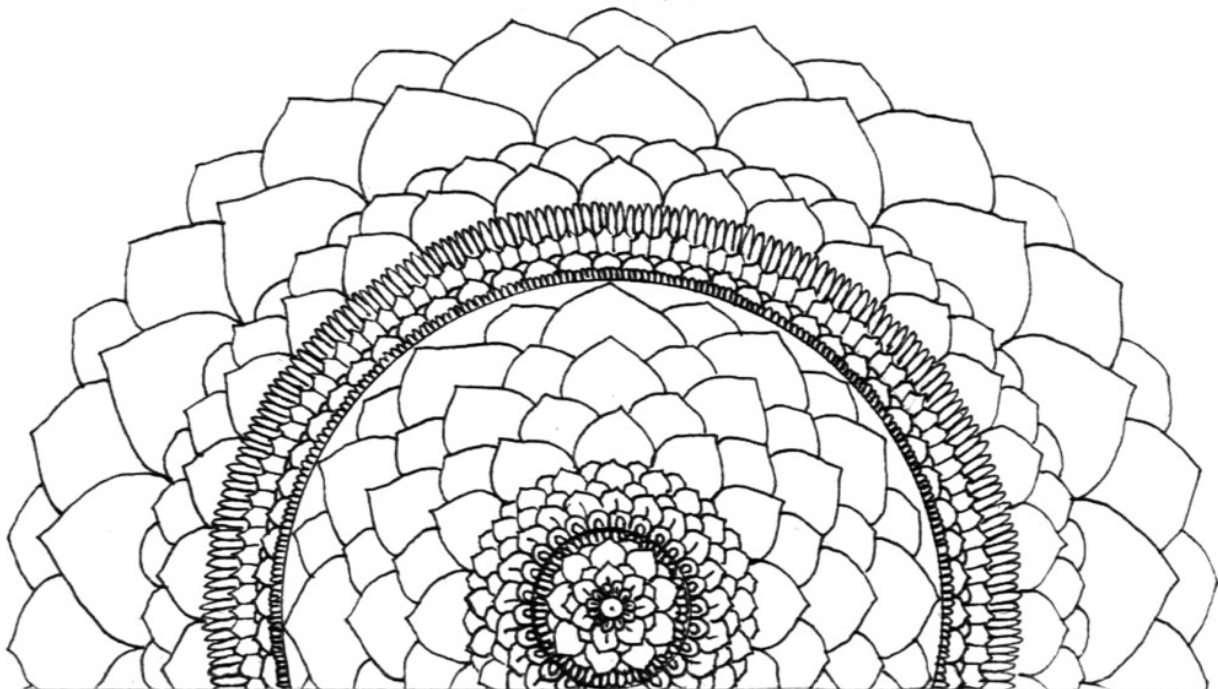
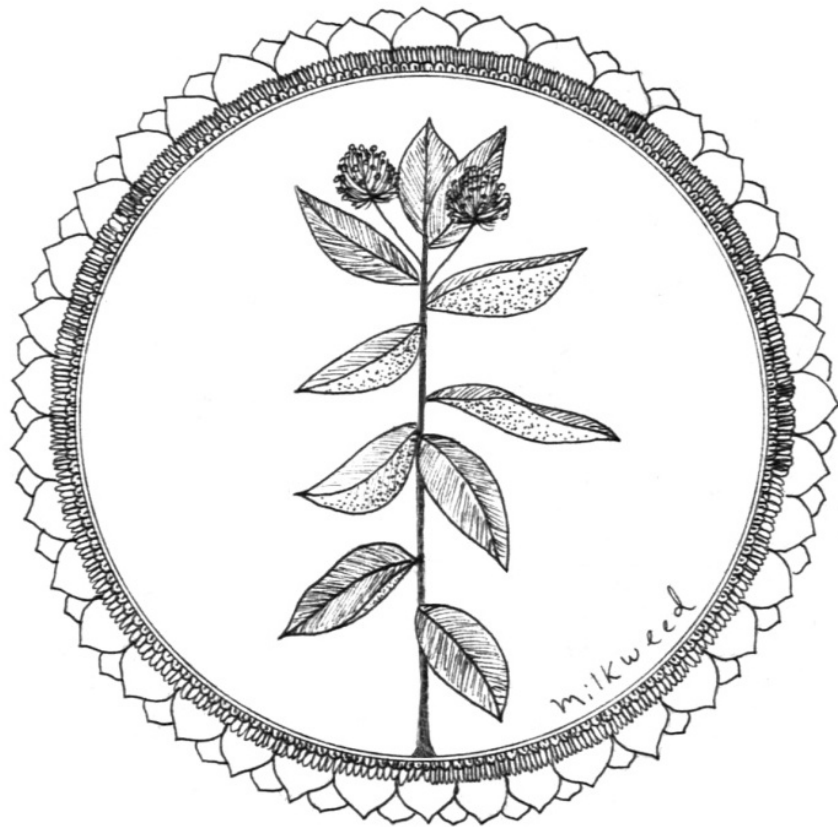




