

Ten's Perspective

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A B O U T T H I S M A G A Z I N E

As we welcome the blossoming beauty of April, we find ourselves immersed in a month brimming with celebration, reflection, and appreciation. From the fresh blooms of Lawn and Garden Month to the soulful rhythms of Jazz Appreciation Month, April invites us to embrace the richness of life in all its forms. Whether you're strumming along during International Guitar Month or savoring the elegance of Afternoon Tea Month, there's something for everyone to enjoy.

This month also calls us to uplift one another during the National Month of Hope, a time to spread positivity and resilience. We honor our heritage with Scottish-American Heritage Month, while also celebrating our planet on Earth Day and Arbor Day, reminding us of the importance of nurturing the world around us.

April's festivities extend to cherished traditions like Easter and Picnic Day, as well as meaningful observances such as World Autism Awareness Day and Lineman Appreciation Day. Let's not forget to celebrate our furry friends on Adopt a Shelter Pet Day or channel our inner hero on National Superhero Day. And yes, even National Tax Day has its place in this eclectic mix!

Culinary delights abound this month, from the comforting warmth of Peach Cobbler and Grilled Cheese Sandwiches to the indulgent joy of Let Them Eat Cake and Prime Rib Day. Don't miss out on National Zucchini Bread Day or Spiral Ham Day for a taste of April's diverse flavors.

We also tip our hats to the states of Nebraska, Colorado, North Dakota, and South Dakota, as they take center stage with their unique contributions to our nation's tapestry.

Finally, we celebrate April's birthstone, a symbol of timeless allure, and the enduring spirit of renewal that this month embodies. As we navigate through April's many milestones, let's take a moment to appreciate the small joys, the meaningful connections, and the accomplishments that make life truly extraordinary.

Here's to a month filled with growth, gratitude, and celebration!

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in a cursive script, reading "Jennifer". The signature is written in a dark brown color and includes a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

NATIONAL ARBOR DAY

Trees afford us many pleasures. In the spring, their buds let us know warmer weather is on the way. Their summer leaves provide ample shade on a hot day. Have you ever joyfully jumped into a pile of crisp colorful leaves in the fall? And in the winter, tree branches offer shelter to wildlife for our viewing pleasure. Each year in April, National Arbor Day encourages us to celebrate and plant trees. The observance takes place each year on the last Friday in April.

Trees are more than signals of the changing season. They provide vital protection for the Earth's topsoil from erosion, oxygen, and homes for wildlife. Trees also are a renewable resource that provides a variety of materials for building, fuel, and office supplies. When we plant trees in our yard, we improve our enjoyment of our outdoor living spaces and our overall quality of life.

National Arbor Day celebrates all these things and aims for American generations to enjoy all the benefits trees have to offer.

To learn more about the history of National Arbor Day, visit the website at www.nationalarbordayfoundation.com.

CELEBRATE
ARBOR
DAY



NATIONAL ARBOR DAY HISTORY

On April 10, 1872, journalist and newspaper editor J. Sterling Morton established Arbor Day in the state of Nebraska with hopes that it would spread across the country. This first celebration challenged the people of Nebraska to plant as many trees as they possibly could. Since the pioneers missed the trees and forests of the east, they answer the challenge by planting more than 1 million trees that very first year.

SCOTTISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

During the month of April, Scottish-American Heritage is recognized. From first patriots, presidents and industrialists, Scottish Americans contributed significantly to the establishment and development of the United States.

Learn more about Scotland. Indulge in both facts and fiction. My recommendations include, Diana Galbaldons Outlander, Men in Kilts, Clan Lands, and there are plenty of authors who have used suave and barbarian Highlanders for the hero of novels. Suzanne Enoch, Teresa Medeiros, and for a fantasy twist try Karen Marie Moning.

SCOTTISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH HISTORY

Also known as Scottish Heritage Month, the celebration is promoted by community groups in both the United States and Canada.

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HOW TO OBSERVE

[#ScottishAmericanHeritageMonth](#)

Learn more about the historical significance of Scottish-Americans and how they influenced the growth of a nation.

Use

[#ScottishAmericanHeritageMonth](#) to share on social media.



NATIONAL LINEMAN APPRECIATION DAY



National Lineman Appreciation Day on April 18th honors the men and women who work around the clock to keep the power going. If the power is on where you are reading this article, you likely have a lineman to thank.

If you, like me are waiting in the dark after a Hurricane, remember these brave souls leave their families, to get things back up and running. So if you see them thank them for the tireless job they do. Show them you appreciate the 24/7 shifts to restore our modern luxury, like air conditioning....

From the power plant, the grid crisscrossing the country both above and underground and right up to the meters on our homes, these men and women build and maintain the system that keeps our nation running.

Regardless of the source, the electricity has to be transported by employing transformers and other equipment. Due to the dangerous conditions power poses, safety is of utmost importance for both the lineman and the consumer.

