

THE MONTHLY GAZETTE



*"Spring being a tough act to follow,
God created June."*

~ Al Bernstein

Tree of the Month – Cherry

Cherry trees are part of the *Prunus* genus of plants, which includes many stone fruit-producing trees and shrubs, such as plum, peach, apricot, nectarine, and almond. (Yes, almonds are a fruit rather than a nut.) Cherries ripen on the tree to maximize sweetness.



Cherry trees have a distinguishable silver-gray bark. They also have oval leaves and can grow up to around 33 feet tall. Cherry trees are native to Europe, Western Asia, and Northern Africa. Today, Turkey is the world's largest producer of sweet cherries, followed by the United States and Iran.

Sour cherry trees are found in Russia, Ukraine, Poland, and Turkey. In addition to their delicious fruit, cherry trees are known for their beautiful, delicate white flowers, which begin to bloom in January in Japan and in late March in the United States. Cherry is a popular flavoring in many foods, including pies, candy, cough drops, sodas, salads, and desserts.

Special Days

World Bicycle Day

June 3

Best Friends Day

June 8

Flag Day (U.S.)

June 14

Juneteenth

June 19

**First Day of Summer
in the Northern
Hemisphere**

June 20

Father's Day

June 21

Birthstone – Pearl



The birthstone for June, the pearl, is unlike most gemstones because it has an organic origin. A pearl is created when a grain of sand, a small bit of rock, or a parasite enters an oyster or clam. This irritates the mollusk, and it coats the foreign material with layers of shell material. Pearls come in all shapes and sizes. The color of a pearl is most commonly white, but they also come in delicate shades of black, cream, gray, blue, yellow, lavender, green, and mauve. Pearls are believed to garner protection, wealth, strength, love, and luck.

Flower – Rose



The flower for the month of June is the rose, which signifies purity, courage, happiness, and love. The rose has been called "the queen of flowers." Its name comes from the Latin word *rosa*, which means "red." Since primitive times, the rose has been used in perfumes, medicines, and even foods. Archaeologists have found fossilized remains of wild roses over 34 million years old. The common name for the sharp points along a rose stem is *thorns*, however, they are officially known as *prickles*.

Show Your Birthday Colors

June 1–7: Magenta

You are competitive and athletic, you don't like rainy days, and you are always cheerful. You are very outgoing, but you don't fall in love easily. You always find a way to make others smile. You have a great mind for facts and numbers.

June 8–15: Silver

You love a lot of activity and are always on the go. You are very expressive and know what to say and the right time to say it. You are friendly and upbeat and have a good sense of humor.

June 16–23: Orange

You are very thoughtful, wise, and caring. People tend to reach out to you for advice. Animals are also drawn to you. You are patient and a loyal friend. You take pride in going the extra mile. Your laughter is contagious.



June 24–30: Sky Blue

Your lovable, kind spirit draws others to you. You are also a perfectionist who doesn't give up until everything is just so. People count on you, and you don't disappoint. You are in sync with nature and love to spend time outside.

Meet June

June has been used as a given name for girls since the early 19th century. Its popularity peaked in 1925 when 6,644 American baby girls were called June, followed by a steady decline. But the name is now making a comeback.

June Zodiacs

Gemini (The Twins)
June 1–20

Cancer (The Crab)
June 21–30

June is the sixth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. Does it seem like everyone gets married in June? It's said that June is named for Juno, the Roman goddess of marriage and a protector of all things female, so some consider it good luck to be married during this month. Others claim the month gets its name from the Latin *iuniores*, or "younger ones."

This makes sense since *May*, the preceding month, may come from *maiores*, or "elders."

Pick Me a Posy

June is a month of abundant floral splendor.

Some of the flowers that bloom in June include jasmine, poppies, violas, lilies, peonies, philadelphus, and, of course, roses. While many flowers have sweet fragrances, some smell terrible, such as the aptly named *titan arum* or "corpse flower." Interestingly, flowers did not always exist—they first appeared about 140 million years ago.

What's Lucky in June?

Lucky Color: Teal

Lucky Animal: Turtle

Lucky Letters: H and S

Lucky Day: Friday

Lucky Plant: Cornflower



June Birthdays

Marilyn Monroe (actress) – June 1, 1926

Heidi Klum (model) – June 1, 1973

Josephine Baker (entertainer) – June 3, 1906

Robert Munsch (author) – June 11, 1945

Steffi Graf (tennis player) – June 14, 1969

Ruth Wakefield (inventor) – June 17, 1903

Lou Gehrig (baseball player) – June 19, 1903

Zoe Saldana (actress) – June 19, 1978

Lionel Richie (singer) – June 20, 1949

Chris Pratt (actor) – June 21, 1979

Lionel Messi (soccer player) – June 24, 1987

Octavia Butler (writer) – June 22, 1947

Mel Brooks (director) – June 28, 1926

Ed Yost (inventor) – June 30, 1919