



March Newsletter

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Important March Dates

(All times are CDT)

March 1, 8:24 pm – Full Moon

Rosemary Moon

Few herbs are as storied as rosemary. This “dew of the sea” (the meaning of the Latin word for rosemary, *Rosmarinus*) was prized by Greek students who wove it into their hair during exams to stay alert and the mourners who tossed it into the graves of loved ones.

Like all gray herbs, sometimes called Gray Ladies in the garden, rosemary has an affinity for moonlight. The silvery glow of the Full Moon can make gray herbs glow with a magickal light. Use a bundle of rosemary stems to sprinkle purifying water around the altar before beginning a Full Moon ritual or any other type of ritual.

Rosemary is a particular joy in the winter garden because it tends to bloom between December and late March. It is a good insect repellent. The oil transfers readily from the foliage, as anyone who has brushed up against the plant can attest. Sheets and other clothing dried on rosemary bushes in days of old were rarely bothered by moths or other insects.

~ JD Hortwort in *Llewellyn's Witches' Datebook 2018*

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March 11 – Daylight Savings Time Begins

Remember to set your clocks forward one hour.

March 17, 8:12 am – New Moon

The sun and moon will come together in Pisces, creating the new moon in the early morning of March 17. This begins a 30-day cycle where creativity, romance, and spiritual evolution (all Pisces themes) will be highlighted. It's a time to connect with a more “metaphysical” self, but we must be careful of escapism, or tuning out to try to avoid the unpleasant reality of life on Earth. Instead, escape from the false reality constructed by thoughts into the true reality of the present moment.

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This new moon happens in the Nakshatra of Purva Bhadra, related to lightning and inspiration. The veil between worlds may be very thin now. Look for signs and signals from above to be a "lightning strike" of inspiration on this day.

March 20 – Ostara/Spring Equinox

Ostara

Animals/Mythical Creatures – unicorn, merpeople, pegasus, rabbit/Easter bunny, chicks, swallows, snakes

Gemstones – rose quartz, moonstone, amethyst, aquamarine, bloodstone, red jasper

Incense/Oil – African violet, lotus, jasmine, rose, magnolia, sage lavender, narcissus, ginger, broom, strawberry

Colors/Candles – gold, light green, grass green, robin's egg blue, lemon yellow, pale pink, anything pastel

Tools/Symbols/Decorations – colored eggs, baskets, green clothes, shamrock, equilateral cross, butterfly, cocoons, sprouting plants; violets, lily, spring wildflowers, new clothes, lamb, hare/rabbit

Goddesses – Eostre (Saxon Goddess of Fertility), Ostara (the German Goddess of Fertility), Kore, Maiden, Isis, Astarte (Persia, GrecoRoman), Ishtar (Babylonian), Minerva (Roman), Youthful Goddesses. Faerie Queen, Lady of the Lake (Welsh-Cornish), the Green Goddess

Gods – Hare, Green Man, Youthful Gods, Warrior Gods, Taliesin, Lord of the Greenwood (English), Dagda (Irish), Cernunnos (Greco-Celtic), Pan (Greek), Adonis (Greek)

Essence – strength, birthing, completion, power, love, sexuality, embodiment of spirit, fertility, opening, beginning

Dynamics/Meaning – the God comes of age, sexual union of the Lord & Lady, sprouting, greening, balance of light and dark

Purpose – plant and animal fertility, sowing

Rituals/Magick – spellcrafting, invention, new growth, new projects, seed blessing

Customs – wearing green, new clothes, Celtic bird festival, egg baskets coloring eggs, collecting birds eggs, bird watching, egg hunts, starting new projects, spring planting

Foods – light foods, fish, maple sugar candies, hot crossed buns, sweet breads, hard boiled eggs, honey cakes, seasonal fruits, milk punch, egg drinks

Herbs – acorns, celandine, tansy, cinquefoil, crocus, daffodil, dogwood, Irish moss, ginger, honeysuckle, iris, jasmine, rose, hyssop, linden, strawberry, violets

Element/Gender – air/male

Threshold – dawn

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March 22, 12:30 am to April 15, 4:21 am – Mercury Retrograde

The first Mercury retrograde for 2018 occurs entirely in fiery Aries. Mercury retrograde in Aries can bring some hot-hot-hot energy, as Aries is a high energy fire and cardinal sign. We can be more impulsive, impatient, wanting to jump into things without thinking, and this can get us in trouble quickly, or cause some unexpected problems because we didn't think things through, or didn't think at all! It's important to surrender to the impulsive energy, but we can feel like if we don't jump right away, we'll miss out, but it may not be reality. Breathe!

Aries energy can be prone to accidents and injuries because of the impulsive energy, so we may see some extra accidents occurring around the world, especially with things where we didn't do our due diligence beforehand. Don't neglect the things that need maintenance!