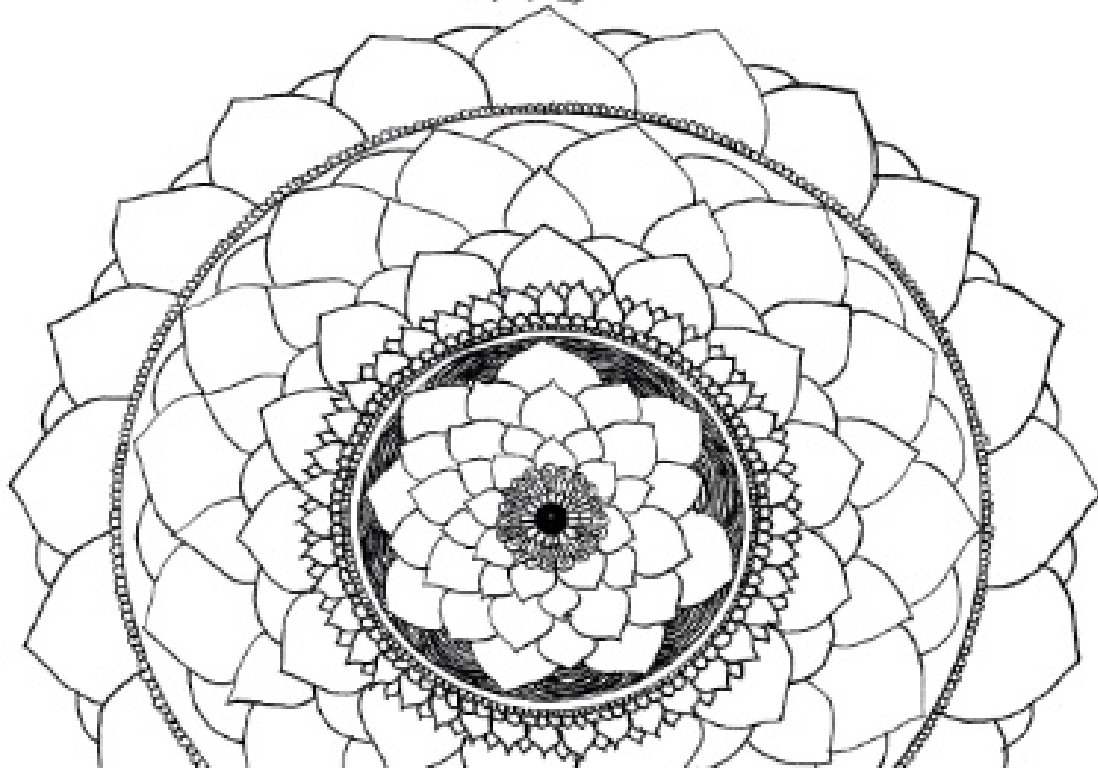
Mayapple - A common woodland plant that typically grows in colonies branching from a single root. They are unique in that they have only two leaves and one flower. They grow to about one and a half feet tall and have a white or pale yellow flower. Its name comes from its resemblance to an apple blossom, and its sprouting time in May.

Common Milkweed - Native to almost all of the U.S including Michigan, Milkweed is important to many native pollinators.

