

THE MONTHLY GAZETTE

*"November at its best—with a sort of
delightful menace in the air."*

~ Anne Bosworth Greene



Bird of the Month – Rooster

Roosters are male chickens, a domesticated species originally from India whose ancestors were wild jungle fowl. They are now found all over the world, with an estimated population of 23 billion. Roosters are loyal, protective birds that look after the hens of their flock. If they feel threatened, they will attack with flapping wings and spurs. Spurs are sharp bone protrusions that grow from their ankle area and are used for defense. Roosters' most dangerous predators are foxes, coyotes, and raccoons. By about five months of age, roosters crow each morning to



the greet the dawn and encourage the flock to forage for food. They also crow to alert their fellow chickens of danger. Roosters are omnivorous and will eat almost anything, including grains, fruits, vegetables, and insects. They are quite sociable birds and mate with the entire flock.

Special Days

All Saints' Day
November 1

**Daylight Saving Time
Ends**
November 5

Election Day
November 7

Veterans Day (U.S.)
November 11

**Remembrance Day
(Canada)**
November 11

Thanksgiving (U.S.)
November 23

Flower – Chrysanthemum



November's birth flower is the chrysanthemum, a beautiful perennial and a favorite of many gardeners and flower enthusiasts. *Chrysos* is Greek for "gold." Although mums can

be found in a rainbow of colors today, their wild ancestors were limited to a fine, golden-yellow hue. Beautiful as they are, this flower is more than just a pretty face. In fact, mums are used in a variety of products, such as teas, wine, and a medicine that helps ward off the flu. Additionally, NASA discovered that mums planted indoors can remove air pollutants.

Birthstone – Citrine



Citrine, a variety of quartz, gets its name from the French word *citron*, which means "lemon." This moniker perfectly suits its color, which ranges from pale yellow to

deep amber, evoking images of the sun's rays and the changing leaves of fall. Throughout history, citrine has been regarded as a stone of happiness and optimism, believed to bring good fortune and success to its wearers. Ancient civilizations used citrine not only for its aesthetic appeal but also for its reputed healing properties, such as boosting energy levels and enhancing clarity of thought.

Show Your Birthday Colors

November 1–6: White

You love to dream big and are always striving to accomplish a new goal or project. While others might be overwhelmed by such a long to-do list, you take pride in persevering and always work hard to succeed.



November 7–14: Orange

You have a very active mind, a can-do attitude, and are always looking for the next fun thing to try. Thoughtful, cheerful, and charismatic, you are also known as a trustworthy, kind friend.

November 15–22: Gold

Usually in a cheerful mood, you enjoy living life to the fullest and always look for silver linings. You enjoy meeting new people and trying new things. You have a strong moral fiber and a keen sense of right and wrong.

November 23–30: Cream

To you, life is an exciting challenge, and you are more than happy to step up to the plate! You are an excellent cook and entertainer. Through good times and bad, you remain joyful and undeterred by any obstacles along the way.

Festival of Lights

India's most important holiday, Diwali, is celebrated on November 12 this year. Also known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali gets its name from the Sanskrit word *dipavali*, which means "row of lights."

November Zodiacs

Scorpio (the Scorpion)

November 1–21

Sagittarius (the Archer)

November 22–30

November is the eleventh month of the Gregorian calendar, but before January and February were added to the calendar, November was the ninth month. November is a precursor to the holiday season, but it's also widely considered a month dedicated to remembering deceased ancestors and loved ones. The Roman Catholic holiday All Souls' Day, Mexico's Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), United States' Veterans Day, and Canada's Remembrance Day are all celebrated in November.

Fill Up on Turkey Trivia

- A turkey typically has about 70 percent white meat and 30 percent dark meat.
- Americans eat about 690 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving.
- Astronauts eat turkey dinner on Thanksgiving, too.
- The process of deep-frying turkeys for Thanksgiving originated in Louisiana.

What's Lucky in November?

Lucky Color: Saffron

Lucky Animal: Antelope

Lucky Letters: G and T

Lucky Day: Thursday

Lucky Plant: Sweet alyssum



November Birthdays

Lyle Lovett (singer) – November 1, 1957

Burt Lancaster (actor) – November 2, 1913

Kate Capshaw (actress) – November 3, 1953

Roy Rogers (actor) – November 5, 1911

Ana Ivanovic (tennis player) – November 6, 1987

Bonnie Raitt (singer) – November 8, 1949

Hedy Lamarr (actress) – November 9, 1914

Demi Moore (actress) – November 11, 1962

Whoopi Goldberg (comedian) – November 13, 1955

Petula Clark (singer) – November 15, 1932

Danny DeVito (actor) – November 17, 1944

Ken Griffey Jr. (baseball player) – November 21, 1969

Boris Karloff (actor) – November 23, 1887

Bill Nye (scientist) – November 27, 1955