When mother nature destroys what our linemen have built up, they are on call to build it back up again as quickly as possible. These men and women work tirelessly to get emergency systems back in working order and urgently return service to remaining areas.

Even when there is no crisis, they work under dangerous conditions on a daily basis. Whether they are working in trenches, near water or on high towers, the risks are extreme.

If you enjoyed your tv, light switch, got water, or wifi, chances are it required electricity. Show them how much we like and respect them as they supply a modern marvel that keeps our world going.

Rainstorms, hurricanes, blizzards, tornadoes, and whatever else nature and humanity throws at them. They take risks and come away from their families to keep the system going for all of us.

You don't have to know a lineman to celebrate this day. Give a shoutout on social media to linemen everywhere. You can celebrate the day by thanking your local linemen by using #NationalLinemanAppreciationDay and #thankalineman on Social Media.



All April long, National Jazz Month celebrates the heritage and history of jazz.

The roots of jazz can be found in the blues. The exciting history of jazz takes us through the deep south along back roads and into the big cities all across the United States and then the world. The thrum of the bass and sizzle of the snare make the nightclubs dazzle just a little more against the brass and lights.

Growing out of the deep south at the turn of the 20th century and working its way up the Mississippi Delta, jazz influenced musicians along the way. As it grew, it inspired more improvisation, and as a result, new methods formed and new styles of music, too. Music and jazz were developing and changing quickly. The impact of jazz on the country was profound.

Kick back and listen to the sound of history as you listen to Miles Davis or any modern-day jazz musician. Let the music move you.



Here's a [great playlist of new and old for your listening delight.](#)

Explore More...

[National Saxophone Day](#)

[National Louisiana Day](#)

[Satchmo Summerfest](#)

HOW TO OBSERVE

Celebrate National Jazz Month by listening to your favorite jazz artist, attending a concert or reading about the history of jazz. Use [#JazzAppreciationMonth](#) [#JAM](#)



NATIONAL AFTERNOON TEA MONTH

The Meal

Afternoon tea once was a meal that filled a gap and infused itself into daily routines and social rituals. National Afternoon Tea Month in April celebrates the history, food, and culture surrounding this nostalgic pastime.

Afternoon tea is a nearly 200-year-old tradition that began in the United Kingdom. In the 1830s, only the upper class enjoyed afternoon tea due mainly to the price of tea leaves. The upper class also enjoyed more leisure time than the working class, allowing them to enjoy a social moment over tea and biscuits. What began as a light snack turned into a meal with rituals and traditions carried over from high society.

During the 19th century, the day's last meal was often served between 8 and 9 pm, creating a long gap between meals. The afternoon tea offered a light, casual meal to help tide people over until supper. But the afternoon tea was more than a way to stave off hunger for a few hours. It was a time to dust off the day's troubles and enjoy the company of loved ones. Over time, the meal became more than a necessity; it became a social occasion and part of the culture. The meal filtered into public places like restaurants and tea gardens, developing into a social event.

Afternoon tea consists of light, small portions—crustless finger sandwiches, scones, small cakes and pastries, and of course, tea. Various spreads, such as clotted cream, lemon curd, jams, and jellies, are also served. Usually, English Breakfast tea and Earl Grey are served, but other teas find their way to the serving tray, too. Teas such as Lapsang Souchong, lavender, mint, Darjeeling, and chamomile bring a variety of flavors to the table.

Reviving a Fading Tradition

As our routines changed, we began to eat the supper meal earlier and earlier. Busy lifestyles, travel, and two-income households have all but eliminated the afternoon tea. However, afternoon tea parties are still hosted around the world. They serve as casual occasions to celebrate friends and family and inspire us to interact and commune with each other.

National Afternoon Tea Month is a chance to reignite interest in the ritual and give tools for planning the perfect Afternoon Tea Parties at home. Today, teahouses, tea gardens, tearooms, bed and breakfasts, and other locations also offer afternoon tea and an opportunity to revive a culture that has been slowly fading away.

Enjoy a relaxing cuppa!



During April, buds come into full bloom brightening our days, and the National Month of Hope also lends a hand in lifting our spirits.

Bringing hope to someone can take many forms. Being a positive role model in a child's life or providing a community a foundation for future endeavors both provide hope for the future. Lift the spirits of a friend suffering from a medical issue or volunteer at a local homeless shelter. We are each able to bring a ray of hope in our own ways by contributing wisdom, time, kindness, and when possible, donating to charities that make the impossible possible.



HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalMonthOfHope

NATIONAL MONTH OF HOPE

HISTORY

Mothers In Crisis, Inc. founded National Month of Hope to help spread hope around the world. Founded by Rosalind Tompkins in 1991 when she was just four years clean and sober, Mothers In Crisis, Inc. supports women and families who are in need bringing them hope and empowering them to find a new path.

On Mothers In Crisis's 25th Anniversary in April of 2016, they received proclamations from the City of Tallahassee and the Board of County Commissioners acknowledging the significant contributions Mothers In Crisis has made in their region and also declaring Friday as Hope Universe Day.