Aries is also one of the signs of war, so we may see some extra violence around the world, or an uprising somewhere, particularly with Uranus at the end of his time in Aries (though not aligning with Mercury during this retrograde, thankfully). Uranus will be at a critical degree in Aries (26 degrees) March 2nd - 22nd, so we may be heading into the retrograde with some extra rebellion.

We do need to be mindful of our tempers, getting into fights and easily frustrated, and an outlet for energy can be key during this retrograde. Keep busy, and focus on something positive to direct the extra energy that can flare up. Be careful of what you say so you don't start a war!

On the upside, the retrograde doesn't start or end making a hard aspect to any of the other planets, BUT the Moon isn't going to be playing nice! The retrograde kicks off with the Moon in one of the signs Mercury naturally rules, Gemini, and we can feel really off as it begins. Communication in particular, and anything to do with technology/electronics are affected. We need to watch what we say, do some more listening, and be mindful of the impact of our words. When the retrograde ends, the Moon will be in Aries, the sign of the retrograde, and a new moon occurs in Aries on the last day of the retrograde, April 15th. So we can close the retrograde with some extra heat, extra impulse, and extra anger that needs to be tempered, and extra energy that needs a healthy and positive outlet.

The Moon will be in the other sign Mercury naturally rules, Virgo, on March 28th through 30th. This can be another short period during the retrograde when we may have a little extra struggle with the retrograde energy, and it may be focused more on daily lives, productivity, work, and the health.

The most difficult time may come just after that, with the second full moon of the month - yep, March comes with another blue moon! This time on March 31st in Libra, which is the sign opposite Aries, the sign of the Mercury retrograde. The full moon will be opposite the Mercury retrograde (though a little wide), and square (hard aspect) Saturn in Capricorn (slightly wide square Mars in Capricorn too, though too wide to also be square Pluto, who is much later in Capricorn). That full moon is so jam-packed with energy that we need to be extra, extra careful with it. We need to find a way to use the energy without letting anything blow up - which might be difficult to avoid! We're missing a little Cancer action, so we need to work on bringing in some Cancer energy, and be more nurturing, supportive, giving comfort, and strengthening foundations. We need to come together emotionally, as one big family, and not get so lost in all of the external noise.

Mercury retrograde will be at a critical degree (13 degrees Aries) March 29th through 31st, and this may bring some difficult energy. We may super impulsive, annoyed, and easily provoked. It goes into the Libra full moon, so that is really a hard time during this retrograde.

March 31, 7:37 am – Full Moon, Blue Moon

Chive Moon

Just when we think we can't take a moment more of winter's abuse, lovely chive breaks forth. In fact, in midtier and far southern states, chive may never have actually left. In warmer US climates, chive should be blooming about now, although it tends to flower a bit later in northern climates, offering up globular tufts of lavender, pink, or white blossoms. All parts of the chive plant can be eaten. The flavor is more delicate than that of onions or garlic. However, chive, like all alliums, does supply a dose of sulfur. In Pagan traditions, that bit of sulfur is what gave chives power to chase away evil spirits and negativity.

Sulfur was important in folk medicine, too. As winter drew to a close, wise women would often dose their kin with sulfur combined with molasses or cream of tartar to "thin' the blood. The thought was the traditional winter diet thickened the blood with toxins. Sulfur took care of that, it was believed, by purifying the blood. Well, we don't line up for sulfur and cream of tartar tablets anymore. But sulfur does help cells regenerate, and chives can provide that on a salad or baked potato or garnish to any dish.

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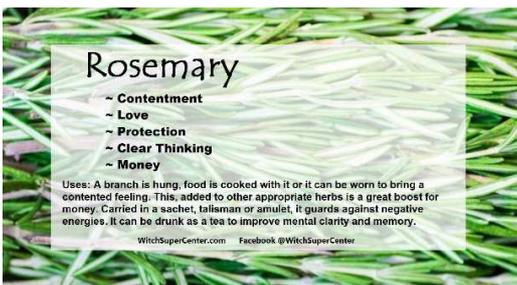
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Herb of the Month

Rosemary – Fire/Mars; Gender – Masculine; Parts Used - Leaves and small branches; Magickal Properties - Contentment, Love, Protection, Clear Thinking and Money; Uses - Used primarily for contentment and happiness in the home; a branch is hung, food is cooked with it or it can be worn to bring

a tension relieving and contented feeling. This, added to other appropriate herbs is a great boost for money; carried in a sachet, talisman or amulet, it is a great guard against negative energies; it can be drunk as a tea to improve mental clarity and memory.

