

Did You Know?

June is the sixth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars. June is named for the Roman goddess Juno, who was the daughter of Saturn, wife of Jupiter, and mother of Mars, Vulcan, Bellona, and Juventas. Ancient Romans celebrated Matronalia, a festival to display their devotion to Juno, who was known as the protector of the state. Because Juno was also the patroness of marriage, many Romans chose this month to wed, a tradition that is still embraced by modern culture. June is the preferred month to marry. And for those who seek long, sunny days, June offers the most hours of the daylight. For farmers, June is typically the midpoint of the growing season between harvesting and planting, celebrated on June 24 as Midsummer day.



June's Strawberry Moon

Every month has a full moon, and each full moon has a name. In January there is the wolf moon, February has the snow moon, and March showcases the worm moon. October has the ominous sounding blood moon. June's moon is the sweetest, most delicious of all: the strawberry moon. Typically each month's moon is named to symbolize a key element of that time of year. June's strawberry moon is no different. June is prime season for the delicious red berries. This year the strawberry moon will take place on June 14th, and is extra special as it is also a super moon. Super Mons are full moons that are especially close to Earth and will appear larger and brighter than average.



June Flower and Birthstone

June flower is the rose. The rose has been called "the queen of flowers" and is known as the symbol of love. Since primitive times, the rose has been used in perfumes, medicines, and even in foods. While the sharp objects along the stem are commonly called thorns, the technical term is prickles. The prickles protect the rose from herbivores and help it hang on to other vegetation when growing and climbing. The birthstone for June is the pearl. Natural pearls are formed when a grain of sand irritates the soft inside of an oyster. The oyster covers irritant with a shell material called nacre, which becomes the pearl. Natural pearls are very rare. Most pearls on the market are cultured or grown on a pearl farm.



Origins of Father's Day: Happy Birthday

The campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers did not meet with the same enthusiasm perhaps because, as one florist explained, fathers don't have the same sentimental appeal that mothers have. On July 5, 1908 a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers. a Sunday sermon in memory of the 362 men who died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company Mines in Monogah, but it was a one-time commemoration and not an annual holiday. The next year, a Spokane, Washington, woman named Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish in official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, the YMCA, shopkeepers, government officials to drum up support for her idea, and she was successful. Washington state celebrated the nation's first first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910. Slowly the holiday spread. In 1916, President Wilson honored the day by using telegraph signals to unfurl a flag in Spokane when he pressed a button in Washington D.C. in 1924, President Calvin Coolidge urged state governments to observed Father's Day. Which was later forgotten. The New York Associated Men's Wear Retailers group even founded a Father's Day Council to promote this holiday. Decades passed, and members of the United State Congress resisted founding a national holiday by signing it into a law. In 1972, in the middle of a hard fought presidential reelection, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Father's Day a falderal holiday at last. Today, economists estimate that Americans spend more than \$1 billion each year on Father's Day gifts. Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated in the United States on the third Sunday of June. This year Father's Day is celebrated on June 19th, 2022. Did you know in other countries especially in Europe and Latin America fathers are honored on St. Joseph's Day, a traditional Catholic holiday that falls on March 19th each year. Did you know there are more than 70 million fathers in the United States. Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful dads in our community.



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