

# Homeschool Herald

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and For Homeschoolers

*The place to share your creative creations.*



Solomon Islands Flag  
Artist: Travis Adams, 3rd Grade

Fiji Flag  
Artist: Austin Adams, 5th Grade



## Welcome!

Homeschool Excursions hopes you enjoy the Summer issue of the *Homeschool Herald*.

Homeschool Excursions operates under Educational Excursions' umbrella. This is 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to provide a valuable resource to students in Georgia. The *Homeschool Herald* is a monthly newsletter that provides a creative outlet for homeschoolers.

Our homeschoolers possess a wealth of skills and talents! All contributions are welcome including pictures, stories, articles, and more. We invite everyone to share ideas, suggestions, and submissions. Share with us!!

*-Vered Kleinberger  
Program Coordinator*

We are looking forward to a wonderful 2007-08 school year! Homeschool Excursions has many exciting programs planned, and the *Homeschool Herald* is also back from its summer break. We hope you had a terrific summer and look forward to hearing all about it! Send us your submissions for the next issue!

Did you travel somewhere fun? Or did you try something new? Have you read any interesting books? Or

have you started a new hobby? What's your favorite thing about summer? What do you like the least? Send us photos, drawings, paintings, songs, stories, poems, or anything else you wish to share.

In addition to providing a place for you to share a bit about yourself, the *Herald* is also a place for you to receive recognition for your accomplishments and hard work. Send us your school projects, updates

about your sports teams, information about your bands, etc. The *Herald* is the place for you to shine! And to share your shine with the rest of us!

We look forward to seeing what you have to share! Send us your creative creations!

Submissions may also be sent via e-mail or snail mail. Please contact us with any questions, comments, ideas, or suggestions.

### SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW EVERYTHING?

Ninety percent of all volcanic activity occurs in the oceans.

The highest tides in the world are at the Bay of Fundy, which separates New Brunswick from Nova Scotia. At some times of the year the difference between high and low tide is 53 feet 6 inches, the equivalent of a three-story building.

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French Polynesians Flag  
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### ECO-ANIMALS

Hello, my name is Katherine I am a 13 year old homeshooler and I want to be a zoologist. I am not old enough to start a career so, to help animals now, I started Eco-Animals; a website/newsletter to raise awareness about Animal Cruelty and saving our environment. Saving OUR environment saves the animals too!

On my page, I have lots of news articles about animals and the environment. I also have information about green products you can find locally and ways you can help the earth and animals too. I hope to have items for sale by donation available soon. I want to raise funds to "adopt" animals from the World Wildlife Foundation. WWF Adoptions help to fight threats like habitat loss and poaching of endangered species.



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I volunteer at Cherokee County Animal Shelter Doggie Spa weekly. We help make Shelter dogs feel better and get ready for their new homes. I also help take pictures of the cats at the shelter for adoption for Petfinder.com.

I love animals! I have two dogs, two cats, two leopard geckos, two aquatic turtles, three african clawed frogs, two fish and a bearded dragon as family members.

I believe that animals have feelings like we do and they deserve to be treated like one of us. They may not be able to speak the way we do but we must do our best to try and understand them and their needs.

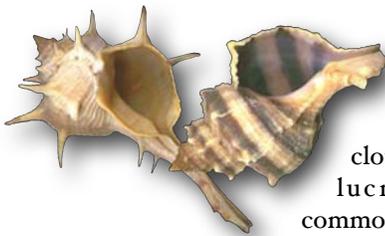
My website is [http://www.geocities.com/eco\\_animals](http://www.geocities.com/eco_animals)

Written by Katherine Kekel

**"Imagination is more important than knowledge. Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world."  
-- Albert Einstein**

**WHY IS THE COLOR PURPLE ASSOCIATED WITH ROYALTY?**

Although pagans once believed that purple dye was the creation of Satan, we actually have the Phoenicians to thank for the association of purple with royalty. Somehow, and we always wonder how anyone ever stumbles upon this sort of stuff, an anonymous Phoenician discovered that the spiny shell of the murex sea snail yielded a purple substance perfectly suited as



a dye base. Phoenicians, the greatest traders and businessmen of the ancient world, soon developed purple cloth as one of their most lucrative trading commodities.