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Stone of the Month

Tiger's Eye - Ruled by the Sun and possessing a golden flash of light, tiger's-eye is worn to strengthen convictions and create courage and confidence. This is a warm stone, and it promotes energy flow through the body when worn. It is also beneficial for the weak or sick. Tiger's Eye enhances personal power. When this stone is placed upon the body it gives a feeling of strength to the person and the belief that they can undertake the necessary searching and make the necessary changes to enable the healing to take place. This is important because the person needs to feel that the healing is taking place because of his or her own efforts and not because you are doing something to them. Tiger's Eye carries the energy of emotional balance and removes fears. It is therefore useful for people who may have doubts about the healing process and a lack of belief that healing will take place. Sometimes the lack of belief may manifest in stubbornness and the Tiger's Eye will soften this feeling and allow the belief to come through. Tiger's Eye is a very highly spiritually evolved stone and builds a firm foundation for spiritual expansion. Because all metaphysical healing is rooted in spiritual practice, it is the ideal third chakra stone. Its added benefits are its grounding qualities and its ability to assist the person in centering themselves and focusing on the task ahead. Tiger's Eye benefits the spleen, pancreas, digestive organs and colon.



With its vibrant golden color, tiger eye is used to increase wealth and vitality. It enhances courage, brings passion and physical strength, and allows these attributes to be tempered with mental clarity and a joyful outlook. Tiger's Eye is a mystical looking gemstone that resembles a cat's (domestic and exotic) eye. It is covered with colored stripes of red, brown and golden yellow. It has a silky, lustrous appearance and is typically described as a brown stone with bands of light. It is very beautiful to look at and simply gazing into it can calm your mind.

This stone has been used in meditation to help the mind focus. The colors and vibrations from tiger's eye allows us to concentrate and control our thoughts. If you are doing spellcraft use this stone to meditate with before starting your spell or use it in a "ground and center" type of meditation. When doing spells it is important to visualize your goals to put them into action. Tiger's eye is perfect to assist you in this process. It can also be used as a protective stone against spirits and ghost. Wear it during a full or new moon to protect against negative energies that might surround you. Some other added magical properties of this stone are courage, energy, luck and divination. Tiger's eye is ruled by the Sun. Holding it in your hands can promote courage and confidence whenever you need it. It is also known to give people patience.

Rune of the Month



Berkano (B: Berchta, the birch-goddess.) – Birth, general fertility, both mental and physical and personal growth, liberation; Regenerative power and light of spring, renewal, promise of new beginnings, new growth; Arousal of desire; A love affair or new birth; The prospering of an enterprise or venture.

Berkano Reversed or Merkstave: Family problems and or domestic troubles; Anxiety about someone close to you; Carelessness, abandon, loss of control; Blurring of consciousness, deceit, sterility, stagnation.

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Tarot Card of the Month

The Emperor - The Emperor is a sign of achievement and honor. He represents paternity and strong leadership. Positively associated with achievement, authority, protection, support, trustworthiness, discipline, provider, consolidation, reason, and willpower. Negatively associated with weakness, immaturity, failed ambition, status driven, tyrannical, and an overbearing nature.



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Correspondence of the Month



Flowers

Rose Acacia – friendship

Amaryllis – beautiful but timid

Blue Bell – constancy

Buttercup – riches; memories of childhood

Camellia – gratitude; perfect loveliness

Carnation – pure and deep love

White Clover – I promise

Four Leaf Clover – be mine

Red Columbine – anxious and trembling

Dahlia – dignity and elegance

Daffodil – unrequited love

Garden Daisy – I share your feelings

Single Field Daisy – I will think of it

Dandelion – oracle; coquetry

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Foxglove – insincerity; occupation
Rose Geranium – I prefer you
Honeysuckle – devoted love; fidelity
Hyacinth – constancy; benevolence
White Jasmine – amiability
Jonquil – desire; affection returned
Lavender – mistrust
Purple Lilac – first emotions of love
White Lily – majesty; purity
Lily of the Valley – return of happiness
Lupine – dejection
Magnolia – love of nature
Marigold – sacred affection
Garden Marigold – grief; chagrin
Mignonette – your qualities surpass your charms
Morning Glory – coquetry; affection
Myrtle – love in absence
Purple Pansy – you occupy my thoughts
Periwinkle – sweet memories
Phlox – our hearts are united
Pimpernel – rendezvous; change
Primrose – modest worth; silent love
Rhododendron – agitation
Rosebud – confession on love
Red Rose – I love you
White Rose – silence
Yellow Rose – infidelity, unfaithfulness
Snapdragon – presumption
Snowball – goodness; thoughts of heaven
Snowdrop – consolation; a friend in adversity
Sunflower – false riches
Sweet Pea – a meeting
Red Tulip – declaration of love
Blue Violet – faithfulness
White Violet – purity; candor; modesty
Zinnia – I mourn your absence

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Spell of the Month

Lavender Money Spell

A lucky money spell is made by placing in a conjure bag seven pieces of money, each different, such as a penny, nickel, dime, quarter, a half dollar, \$1.00 bill, and \$5.00 bill, all of which are sprinkled liberally with lavender.



Take the bag with you for seven days and your money should multiply seven times (this would give you \$41.46 above your original investment) or, in some instances if the Gods are smiling in your direction, seven times seven! This would result in a tidy sum of \$338.50 and seems well worth trying for!

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