



Celebrating February

Worldwide Renaissance of the Heart Month

Women Inventors Month

Black History Month

**Chinese New Year:
Year of the Tiger**

February 1

Groundhog Day

February 2

Winter Olympics Begin

February 4

Read in the Bathtub Day

February 9

Valentine's Day

February 14

World Day for Social Justice

February 20

Presidents' Day (U.S.)

February 21

Digital Learning Day

February 22

Tooth Fairy Day

February 28

Seeing Red

Red hearts. Red roses. Red lipstick kisses. These are all popular symbols of Valentine's Day. While there is no record of St. Valentine ever wearing red, the holiday that bears his name is full of the color. The color red appears again on February 4 for Wear Red Day. Today, red symbolizes love, beauty, power, and passion, but humans have been fascinated by the color for millennia.

After black and white, red is the first color of the spectrum that babies can identify. Perhaps our adoration of the color comes from this strong first impression. Speaking of firsts, 40,000 years ago, prehistoric humans painted their bodies in red clay. Burial rites included covering the dead in red powder to ward off evil spirits. Prehistoric cave paintings discovered across the globe from Asia to Africa and Australia were all made with red ochre. Our Stone Age ancestors certainly thought red possessed power.

When did red specifically earn its association with love? Many historians point to the ancient Greeks. Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty, fell in love with Adonis. When Adonis was killed by a wild boar, Aphrodite rushed to his aid and was stuck by the thorn of a white rose. The goddess' blood fell on the white petals, turning them red. In this manner, the red rose came to symbolize Aphrodite's love for Adonis, and both the color red and the red rose became symbols of Aphrodite herself, as well as love, beauty, and passion.

This myth also demonstrates the mixed symbolism presented by the color red: the heart and blood, passion and anger, allure and danger, love and war. Cultures all over the world use red to different effects. Chinese brides wear red wedding dresses to symbolize love and good fortune. Catholic cardinals wear red robes symbolizing the blood of Jesus Christ. American drivers are warned to "STOP" with red stop signs and lights. In February, red might inspire romance or inflame passion, but on Halloween, it accompanies gruesome horrors. Good or bad, the color red has long asserted power over the human psyche.

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Ukulele Lore



February 2 is World Play Your Ukulele Day. In many elementary schools, the ukulele has become the

instrument of choice for teaching music. Perhaps this is due to the uke's affordability and versatility, but it is also due to the fun that comes with strumming! The ukulele is most often associated with Hawaii thanks to Joao Fernandes, who immigrated to Hawaii from the Portuguese island of Madeira in 1879. Upon arrival, Fernandes leaped from his ship to the dock and began to strum a tune on his *braguinha*, a small, four-stringed guitar. Other Madeirans soon set up shop making the instruments. The word *ukulele* meant "cat flea." It was first used in 1906 to describe the way uke players strummed the instrument, with their fingers jumping all over the strings.



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Welcome

Judith Stinson, and Caroline Timmerman! We are so glad that you are here!



We will sadly miss...

*Edna Schumaker
Dixie Bulson
Lois Frieberg
Emma Gerlach*

Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and friends. We were blessed to know and care for each of them.



Those we love don't go away... they walk beside us every day. Unseen, unheard, but always near, still loved, still missed, and very dear.



Kelly's Treehouse

Polynesian Culture Clash



Easter Island's Tapati Rapa Nui Festival is one of the island's most important cultural events. With the arrival of February, locals quit their work, dress in traditional garb, and prepare for the spectacular. Competition is central to the

celebration. Two candidates are nominated for Queen of the Festival. The potential queens then create their teams, reminiscent of the warring clans of old. The teams then compete in a traditional triathlon: rowing, running around a lake carrying bunches of bananas, and swimming across a river. But the most exciting tradition is the Haka Pei, where men race at breakneck speeds down a hill on sleds made of banana trunks. The winning clan crowns their queen, and all competitive grudges are forgotten with a night of feasting and dancing.



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Roll Call



About 64 million Tootsie Roll candies will be manufactured on February 23, Tootsie Roll Day. On this day in 1896, inventor Leo Hirschfeld first began selling the chewy chocolate confections out of his small Brooklyn candy shop. The candies grew so popular that Hirschfeld distributed them throughout New York using a horse and buggy. The unique name was a no-brainer for Hirschfeld. He had been calling his five-year-old daughter Clara by the nickname "Tootsie" all her life. Or had he? Some historians claim that the quaint story of the candy being invented by Hirschfeld in a small Brooklyn shop is a clever marketing ploy. Rather, "Leo Hirschfeld" was an employee of the Stern & Staalberg candy company and applied for the patent of his unique, melt-resistant chocolate candy in 1907. "Tootsie" was the name of a child actress hired by the company to hawk its products, a name that company marketers then applied to the new candy.