The Amaranth Apple is a mystical fruit in poet Vachel Lindsay’s 1920 novel “The Golden Book of Springfield” which grew from seeds planted by Johnny Appleseed in the deceased (or was he?) skull/body of the fictional founder of Springfield, Hunter Kelly. Lindsay’s future Springfield shows socially and religiously awakened residents who have transformed his hometown into a utopian paradise that could serve as a guide to all of America. And “he who eats of the Amaranth Apple” is filled with love for the eternal beauty of Springfield.