Stop 123 Kid’s Tour – Rosemary & Lavender, Show House

Although both rosemary and lavender are members of the mint family, each has its own distinctive fragrance. The one with the silvery-gray leaves is called Lavender. The fragrant oils in lavender are in the plant’s leaves, stems and flowers. Because of its’ beautiful, fresh scent, it has been popular since ancient times. The Egyptians used lavender oil during the process of turning their dead King’s into mummies. Romans used it in their bath water and put some in with their clothes and towels so they’d smell good, which is something people still do today.

The plant next to it, the one with the needle-like dark green leaves and pale blue flowers is the herb rosemary. Rosemary leaves are used for adding flavor to many recipes, while the plant’s oils are used in perfumes and even moth repellents! The latin name, “Rosmarinus,” means “dew of the sea.” The ancient Greeks called it that because it grew wild in many countries that bordered the Mediterranean Sea. Greek students wore crowns of braided rosemary because they believed it improved their memory. So the next time you’re studying for a test, try keeping some rosemary on your desk!