Explore More...

Kiss of Hope Day

Random Acts of Kindness

National Find A Rainbow Day

Make A Difference Day

National Do Something Nice Day

National Day of Encouragement

- Everyone needs a little hope now and then. Spread a little sunshine their way and bring some hope into their lives.
- Volunteer by reading to children in schools.
- Experience meaningful and healthy communication with loved ones, family, friends, co-workers,
- and colleagues.
- Giving of time, food, and money to help families in need.
- Minister to those incarcerated by writing letters and visiting.
- Post on social media words of hope.
- Sharing your story of overcoming with those who are going through hard times.
- Lending a helping hand to those in need.
- Cleaning up areas where there is trash such as parks and beaches.
- Spend a day with the homeless whether on the streets in shelters, etc. "Unless you walk a mile in their shoes you won't know how to help!"
- Use #NationalHopeMonth to share your hope on social media.

CELEBRATING APRIL'S BIRTHSTONE AND ITS TIMELESS ALLURE

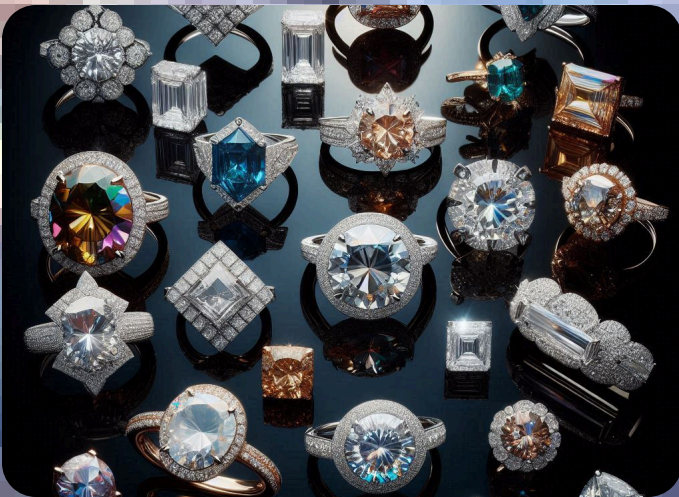
For centuries, diamonds have captivated hearts and minds with their unparalleled brilliance and enduring strength. As the birthstone for April, diamonds symbolize clarity, purity, and eternal love, making them the perfect gemstone for those born in this spring month. Known as the hardest natural material on Earth, diamonds are formed deep within the Earth's mantle under extreme pressure and heat, a process that can take billions of years. This remarkable journey from the depths of the Earth to the sparkle of a jewelry box is a testament to their rarity and beauty. Whether adorning a crown, an engagement ring, or a pair of elegant earrings, diamonds have long been cherished as a symbol of luxury and sophistication.

The allure of diamonds extends far beyond their physical properties. Historically, diamonds have been associated with power, protection, and invincibility. Ancient civilizations believed they held mystical powers, offering strength and courage to their wearers. Today, diamonds are celebrated as a universal symbol of love and commitment, thanks in part to the iconic 1947 De Beers campaign that coined the phrase, "A diamond is forever." This sentiment has cemented diamonds as the ultimate expression of romance, making them the gemstone of choice for engagement rings and anniversary gifts. For April babies, wearing a diamond is not just a celebration of their birth month but also a connection to a legacy of timeless elegance.

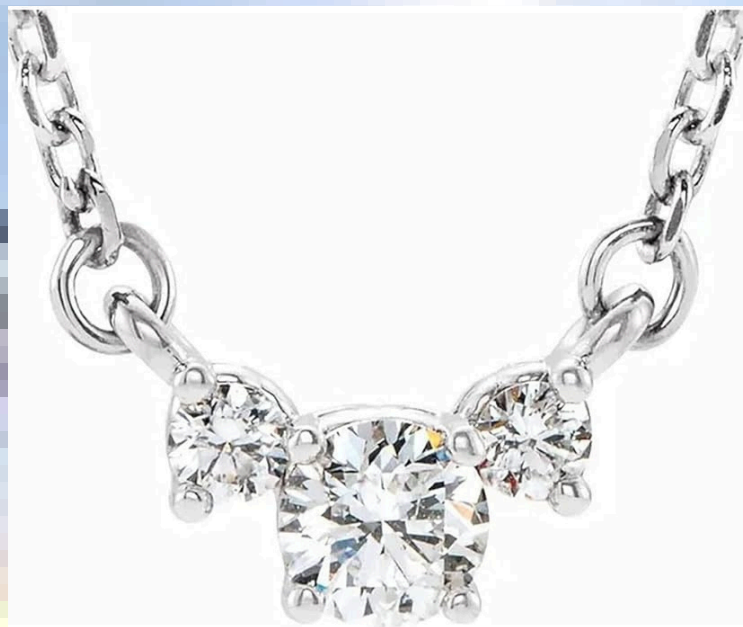


What makes diamonds truly unique is their versatility. From classic solitaires to modern, avant-garde designs, diamonds can be cut and shaped into countless styles to suit every personality. The most popular cut, the round brilliant, maximizes the stone's sparkle, while fancy cuts like pear, oval, and emerald offer a distinctive flair. Colored diamonds, such as pink, blue, and yellow, have also gained popularity in recent years, adding a vibrant twist to traditional designs. Whether set in platinum, gold, or rose gold, diamonds effortlessly complement any outfit or occasion, making them a staple in every jewelry collection.

