

THE MONTHLY GAZETTE

"Fallen leaves lying on the grass in the November sun bring more happiness than the daffodils."

~ Cyril Connolly



Tree of the Month – Cedar

Cedar trees are tall ornamental conifers native to the Himalayas and the Mediterranean region. They are often used in landscape design due to their beauty. Cedars are evergreen, meaning they keep their leaves year-round. Some popular types include the northern white cedar, Alaska cedar, incense cedar, Lebanon cedar, and Cyprian cedar. They thrive in temperate climates, prefer direct sunlight, have a spicy scent, and grow needle-like leaves that are arranged in a spiral pattern. Male cedar trees produce flowers and pollen, while the



female trees produce seeds and berries. The seeds contain a foul-tasting resin to deter squirrels from eating them. Cedar is a frequent choice for building closets, as the oil and wood of cedar trees are a natural moth repellent. Over a third of conifer trees like cedars face extinction due to issues like habitat loss and climate change.

Special Days

All Saints' Day
November 1

Election Day
November 5

World Freedom Day
November 9

Veterans Day
November 11

National Hiking Day
November 17

National Cake Day
November 26

Thanksgiving
November 28

Flower – Chrysanthemum



The cheerful chrysanthemum is November's birth flower. This lovely perennial, called a mum for short, is a favorite of gardeners. *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. These flowers are native to subtropical and temperate areas of the world. They are used in teas, wine, and herbal medicines, and they can be planted indoors to remove air pollutants.

Birthstone – Yellow Topaz



Yellow topaz, known as "precious topaz," is one of November's birthstones. Topaz was named for the ancient Red Sea island Topasos, now called St. John.

Topaz is most commonly found in shades of yellow and gold. However, it also comes in blue, pink, red, orange, green, brown, and even black. In the ancient world, yellow topaz was the symbol of Ra, the Egyptian sun god, because of its golden glow. A gift of a yellow topaz symbolizes friendship and is said to give the wearer strength and smarts.

Birthday Critters

November 1–7: Fox

You're sly, stylish, and quick—and always up for a night on the town. You are a fan of adventures of all kinds, from trying a new dish to visiting a new city. Friends routinely rely on you for emotional support and guidance.

November 8–16: Crow

Your mind is as sharp as your tongue. You are known for your quick wit, cheerful demeanor, and contagious laugh. Organization, leadership, and diplomacy are some of your many talents. You are extremely thoughtful.

November 17–23: Turtle

You are warm and caring but tend to be tight-lipped with your feelings, except with your closest pals. You are a reliable, empathetic friend who loves a party and always remembers birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions.

November 24–30: Squirrel

You're agile, energetic, and hilarious. Always there for your friends and family, you sometimes forget to give yourself enough rest—but you wouldn't have it any other way! You're a social animal who thrives in community.



Toot Toot

Get out your conductor hats! November is Model Railroad Month. This popular pastime gained even more fans during the pandemic and is dubbed "the greatest hobby in the world" by model train enthusiasts.

November Zodiacs

Scorpio (The Scorpion)
November 1–21

Sagittarius (The Archer)
November 22–30

November was the ninth month on the early Roman 10-month calendar, taking its name from the Latin word *novem*, meaning "nine." It became the eleventh month when the Roman senate adopted January and February. Legend has it that the Roman senate proposed naming the month after Tiberius Caesar, born November 16, 42 BC. However, Julius Caesar rejected this idea, saying, "What will you do if you have thirteen emperors?"

A Month for Remembering

Take time this month to remember those you love and those you've lost. In many faiths and cultural traditions, November is known as a month for remembrance and gratitude. In the U.S., we celebrate both Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. All Saints' Day, celebrated on November 1, honors all the saints without a special feast day.

What's Lucky in November?

Lucky Color: Teal

Lucky Animal: Panther

Lucky Letters: T and B

Lucky Day: Friday

Lucky Plant: Aster



November Birthdays

Walter Johnson (pitcher) – November 6, 1887

Bram Stoker (writer) – November 8, 1847

Jonathan Winters (comedian) – Nov. 11, 1925

Ryan Gosling (actor) – November 12, 1980

Whoopi Goldberg (comedian) – Nov. 13, 1955

Georgia O'Keeffe (artist) – November 15, 1887

Lauren Hutton (actress) – November 17, 1943

Gene Tierney (actress) – November 19, 1920

Goldie Hawn (actress) – November 21, 1945

Arundhati Roy (novelist) – November 24, 1961

Eddie Shore (hockey player) – November 25, 1902

Jimi Hendrix (guitarist) – November 27, 1942

Louisa May Alcott (writer) – November 29, 1832

Jonathan Swift (author) – November 30, 1667