Since purple cloth was more expensive than other hues, only aristocrats could afford to wear it. But the Romans codified the practice, turning the color of clothing into a status symbol. Only the royal family itself could wear all-purple garments. Lesser aristocrats wore togas with purple stripes or borders to designate their rank-the more purple on the clothing, the higher the status.

The original “royal purple” was a different color than what we call purple today. It was a dark wine-red, with more red than blue. Many written accounts liken the color to blood. Indeed the Phoenician dye was prized because it symbolized the unity, strength, and bonding of blood ties, and the continuity of royal families based on bloodlines. The spirituality quality supposedly imparted by the purple color is suggested by its Roman root, *purpureus* (“very, very holy”).

The association of purple with royalty crossed many cultures and centuries. Greek legend explained royal purple as the color of Athena’s goatskin dyed red. Kings in Babylonia wore a “lanbussu” robe of the same color. Mark’s Gospel says that Jesus’ robe (although Matthew describes it as scarlet). In many churches, purple became the liturgical color during Lent, except for Good Friday. Consistently, in the succeeding centuries, the color purple was always identified with blood, as late as the time of



Shakespeare, for the Bard himself referred to the “purpled hands” of Caesar’s assassins, “stained with the most noble blood of all the world.”

Curiously, marketing research indicates that today, purple is one of the least popular colors, which helps explain why it is so seldom used in packaging. Is the current aversion to purple stirred by a rejection of the patrician origins of the color, its close approximation to the color of blood, or a rejection of our contemporary purple royalty, Prince?

*Submitted by Raymond Graunke of Huntersville, NC. Thanks also to Sharon M. Burke of Los Altos, CA; and Brian Dunne of Indianapolis, IN.*

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**GOOD TIMES!**

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There are nine words hidden in the puzzle above. They can be found up, down, across, diagonal, and backwards.

Word List:

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| Smile    | Babies   | Party     |
| Birthday | Holiday  | Celebrate |
| Grin     | Balloons | Friend    |
| Peace    | Love     | Happiness |

## HOMESCHOOL EXCURSIONS UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Fall and Winter calendar has been posted on the website, and it's FULL of exciting adventures! Also, remember that new programs are always being added, so be sure to check our Calendar of Events for updates. Here's a list of what you can look forward to:

- September 13: Baskets with Alice Craig
- September 18: Nature Awareness for Elementary kids with 'Snowbear' Taylor
- September 22: To Kill a Mockingbird at the Theatrical Outfit in Atlanta
- September 25: Winnie the Pooh at the Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta
- October 15: Cordage and Fibers with Alice Craig
- October 30: Halloween Gourd Crafts with Scott Jones
- November 5: Bamboo Crafts with Buck Windsor
- November 9: Degas' Little Dancer at the Alliance Theatre in Atlanta

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!



Gilbert Islands Flag  
Artist: Travis Adams, 3rd Grade

### WEEDS? WHAT WEEDS?

Most of you are probably familiar with Violets. They grow in the wild, or you can go to your local nursery and buy them for your yard. They're the beautiful little purple flowers with heart shaped leaves...But, I bet you didn't know how edible they are! This is a prime example how we sometimes undervalue an every day plant that people may view as



ornamental, and some view as a pesky weed. Here are some of the many uses for Violets:

- The Greek word for violet is io. Io is a character in Greek mythology and the daughter of King Argos. Zeus loved her. However, Zeus was concerned that Hera would discover them and so he turned Io into a heifer and then created the sweet-scented flowers that we now know as violets for her to eat while in her heifer form.
- The Ancient Greeks considered the Violet a symbol of fertility and love, they used it in love potions. Pliny recommended that a garland of them be worn about the head to ward off headaches and dizzy spells.
- The flowers and leaves of viola are made into a syrup used in alternative medicine mainly for respiratory ailments associated with congestion, coughing, and sore throat.
- Flowers are also edible and used as food additives for instance in salad, made into jelly, and candied for decoration.
- Large doses of the root contain an alkaloid called violine which is emetic (causing vomiting).
- Tea made from the entire plant is used to treat digestive disorders
- New research has detected the presence of a glycoside of salicylic acid (natural aspirin) which substantiates its use for centuries as a medicinal remedy for headache, body pains and as a sedative. The plants constituents are being studied and show these uses to be valid. Eugenol, Ferulic-acid, Kaempferol, Quercetin, Scopoletin, also show promise in the treatment of many kinds of cancer, arthritis, AIDS, gum disease and more.
- Used externally the fresh crushed leaves reduce swelling and soothe irritations.
- As a bath additive the fresh crushed flowers are soothing to the skin and the aroma is very relaxing.
- Some suggest that violets make good vinegars and oils.
- The Common Blue Violet is the state flower of many states, including: Wisconsin, Illinois, Rhode Island, and New Jersey.



- Violets contain rutin which strengthens the capillaries and are a source of Vitamins A & C. Violets happen to contain more Vitamin C (3 times more, comparatively) than oranges!
- Tender young leaves can be added to salad, or can be boiled for 10-15 minutes to make a cooked green, or they can be added to soup as an okra-like thickener.

So, while this article is slightly out of season since Violets bloom in the spring, please remember how useful this little flower and it's leaves are. It's amazing that we can go out into the yard and find a plant growing wildly with so many fantastic qualities!

Please research all plants before using them, and NEVER pick and eat anything without first consulting an herbalist or a qualified plant guide. Always be aware of whether the area you are gathering from may have been sprayed with chemicals.

Index of images and information:

Peterson Field Guides: Edible Wild Plants and Eastern/Central Medicinal Plants

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Compiled by Plant Enthusiast, Vered Kleinberger

### MANY THANKS TO...

This past summer, Homeschool Excursions had a booth at the Southeast Homeschool Expo at the Cobb Galleria. It is a huge undertaking to get ready for the event, and it's also fairly costly. This year we held a raffle to help offset some of our expenses, and we want to thank these generous individuals and companies for donating items:



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**EDITOR'S NOTE**

Many families have asked if their homeschoolers can submit contributions even if they can't attend the planning meetings in Pickens County. Of course they can! You are welcome to e-mail or snail mail their creative contributions to Homeschool Excursions.

**A SPECIAL THANKS TO...**

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- Janis Kleinberger for all her assistance and generosity.
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# The Summer Issue

Well, Summer is coming to a close. After the heat wave and drought we've experienced, this will be a welcome change of seasons!

With Fall comes a new school year, which also means another year of the *Homeschool Herald*. We look forward to hearing how you've kept yourself busy all summer. We need your help to provide the interesting, insightful, and entertaining content of the *Herald*.

One of the primary motivations for publishing this newsletter is to provide homeschoolers with a venue to express yourselves and to receive recognition for your accomplishments. Share your talents with the community! We

want to know what you're up to! Homeschoolers are a unique group with a wide variety of skills. Actors, athletes, musicians, writers, artists, the list goes on.... And then to add the academic accomplishments...we'd generate a tremendous list!

Send us your creative creations. Let us know what you've been up to this past summer, what you plan on doing this coming school year, send us stories, songs, and poems. And remember, we can include audio and video in the online version of the *Homeschool Herald*. So send us sports clips, music you've recorded, or anything else you've created.

We look forward to an exciting 2007-08 school year!

## What's Inside?

### Eco-Animals

It is important for us to care for and respect animals and our environment. Read about how one of our homeschoolers is making a change and raising awareness.

### Weeds? What weeds?

Roses are Red, Violets are Blue... and violets are also very nutritious! Learn all about this useful plant, but like with any new plant, don't use it without proper supervision from an experienced adult!

### The Flags of the South Pacific

Enjoy the colorful flags created by Travis and Austin Adams as they help brighten the pages of this issue.

### Songs, Poems, Pictures, Stories, Articles, Games, and More

See what the homeschoolers have created this month. Each Herald is very different, so explore this issue, and we hope you enjoy the creativity of these homeschoolers!

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