For April-born individuals, diamonds are more than just a birthstone—they are a reflection of their inner strength and radiant spirit. As Marilyn Monroe famously sang, "Diamonds are a girl's best friend," and it's easy to see why. These dazzling gems embody resilience, beauty, and timelessness, qualities that resonate with anyone who wears them. So, whether you're an April baby or simply a diamond enthusiast, there's no denying the magic of this extraordinary gemstone. This spring, celebrate the diamond's legacy and let its brilliance light up your life!



APRIL BIRTHSTON DIAMONDS - "A GIRLS BEST FRIEND!"



World Autism Awareness Day

World Autism Awareness Day (WAAD), on April 2nd each year shines a bright light on a growing global health crisis.

According to the National Autism Association, Autism affects 1 in 59 children. The bio-neurological developmental disability usually presents itself by the age of three, and it's more prevalent in boys than girls.

As children with autism grow older, they face all sorts of obstacles. Because many don't speak or use social cues as you or I do, they become targets for bullies or are excluded altogether. Children with autism are also vulnerable to drowning because they wander from their homes and schools. Due to their inability to communicate, they cannot tell someone their name or where they live, either.

Additionally, as adults, they are more likely to unemployed or underemployed. However, resources are available for families and schools to help keep children safe and to support them lead happy and healthy lives.

Visit the National Autism Association website for resources, guides and tips for families and schools.

The day also focuses on the growing need for programs designed to support those with autism now and in the future.

National Autism Association website accepts donations, provides information and training.





EASTER 2025

Easter is observed on the first Sunday following the full moon after the vernal equinox. Considered Christianity's most important holy day, it celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Depending on which calendar a church follows, some will celebrate the holiday earlier than others.

Leading up to Easter Sunday is an entire season of observances beginning with Ash Wednesday, Lent's official beginning. Lent is a time of fasting and reflection, which represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness for 40 days. Many know this as a time when Christians give something up for Lent.

Then during Holy Week, the Sunday before Easter is known as Palm Sunday. It commemorates Jesus's entry into Jerusalem on a donkey just five days before the Romans crucified Him. Maundy Thursday remembers Jesus's last supper; Good Friday is the day of the crucifixion; Holy Saturday is the period between the crucifixion and the resurrection; and Easter Sunday.

EASTER HISTORY

Before Easter (Pascha), Passover was the primary holy day celebrated; however, Christianity closely links the two holidays. Jesus's last supper was a Passover meal. By the 2nd century, Orthodox Christians also celebrated Pascha alongside Passover as well as pagan spring festivals.

The Easter Bunny tradition comes from medieval Germany, where the Osterhase or Easter Hare would lay its colorful eggs in nests prepared by children. In the 18th-century, settling in the Dutch Pennsylvania countryside, immigrants brought this fable and tradition to the United States.

Dying eggs is a tradition that dates back thousands of years across many cultures. Eggs symbolize rebirth, fertility, and life springing forth. Today Easter egg hunts take place across the country. It is not unusual to see children in their Sunday best surrounding a giant Bunny. Many will also get their picture taken too!

The palm leaves are usually burned to create ash for the following year's Ash Wednesday traditions. Easter comes with many symbols. Some of them include:

1. Eggs – Symbolizes new life and rebirth
2. Lambs – Represents Jesus
3. Easter Lilies – Symbolizes innocence, purity and peace
4. Hot Cross Buns and Easter Breads – Represents Jesus, the bread of life

HOW TO OBSERVE EASTER

1. Participate in any number of church services.
2. Some churches conduct sunrise services.
3. Dye eggs with children and have an Easter egg hunt.
4. Local communities also hold annual egg hunts, so check your local social media, newspapers, and community listings for dates and times.
5. Use #Easter to share on social media.



NATIONAL PICNIC DAY

On April 23rd, National Picnic Day encourages everyone to pack up their lunch and take it outdoors.

There are a variety of ways to take part in a picnic. This meal harkens back to mid-18th-century al fresco French dining when all you needed was a bottle of wine, a loaf of bread, some cheese and fruit and you could have a party under the sky.

From barbecues to simple cold plates, picnics are light informal affairs intended to be relaxing and fun for everyone to enjoy the day. Some favorite picnic foods include sandwiches, chips, fresh fruit and vegetables, light salads, and homemade bars. However, picnics can be expanded to include grilled items, too. Burgers and corn on the cob cook up nicely on a portable grill. During large picnics, guests often bring a dish to share creating a pot luck atmosphere.

