Dandelion (Taraxacum officinale)

The yellow flower represents the sun, the puffball the moon & the dispersing seeds - the stars.

Native of Greece: taraxos (disorder) + akos (remedy)

One of the longest flowering seasons of any plant!

Name taken from French word: vent de lion (wind of lion)

Every year Americans spend millions on lawn pesticides to have uniform lawns of non-native grasses, yet we use over 30% of the country's water supply to keep them green.

5 Seeds are often carried up to 5 miles from their origin!

There are about 100,000 special types of dandelions - all are beneficial!

American recognizes 1,000s of logos for commercial products yet recognizes fewer than 5 plants that grow in their area. Dandelions are most likely one of those familiar plants.

Part of this "weed" is useful:

- Root
- Leaves
- Flower

It can be used for food, medicine & dye for coloring

Meaning "Lion's Tooth"