

THE MONTHLY GAZETTE



*"September twenty-second, Sir, the bough cracks
with unpicked apples, and at dawn, the small-mouth bass
breaks water, gorged with spawn."*

~ Robert Lowell

Tree of the Month – Palm

Palm trees are part of the *Arecaceae* botanical family of perennial flowering plants, which thrive in tropical and subtropical climates. Palms usually have small, white flowers and large, evergreen leaves that are fan- or feather-shaped. They get their name because their leaves often look like an open palm with fingers radiating out. Palms have played an integral part in human history for thousands of years, going back to Mesopotamian times. The trees provide food, shelter, and building material, allowing people to survive in otherwise



inhospitable desert climates. Some of the many products still made from palms include palm oil, dates, coconuts, rattan furniture, heart of palm, palm wine, and açai. In ancient Rome, palm branches symbolized victory. In Christianity and Judaism, they represent peace and plenty. Today, we associate them with tropical vacations.

Special Days

WWII V-J Day

September 2

Labor Day

September 7

National Day of

Service and

Remembrance

September 11

Grandparents Day

September 13

Rosh Hashanah

Begins at Sundown

September 18

Autumnal Equinox

September 22

Birthstone – Sapphire



The sapphire is the September birthstone. Next to the diamond, it is one of the hardest materials known. Sapphires come in many colors, but the finest sapphire color is a rich, velvety cornflower blue. Rubies are red sapphires. Ancient Persians believed that Earth rested on a giant sapphire whose reflection gave the sky its color. The gem symbolizes truth and sincerity.

Flower – Aster



A member of the *Asteraceae* family, the aster takes its name from the Latin word meaning "star," a reference to its star-like head. Also known as the Michaelmas daisy, starwort, and frost flower, the aster usually blooms in late summer and fall, and comes in many colors, including blue, purple, pink, yellow, and red, all with yellow or black centers. Aster flowers symbolize love and patience.

Birthday Colors

September 1–2: Beige

People born under this color are active and sporty. They don't hold a grudge and adjust easily to new situations.

September 3–12: Aqua

"Aqua" people can change their feelings suddenly. They are truthful and believe in other people. They like adventure and love to travel.

September 13–22: Lime

If you were born "lime," you appear calm even when you are stressed. You can

get jealous (as in lime green with envy), but you are true in love. You are likable and trusting.



September 23: Olive

"Olive" people are kind, cheerful, warm, and lighthearted. They seem to get along well with friends and family.

September 24–30: Purple

You are mysterious, popular, and unselfish. You are spontaneous and easily interested in things.

Only in September

The final day of each September is always on a different day of the week than the last day of any other month each year. It's also the only month with the same number of letters (nine) in its name as the number of the month.

September Zodiacs

Virgo (The Virgin)
September 1–22

Libra (The Scales)
September 23–30

September got its name from the Latin word *septem*, meaning "seven," because it was the seventh month in the old Roman calendar. Around 44 BC, Julius Caesar reformed the calendar and made September the ninth month. The Anglo-Saxons called it the *gerst monath*, meaning "barley month," because it was the month they harvested their barley crops. Originally, September had 31 days. Later the 31st day was removed, leaving "thirty days hath September."

Month of Fire

The Romans believed that Vulcan, the god of fire and forge, looked after the month of September, which was associated with fires and volcanic eruptions. The ancient Romans were onto something, because the Great Fire of London started on September 2, 1666. The fire destroyed two-thirds of the city, including 13,200 houses and 87 churches.

What's Lucky in September?

Lucky Color: Orange

Lucky Animal: Fox

Lucky Letters: S and F

Lucky Day: Tuesday

Lucky Plant: Goldenrod



September Birthdays

Gloria Estefan (singer) – September 1, 1957

Keanu Reeves (actor) – September 2, 1964

Shaun White (snowboarder) – September 3, 1986

Kim Yuna (figure skater) – September 5, 1990

Idris Elba (actor/rapper) – September 6, 1972

Queen Elizabeth I (monarch) – September 7, 1533

Hugh Grant (actor) – September 9, 1960

Adam Sandler (comedian) – September 9, 1966

Roger Maris (baseball player) – September 10, 1934

Jennifer Hudson (singer) – September 12, 1981

Stella McCartney (designer) – September 13, 1971

David Copperfield (illusionist) – September 16, 1956

Amy Poehler (comedienne) – September 16, 1971

Sophia Loren (actress) – September 20, 1934