The fresh air tends to rev up our appetite, so getting in some physical activity while enjoying a picnic is nice, too. Games of horseshoe, Frisbee, catch or flying a kite add to the fun of the day.

HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalPicnicDay

Celebrate this day by having a picnic of your own. Pack up a cooler or basket with a few of your favorite items. Make sure to include a beverage or two. Be sure to keep perishable items on ice so no one gets sick. Visit a favorite park or recreation area. Lay the blanket out in the sun or shade (whichever you prefer) and enjoy the day with a meal under the sky. Bring a Frisbee or a ball to toss around, too.

If the weather does not cooperate, have a picnic in your home on the living room floor! Share your photos on social media using #NationalPicnicDay.

Now is a great time to get ready for
National Picnic Month in July.

From the French for piquenique,
picnic means a meal eaten
outdoors.



NATIONAL SUPERHERO DAY



Each year on April 28th, National Superhero Day honors superheroes, both real and fictional.

Batman, Superman, Wonder Woman, Captain America, Iron Man, Hulk, and Spiderman are just some of the superheroes whose names we recognize. Star Wars, Star Trek, Even though they are fictional, these superheroes are great role models for our children. They serve and protect while fighting evil. Your hero can come from another world or even time, if you fancy a certain Scottish Highlander from the 1700's.

Our real-life superheroes may not have superpowers or wear capes, but they are also great role models who serve and protect while fighting evil. Military personnel, police officers, firefighters, and teachers are just a few of the heroes who protect us on a daily basis.

HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalSuperheroDay

Take your favorite superhero to lunch and say thank you for all they do. Let them know that you appreciate them. Share what you think makes a hero. Take a picture with your favorite hero.

Post photos on social media using
#NationalSuperheroDay.





NATIONAL TAX DAY

April 15th of each year is National Tax Day. In the United States, the term “tax day” refers to the day on which individual income tax returns are due to the federal government. The day may also refer to April 15th for state tax returns.

The Federal income tax filing deadline is midnight on April 15th of every year, with extensions occurring when the 15th lands on a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday. In those circumstances, the returns are due the first succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a holiday.

These dates can differ depending on the residence as well. Some years, due to extenuating circumstances such as natural disasters, more significant extensions have been granted by the Federal Government.

As Self Employed for years this is beyond a headache. We pay about 40% even with deductions and the modest amount of income we feel out yearly. While most are gushing over spending a possible return, we have to pay in yet again this year. As with the Covid years we still pay in as our income gets smaller and smaller. If you're lucky enough to get a return, I hope you spend it wisely.

NATIONAL TAX DAY HISTORY

Income tax was first collected in The United States in 1862 to fund the Civil War. It was deemed unconstitutional due to not being apportioned with conformity across the states. Once again, the United States enacted income tax with the 16th Amendment in 1913. At that time, the filing deadline was March 1. In 1918 the deadline was changed to March 15, and then in 1955, for the most recent change, the filing deadline was moved to April 15th. The day has come to be known as Tax Day.

Following the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, Benjamin Franklin wrote in a letter to French scientist Jean-Baptiste Le Roy: “Our new Constitution is now established, everything seems to promise it will be durable; but, in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes.”



NATIONAL LAWN AND GARDEN MONTH

National Lawn and Garden Month is celebrated each year in April.



Lawns and gardens go together. By spring we are all anxious to get outside and enjoy the nice weather and the rebirth of all things green. In most residential neighborhoods making the most out of your outdoor space means adapting to small spaces. Where space is at a premium, container or raised gardens make having fresh vegetables possible for your table.

Flowers and greenery beautify the space but prepare for proper care. Certain plants require shade and others full sun. Read the care instructions for the flowers you're considering planting. Are they perennial or annual? Depending on the acidity of the soil, the amount of rain you receive and the zone where you live, certain plants considered perennial for one area will not thrive in another zone.

April is the perfect time to clean up your lawn and get it ready for summer. It's important to get the mowing height right when you mow your lawn. Most lawns do well at 2" to 3", but it's a good idea to leave it a little longer during hot months. Leaving the grass clippings on your lawn recycles the plant nutrients back into the soil and is a great fertilizer. Always use a sharp blade for mowing as a dull blade will tear the grass rather than cutting it. Water and fertilize your lawn, but don't overdo either. A lawn survives better if it is underwatered and underfertilized than it does if you overdo it. Too much water will drown the grass and too much fertilizer will burn it.

HOW TO OBSERVE

Put on the garden gloves and tune up the lawn mower. It's time to spruce up around the house! Use #LawnAndGardenMonth to share on social media.

ADOPT A SHELTER PET DAY

Each year, on April 30th raises awareness for thousands of pets that are waiting for (and needing) adoption from the shelters.

