

Spring Folklore and Information

Information for March:

This was the first month of the year till 1752, commencing on March 25th. Scotland changed the month to January in 1599, but the rest of the world was slow in following.

This month was called 'Marius' by the Romans from their god Mars.

The Anglos Saxons called the month 'Hlyd Monath' which meant loud or stormy.

The Native Americans called the month 'Worm Moon' because as the temperatures began to warm and the ground began to thaw, earthworm casts appeared, heralding the return of the robins, and the last moon of winter.

Colors of March are all shades of red.

March's birthstone is aquamarine.

March's flowers are violets for the English, daffodils for the Canadians and hyacinths for the Irish.

Folklore for March:

March hack ham
Comes in like a lion
Goes out like a lamb.

So many misties in March
So many frosties in May.

March brings breezes loud and shrill,
Stirs the dancing daffodil. - Sara Coleridge

Information for April:

The name of the month is derived from the Greek word for "opening."

April is the month from the Celtic background of a rebirth of the soul.

The Roman Goddess of Love 'Aprilis' was honored when naming the month of 'April'.

The Native Americans called this month 'Pink Moon' from the herb moss pink or wild ground phlox which is one of the earliest widespread flowers of the spring.

Other Native American names include 'Full Sprouting Grass Moon' and 'Egg Moon.'

April's flowers are daisies for the English, sweet peas for the Canadians and tulips for the Irish.

April's birthstone is the diamond.

The colors of April are pale blue, all shades of green, pink and yellow.

Folklore for April:

April weather

Rain and sunshine both together.

When April blows his horn (thunder)

'Tis good for both hay and corn.

April brings the primrose sweet,

Scatters daisies at our feet. - Sara Coleridge

Information for May:

The name for the month of 'May' has been believed to derive from 'Maia', who was revered as the Roman 'Goddess of Springtime, of Growth and Increase', and the mother of 'Mercury', the winged messenger of the Gods. Yet this is disputed as before these deities featured in mythology the name 'Maius' or 'Magius', taken from the root 'Mag', meaning the 'Growing month' or 'Shooting month' was used.

Anglos-Saxons called this month 'Thrimilce' (Cows go to milking three times a day)

The Old Dutch called this month 'Bloumaand' (Blossoming month)

Native Americans called this month 'Flower Moon.'

May-day is the name given to the first day of the month in England, when in old days the people went out at dawn to welcome the advent of spring.

May's flowers are Lily of the Valley for the English and Canada, but peonies for the Irish.

May's birthstone is the emerald.

May's colors are light green, slate gray, yellow, and spotted mixtures.

Folklore for May:

Change not a clout
Till May be out.

Who doffs his coat on a winter's day
Will gladly put it on in May.

Shear your sheep in May
And shear them all away.

A cold May and a wind
A full barn will find ye.

Be it well or be it woe
Beans blow before May doth go.

Marry in May and rue the day.

A baby born in May will always be sickly.

A cat born in May will not hunt mice.

May brings flocks of pretty lambs,
Skipping by their fleecy dams. - Sara Coleridge