March 2020

Happy St. Patrick's Day

Happy Birthday

Linda Mason March 01
Joan Dell March 05
Gail Freeman March 06
Gail Sanderson March 07
Terri McDonald March 07
Marsha Chancellor March 08
Sherri Engelhard March 11
Tom Huston March 15
Darlene Bleything March 16
Jose Gonzalez March 19
John Newberg March 20
Dave Robertson March 21
Yvonne Buckley March 22
Don Nathe March 22
David Petit March 22
Jocelyn Mugelston March 22
Erma Haywood March 23
Hope Ayres March 27
Judy Candrilli March 28
Mike Finn March 29
Kathy Morrison March 30

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Happy Anniversary!
Albert & Diane Ekland 3/7
Bill & Jennifer Spring 3/15
James & Sheila Stahnke 3/28
Robert & Deborah Jaqua 3/30

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Office Hours
Mon-Fri......................... 8:00-4:30
Gate Hours
Mon-Fri......................... 7:30-5:00
Sweet Spring Flower

Violets are among the first flowers to bloom in the spring, offering cheer to all who see them.

The violet family has about 600 species, including pansies and violas, which are often sold as annual flowers, blooming for a single growing season. Many wild species of violets are perennials, popping up every year and spreading easily on lawns and in fields and forests.

Most types of violets have green heart-shaped leaves and flowers made of five petals. Depending on the variety, some of the petals will point upward and some downward. As their name suggests, many violets are purple in color, but they also are found in shades of blue, white, yellow, orange, pink and red. Many are two-toned, with patterns that give the blossoms the look of a smiling face.

The violet was a favorite of ancient Greeks, who used the flower for food, medicine and decoration. Violets are said to symbolize love, loyalty, nobility and humility.

The flower’s sweet fragrance has been a staple scent in the perfume industry. In cuisine, edible violet petals are sometimes used to garnish cakes and other desserts, and as an ingredient in salads and savory dishes.

St. Paddy’s Day Sidekicks

Two vegetables are the traditional side dishes for a plate of corned beef. After all, what would a St. Patrick’s Day meal be without cabbage and potatoes?

Easy to grow and inexpensive, potatoes have a long history as a staple food around the world. The vegetable was introduced to Ireland by British explorer Sir Walter Raleigh in 1589, and it eventually became the country’s main crop, which half of the population depended on to feed their families. But in the mid-1800s, much of the potato harvest was destroyed by a fungus for several years in a row, causing the Irish Potato Famine.

Cabbage was also an important crop in Ireland. The green, leafy vegetable grew well in the cool climate. Because it was nutrient-dense, many people lived on cabbage during the famine.

It was during this time that waves of Irish immigrants came to the U.S., and they brought their recipes from home. That includes a dish that combines both vegetables, colcannon, which is a mixture of mashed potatoes and chopped cabbage.
**Fireside Chats With FDR**

Throughout his presidency, Franklin D. Roosevelt led Americans through the historic challenges of the Great Depression and World War II by coming into their homes with his radio fireside chats.

In March 1933, just over a week into his first term as president, Roosevelt delivered a nationwide radio broadcast from the White House, offering reassurance about the banking crisis. It was the first of what became known as fireside chats, so named by a radio executive due to their calm, down-to-earth style.

Occurring several times a year, the fireside chats grew to be a hallmark of Roosevelt’s time in office and drew tens of millions of listeners. In a conversational tone and using simple analogies to explain policies and global events, the president spoke for 10 to 40 minutes, informing the public and offering encouragement through the difficulties. Many of the chats began with FDR addressing the nation personally as “My friends,” and at the end of every broadcast, “The Star-Spangled Banner” was played.

Roosevelt gave some 30 fireside chats, the last one airing in June 1944.

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**Fancy Footwork**

A highlight of many St. Patrick’s Day festivities is the fast footwork and lively music of Irish step dancing.

Irish dancing can be traced back to the ancient Celts, who practiced circle dances during rituals and celebrations. Over the centuries, forms of folk dancing evolved, influenced by Ireland’s European neighbors and new cultures that settled in the country.

Step dancing is the most well-known form of Irish dance. In the 1700s, this pastime became more structured with the emergence of dance masters, teachers who traveled from village to village to give dance lessons. These teachers also formalized the choreography of traditional step dances and inspired dance competitions that continue today.

Jigs, reels, slips and hornpipes are all types of step dances, and while styles differ between them, the emphasis is always on the feet. The dancer’s upper body usually remains rigid, arms loose at the sides, with quick movements by the legs and feet. Traditional Irish music, featuring fiddles, hand drums and Irish bagpipes, accompanies the dancing. When dancers wear hard-soled shoes, their stepping creates a powerful sound that adds to the music’s rhythm.

The popularity of Irish step dancing soared worldwide after the debut of the stage show “Riverdance” in 1995.

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**Wit & Wisdom**

“Great art picks up where nature ends.”
—Marc Chagall

“In the mind of every artist there is a masterpiece.”
—Kai Greene

“Art evokes the mystery without which the world would not exist.”
—René Magritte

“Sometimes with art, it is important just to look.”
—Marina Abramovic

“When I think of art I think of beauty. Beauty is the mystery of life.”
—Agnes Martin

“If art doesn’t make us better, then what on earth is it for?”
—Alice Walker

“The artist is not a different kind of person, but every person is a different kind of artist.”
—Eric Gill
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