Animal shelters require year-round assistance and adoption is a part of the process. Since animals come in daily, the shelters must work quickly to ensure the animal's health and well being. Only then can they be adopted into their forever home. The day also encourages you to visit a shelter near you and find your new fur baby. Visit with the shelter to consider all the needs the dog or cat requires for the long term.

If you feel you can't meet those needs, consider helping in other ways. Give your time by volunteering. Not only will this help the shelter by providing the animals with exercise, companionship, and socialization, but it also gives you that wonderful animal love we all so enjoy.

You can also check the shelter's donation needs list. Bring the items you are able to give. This will help the shelter animals find their forever homes more quickly.



EXPLORE MORE....

ADOPT A CAT MONTH

ADOPT A SENIOR PET DAY

MAKE A DOGS DAY

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ADOPT A SHELTER DOG MONTH

OPERATION SANTA PAWS

NATIONAL PET PARENTS DAY

RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNERSHIP DAY

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE THE WHOLE YEAR THROUGH

HOW TO OBSERVE #ADOPTASHELTERPET

VISIT A SHELTER TODAY AND CONSIDER ADOPTING. ALSO, REMEMBER TO SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR FUR BABIES. IT HELPS REDUCE THE NUMBER OF UNWANTED PETS IN THE POPULATION. RECENT STUDIES ARE SHOWING WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK! FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ADOPTION, VISIT THE HUMANE SOCIETY OR YOUR LOCAL SHELTER.

CELEBRATE THE DAY BY SHARING PICTURES OF YOUR ADOPTED PET ON SOCIAL MEDIA USING #ADOPTASHELTERPETDAY.

National Earth Day

Numerous green campaigns launch events around the globe each year. Join one near you or organize one that fits your community's needs.

NATIONAL EARTH DAY HISTORY

In 1969, the concept of Earth Day was established at a UNESCO Conference in San Francisco. On March 21, 1970, a sanctioned Proclamation was signed by Secretary-General U Thant at the United Nations. A month later, on April 22, 1970, U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day. While National Earth Day is not considered a national holiday we encourage you to learn more.

Each year on April 22nd, National Earth Day campaigns around the globe promote ways to keep the Earth healthy and our planet livable.

Since its inception, the organizers promote events educating the public about a variety of subjects including:

- climate change
- air pollution
- water pollution
- erosion
- recycling
- composting
- renewable fuels and power
- carbon footprints
- efficient cars
- rain forests
- ecosystems

Environmentalists held rallies in large cities around the country. The observance became a global event in 1990 and hasn't stopped since.

Explore More...

[National Arbor Day](#)

[National Audubon Day](#)

[Daylight Saving Time](#)

[National Gardening Day](#)

[National Garden Month](#)

[National Lawn and Garden Month](#)

As citizens of the world, we can take action to protect the Earth, its creatures, and its habitats. Greener living can include more fuel-efficient vehicles or windows. It can also include landscaping for your climate reducing the amount of water required.





Tap to Shop



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"Let Them Eat Cake"

The woman who quoted the above didn't fair well in history. Cake is now both widely enjoyed, and luckily for us easily available.

Cakes are a beloved dessert enjoyed worldwide, coming in a vast array of types to suit every taste and occasion. From rich and decadent chocolate cakes to light and airy sponge cakes, the variety is endless. Butter cakes, like pound cakes, are dense and moist, while foam cakes, such as angel food or chiffon cakes, rely on whipped eggs for a fluffy texture. Specialty cakes, including cheesecakes and flourless cakes, cater to unique preferences or dietary needs. Layered cakes, often adorned with frosting or fillings, are popular for celebrations, while single-layer cakes, like coffee cakes, are perfect for casual gatherings. Whether simple or elaborate, cakes are a versatile treat that bring joy to any moment.

Whether from a local bakery or a creation all your own cake is used in a lot of our celebrations today. Pair it with ice cream and you have a recipe for one of America's favorite desserts.

Explore More...

[National Cake Day](#)

[National Bundt Cake Day](#)

[National Dessert Month](#)

[Raspberry Cake Day](#)

[Lemon Chiffon Cake Day](#)

[National Sponge Cake Day](#)

[Angel Food Cake Day](#)

[Cake Decorating Day](#)

[Chocolate Cake Day](#)

[Coffee Cake Day](#)

[Pound Cake Day](#)

[Carrot Cake Day](#)

[Hazelnut Cake Day](#)

[Applesauce Cake Day](#)

[Pineapple Upside Down Cake Day](#)

[Bake & Decorate Month](#)

[Devils Food Cake Day](#)

[American Flag Cake](#)

[National German Chocolate Cake Day](#)

[Vanilla Cupcake Day](#)

[National Cupcake Day](#)

[Chocolate Cupcake Day](#)

[National Black Forest Cake Day](#)

NATIONAL GLAZED SPIRAL HAM DAY

National Glazed Spiral Ham Day on April 15th each year celebrates an innovative and delicious food. This gourmet looking dish often found at a holiday feast, originated in the basement of Harry J. Hoenselaar.

