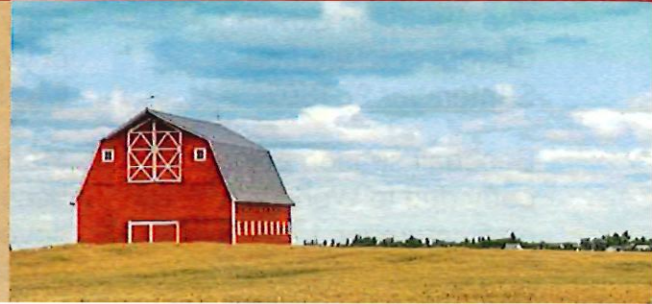


THE MONTHLY GAZETTE

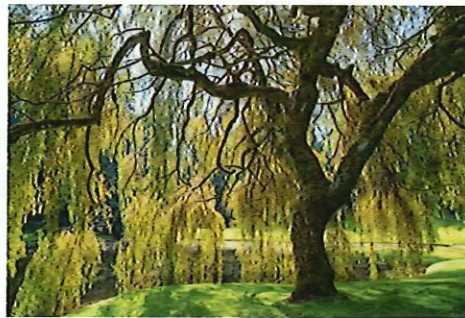
*"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather
and autumn's best of cheer."*

~ Helen Hunt Jackson



Tree of the Month – Willow

The willow tree is part of the genus *Salix*. They are *dioecious*, which means that each tree has either female or male flowers. Willows are resilient trees that thrive in wet boggy areas and are often planted near water. They have a deep symbolic association with water and the moon. Gorgeous and romantic, willows are prized for providing shade and ambiance. They are one of the fastest growing types of trees and typically reach between 35 and 50 feet tall, with some willow trees reaching over 65 feet. They have a wide canopy that begs to be picnicked under. Willow



trees are also used for timber and planted for erosion control. They thrive in temperate climates across the world. Certain willow trees are a source of salicin (salicylic acid), an ingredient in some pain relievers. A very popular type of willow is the weeping willow, which is loved for its mysterious, ethereal charm.

Special Days

Labor Day
September 2

Grandparents' Day
September 8

**Patriot Day &
National Day of Service
and Remembrance**
September 11

World Gratitude Day
September 21

First Day of Autumn
September 22

Flower – Aster



The aster is the special flower for September. The aster takes its name from the Latin word meaning "star," in reference to the flower's star-like head. Known alternatively as the Michaelmas daisy and as starwort, the aster usually blooms in late summer and fall. There are hundreds of aster species, all of which have a yellow center composed of many tiny flowerets. Ancient people believed that the odor from the burnt leaves of asters drove away serpents.

Birthstone – Sapphire



The sapphire is September's birthstone. Next to the diamond, the sapphire is one of the hardest materials known. Sapphires come in many colors, but the finest sapphire color is a rich, velvety blue. The ancient Persians believed that Earth rested on a giant sapphire whose reflection gave the sky its color. Damigeron, a historian of old, wrote that kings wore sapphires to protect themselves from harm and to attract divine favor. The gem was regarded as a symbol of truth, sincerity, and constancy.

September Sports Highlights

The American Bowling Congress formed on September 9, 1895.

Baseball season ended early due to World War I on September 1, 1918.

The American Professional Football Association formed on September 17, 1920.

Babe Ruth hit his 60th home run of the season on September 30, 1927.

Arthur Ashe became the first African American to win the U.S. Open Tennis Championship on September 9, 1968.

Gary Muhrccke was the first winner of the New York Marathon, which was held on September 13, 1970.

Mark Spitz, U.S. swimmer, became the first athlete to win seven Olympic gold medals on September 4, 1972.

Billie Jean King beat Bobby Riggs in a "Battle of the Sexes" match on September 20, 1973.

Ethiopian runner Tigst Assefa set a new women's world record on September 24, 2023, at the BMW Berlin Marathon. She completed the race in 2:11:53



Mayflower Day

September 16 is Mayflower Day, a holiday to celebrate the ship that set sail for the New World from Plymouth, England, over 400 years ago on September 16, 1620. Millions of Americans are descended from the ship's 102 passengers.

September Zodiacs

Virgo (The Virgin)
September 1–22

Libra (The Scales)
September 23–30

September is the ninth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars and was the seventh month before January and February were added. It is considered the first month of autumn in the northern hemisphere, although the equinox does not take place until the end of the month. Because most farmers begin to reap their crops in autumn, September was called "harvest month" in Charlemagne's calendar.

Weather or Not

Summer ends and autumn begins on September 22, 2024, in the northern half of the world. However, September days can still be very warm and sunny. The average September temperature in Miami, Florida, is 82°F/27°C. In Acapulco, Mexico, it is about 89°F/32°C in September. If you want a "cool" place to visit this month, Quebec City, Canada, on average, is 67°F/19°C, and Oslo, Norway, is a chilly 53°F/12°C.

What's Lucky in September?

Lucky Color: Yellow
Lucky Animal: Dolphin
Lucky Letters: K and S
Lucky Day: Wednesday
Lucky Plant: Corn



September Birthdays

Keanu Reeves (actor) – September 2, 1964
Beyoncé Knowles (singer) – September 4, 1981
Jane Addams (social worker) – September 6, 1860
Grandma Moses (painter) – September 7, 1860
Sid Caesar (comic) – September 8, 1922
Jesse Owens (runner) – September 12, 1913
Amy Poehler (comic) – September 16, 1971
Greta Garbo (actress) – September 18, 1905
Stephen King (writer) – September 21, 1947
Phil Rizzuto (ballplayer) – September 25, 1917
Linda Hamilton (actress) – September 26, 1956
Janeane Garofalo (comic) – September 28, 1964
Enrico Fermi (scientist) – September 29, 1901
Johnny Mathis (singer) – September 30, 1935