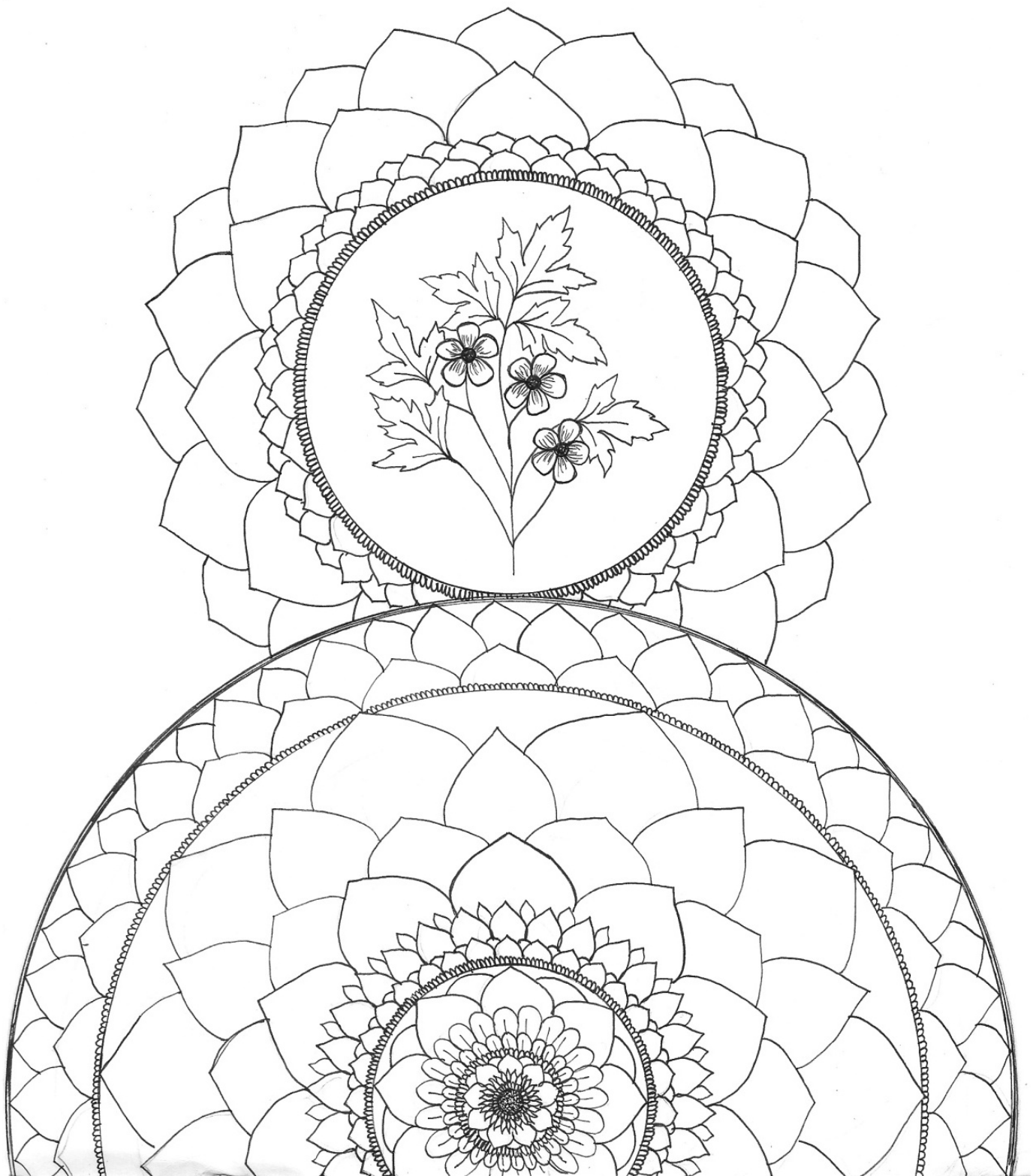
Milkweed has a long blooming season which lasts most of the summer. They can also grow anywhere between 4 - 8 feet tall. The color of the flowers can range from white to deep purple and have a very light scent. Milkweed is often planted to support butterfly and bee populations.



Trillium - A perennial plant that commonly grows in woodland areas and blooms in late April. Trilliums come in different colors including red, pink, purple, yellow, and most commonly white. Four species of trillium are protected in Michigan. The protected species are Prairie Trillium, Toadshade, Painted, and Snow Trilliums.



Wild Geraniums - A perennial plant that is native to woodlands in Michigan and surrounding states. Its light violet flower blooms in spring to early summer. These plants are an astringent, a substance that stops bleeding. They were often used by Native Americans for this purpose.



Wild Sunflower - These well known flowers are found in every state of the U.S, including Michigan. Wild Sunflowers can grow anywhere between 3 - 10 feet tall depending on location. They grow large flowers with long yellow petals that bloom from mid summer to early fall. They are found in fields and along roadsides. Their flower heads follow the sun through the day, a trait called heliotropism or 'solar tracking'.