In 1952, the Detroit, Michigan entrepreneur patented not only his spiral slicer but the ham glaze as well. His innovative device made it possible for the entire bone-in ham to be sliced in one continuous and even spiral. The result was not only perfect for baking but for serving, too. The resulting slices presented a beautiful main course meal. Then in 1957, Hoenselaar founded HoneyBaked Ham.

Since the patent expired in 1981, many companies offer glazed spiral hams. However, we continue to thank Harry J. Hoenselaar for making them a possibility.

A traditional glazed ham is baked with a glaze consisting of sugar, honey, or orange juice. Spices to taste are often added.



Explore More...

[Prime Rib Day](#)

[Leg of Lamb Day](#)

[Peking Duck Day](#)

[National Brisket Day](#)

[Corned Beef & Cabbage Day](#)

[National Crown Roast of Pork Day](#)

HOW TO OBSERVE #GlazedSpiralHamDay

Pick up a glazed spiral ham and cook up a big meal. The leftovers will make amazing sandwiches, too!

Use #GlazedSpiralHamDay to post on social media.

NATIONAL PRIME

RIB DAY

National Prime Rib Day annually recognizes this special meal favorite on April 27th each year. Sometimes known as the “King of Meats,” Prime Rib is a choice cut from one of the eight prime cuts of beef.

A rubbed-on seasoned and then slow-roasted prime rib will give you a deliciously tender, tasty main course. Find many recipes and helpful “how to cook prime rib” guides on the internet for all to use. Some of the most common seasons used include garlic, salt, pepper, rosemary, onion, oregano, and thyme.

Depending on your preference, you might choose to serve your prime rib with fresh vegetables such as asparagus, broccoli, cauliflower, or Brussel sprouts. A variety of potatoes complement prime rib, too. Whether you like mashed, baked, or roasted potatoes, they will pair well with this hearty meal. Add a light salad or pasta dish, too. Don't forget to serve your favorite wine or beer. Your guests will appreciate it.

Finish off the meal with a fruit-topped dessert. It's definitely a meal worthy of a celebration!



HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalPrimeRibDay

Enjoy a Prime Rib at your favorite restaurant or enjoy making one at home. Share your photos on social media using #NationalPrimeRibDay.

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NATIONAL GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH DAY

Each year, National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day on April 12th recognizes one of the top comfort foods in the United States. Why wouldn't it be when we're talking about bread grilled to perfection, and warm, gooey, melted cheese.

According to food historians, many cultures around the world have enjoyed cooked bread and cheese since ancient times. The United States modern version of the grilled cheese sandwich originated in the 1920s. As sliced bread and American cheese became easily available, Americans began making open-faced grilled cheese sandwiches.

United States government cookbooks describe Navy cooks broiling "American cheese filling sandwiches" during World War II.

Grilled cheese sandwiches are versatile thanks to the ability to mix and match cheeses, bread, and seasonings. Adding sauteed vegetables or herb-infused oils can elevate this simple comfort food to a whole other level.

HOW TO OBSERVE #GRILLEDCHEESESANDWICHDAY

Make your favorite version of a grilled cheese sandwich. Share the best cheeses to make grilled cheese. Do you use American cheese or do you prefer Swiss? What's your favorite cheese?

Serve it with your favorite soup and sides, too.

Layer it and make a double-decker grilled cheese sandwich. Add ham or bacon for extra flavor and variety.



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- Share with us all the ways you make grilled cheese sandwiches or try a new recipe.

Families, take this day to the next level and make personalized sandwiches. Get creative with your grilled cheese by bringing out the cookie cutters. Imagine the fun the kids will have and everyone can make unique-shaped sandwiches. Don't fret about the crusts because you can dip them in your favorite sauces or soups. Try adding ranch, siracha or a dill dip. How will you mix it up?

My mom taught me that the best way to capture the gooey goodness is to butter both sides of your slices of bread. 3 slices of cheese, or my favorite 1/4 inch slab of Velveeta (best choice in my opinion), and make the outside golden brown. To this day we still practice these methods... Use #GrilledCheeseSandwichDay to post on social media.

NATIONAL PEACH COBBLER DAY



National Peach Cobbler Day on April 13th each year recognizes a delicious dessert that originated during the 19th century.

Unable to make traditional suet puddings due to lack of suitable ingredients and cooking equipment, the settlers instead covered a stewed filling with a layer of uncooked plain biscuits or dumplings, fitted together. When the dish is fully cooked, the surface has the appearance of a cobbled street. The name may also derive from the fact that the ingredients are “cobbled” together. Some cobbler recipes resemble a thick-crusted, deep-dish pie with both top and bottom crust.

In 2007, the world’s largest peach cobbler was made at the Georgia Peach Festival. It consisted of:

90 lbs of butter
150 lbs of sugar
150 lbs of flour
32 gallons of milk
75 gallons of peaches

HOW TO OBSERVE

#NationalPeachCobblerDay

Make some homemade peach cobbler. What’s nice is it can be made from fresh, frozen, or canned peaches and still taste amazing!

