

# THE MONTHLY GAZETTE

*“How beautifully leaves grow old. How full of light and color are their last days.”*

~ John Burrows



## Animal of the Month – Iguana

Iguanas are large, plant-eating, tree-climbing lizards that are commonly kept as pets. They are native to the Caribbean and Central and South America. The animals can also be found in the wild in parts of the United States.



These reptiles can grow up to six feet long and can live to around 20 years old. Iguanas prefer hot, humid climates and love to bask in the sun. They use sunlight to make vitamin D and keep warm.

They have excellent vision, which they use to find food in their forest habitats. They

primarily eat foliage and vegetation and use their small serrated teeth to grasp and shred their food.

In some traditions, iguanas are considered to be a spirit animal that symbolizes patience and kindness. Iguana meat and eggs are sometimes eaten in parts of the Americas.

## Special Days

**All Saints' (Hallows) Day**  
November 1

**Election Day**  
November 2

**Veterans Day (U.S.) & Remembrance Day (Canada)**  
November 11

**Thanksgiving (U.S.)**  
November 25

**Hanukkah Begins at Sundown**  
November 28

## Flower – Chrysanthemum



Chrysanthemums—also called “tansies,” “mums,” or “chrysanths”—bloom in the fall, bringing extra cheer to colder climates when most flowers take a break. This hugely popular tropical flower, which comes in a range of sizes, gets its name from the Greek words *chrysos* (gold) and *anthemon* (flower). Its membership in the *compositae* or *asteraceae* family puts it in the edible flower category along with daisies and sunflowers. They range in flavor from “peppery” to “cauliflower.”

## Birthstone – Yellow Topaz



Topaz, the birthstone for November, likely gets its name from the Red Sea's Island of Topazios (now called Zabargad). Pure topaz is a colorless or “white” stone. However, it's often tinged with other minerals to create shades of yellow, pink, orange, and blue. It's most commonly found in shades of yellow—a shade Cleopatra was said to be especially fond of, since it reminded her of honey. The ancient Greeks associated topaz with strength. During the Renaissance, Europeans believed this was the stone to use to break a magic spell.

## November Firsts in TV and Sports

November TV firsts include:

- *Meet the Press* and *Face the Nation* premiered on Nov. 6, 1947, and Nov. 7, 1954, respectively.
- *Meet Rocky and Friends* premiered on Nov. 19, 1959. The show later became known as the *Bullwinkle Show*.
- *Sesame Street* premiered on Nov. 10, 1969.
- *The New Original Wonder Woman* TV movie aired on Nov. 7, 1975, as a pilot for the *Wonder Woman* series.



November sports firsts include:

- First intercollegiate football game in the U.S. (pitting Rutgers against Princeton): Nov. 6, 1869
- First Army-Navy football game (Navy won 24–0): Nov. 29, 1890
- First U.S. women’s amateur golf championship: Nov. 9, 1895
- First gasoline-powered auto race: Thanksgiving, Nov. 28, 1895
- First collegiate game of the disc sport “ultimate frisbee”: Nov. 6, 1972

## Riddle Me This

In September, you picked me.

In October, you cut me intentionally.

In November, you threw me away like you never knew me.

What am I?

ANSWER: A pumpkin

## 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?”

## November Headlines

Historical headlines made this month include:

- *Essex Confronts Real Moby Dick*, and Loses (November 20, 1820)
- World War I Ends (November 11, 1918)
- President John F. Kennedy Is Assassinated (November 22, 1963)

## What’s Lucky in November?

Lucky Color: Magenta

Lucky Animal: Hedgehog

Lucky Letters: T and D

Lucky Day: Thursday

Lucky Plant: Pomegranate



## November Birthdays

Burt Lancaster (actor) – November 2, 1913

Kate Capshaw (actress) – November 3, 1953

Art Garfunkel (singer) – November 5, 1941

Sally Field (actress) – November 6, 1946

Alfre Woodard (actress) – November 8, 1952

Dorothy Dandridge (actress) – November 9, 1922

Leonardo DiCaprio (actor) – November 11, 1974

Whoopi Goldberg (comedian) – November 13, 1955

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

Beverly D’Angelo (actress) – November 15, 1951

Martin Scorsese (director) – November 17, 1942

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

Tsung-Dao Lee (physicist) – November 24, 1926