Use #NationalPeachCobblerDay to post on social media.

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NATIONAL ZUCCHINI BREAD DAY

Each year on April 25th each year, National Zucchini Bread Day encourages bakers to make this delicious bread.

Many explorers who came to the Americas brought back what they considered strange foods, including the zucchini. The zucchini eventually found its way to Italy, where it was named zucchini. Native Americans referred to zucchini as “something eaten raw.” However, we all know that zucchini tastes best cooked, especially in bread.

Basic Ingredients of a Quick Bread

Fat – Bakers use shortening, butter, margarine, or vegetable oils depending on the texture they wish to achieve. Follow recipes and use only the fat called for to achieve the desired results.

Sugar – Granular sugar, brown sugar, and some sugar substitutes are used. Many bakers add fruit for sweetness, substituting a portion of the sugar in the recipe.

Eggs – As an emulsifier and a binding ingredient, eggs add volume and texture to quick bread

Flour – Most bakers use all-purpose flour, but other recipes will use alternative flours. Always follow the recipe because other ingredients have been adjusted to improve texture when using an alternative flour.

Liquid – Usually, milk or water moisten the mixture, activate the gluten in the flour, and dissolve the sugar.

Leavening agent – Either baking powder or baking soda + an acid (such as cream of tartar) are used. Baking powder is baking soda with the acid already added.

Flavoring ingredient – Bakers incorporate a variety of spices, fruits, vegetables, nuts, and extracts. Each one complements the flavor of the main ingredient. In a quick bread, bakers often use vanilla to enhance the flavor.

When mixing your ingredients, be sure to follow the recipe instructions. Over mixing prevents the bread from rising while baking causing the bread to be dense.



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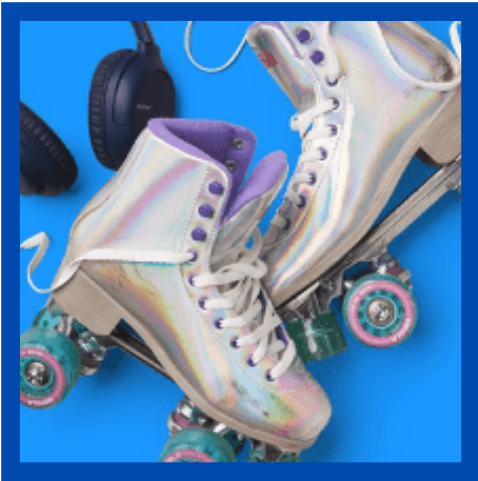
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INTERNATIONAL GUITAR MONTH



International Guitar Month in April inspires the world to strum and pick their way through chords to sweet serenity.

Celebrated each April, is not just a tribute to the instrument itself but a homage to the rich tapestry of music and culture it weaves through our lives. From the resonant depths of classical compositions to the electrifying highs of rock and roll, the guitar has proven to be an incredibly versatile medium for artistic expression. It's a symbol of rebellion for some, a tool for storytelling for others, and for many, a lifelong companion on a journey of personal growth and discovery. This month offers a moment to reflect on the impact this humble instrument has had on the world, shaping genres, inspiring countless artists, and bringing people together in shared appreciation and love for music.

The evolution of the guitar, from its early ancestors in the 15th century to the modern electric marvels, mirrors the evolution of music itself. Each era brought with it innovations that expanded the instrument's capabilities, inviting musicians to explore new sounds and techniques. The development of the guitar has been a collaborative effort between craftsmen and artists, a dance between the possibilities of technology and the boundless creativity of the human spirit. International Guitar Month celebrates not only the instrument but also the countless individuals whose passion and innovation have propelled its evolution.

Throughout International Guitar Month, communities around the globe host concerts, workshops, and events aimed at fostering a deeper appreciation for the guitar. These gatherings are a testament to the instrument's ability to connect people across diverse backgrounds. Beginners may find themselves strumming their first chords, while seasoned musicians delve into the complexities of composition or the subtleties of a new playing style. The atmosphere is electric with the shared joy of discovery and the palpable sense of belonging to a global family united by the love of guitar music.

As we celebrate, let's also look forward to the future of guitar music. With advancements in technology and a continuously evolving musical landscape, the possibilities are endless. New genres will emerge, and with them, new ways of playing and experiencing the guitar. This month is a reminder of the guitar's enduring legacy and a prompt to contribute to its ongoing story. Whether through picking up a guitar for the first time, attending a live concert, or simply exploring a new genre, each of us can play a part in honoring this versatile instrument's place in our hearts and history.

Whether you play guitar or your talent is in listening, the month is wide open to ways to celebrate. Guitars bring joy whether we play them or listen to the music they produce.

HOW TO OBSERVE

#InternationalGuitarMonth

There are several ways to play this month. Whatever you do, make sure there is a guitar involved. Use #InternationalGuitarMonth to share on social media.

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