

AUGUST

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LAMMAS

Traditional early harvest festival, acknowledging summer's waning and the swift approach of fall.

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ARRIVAL OF THE SHAKERS IN AMERICA

This beautiful sunset celebration at Chosen Land, the Shaker Community at Sabbathday Lake, Maine, honors the 1774 arrival in America of founder Mother Ann Lee with her small band of followers from Manchester, England.

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DOG DAYS OF SUMMER CONCLUDE

Sirius, the Dog Star, has been rising with the sun since the third of July. The two stars now part for another year.

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OBON

This beautiful summer festival of Japan honors the dead with food, music, regional Bon Odori dances, street markets, and home altars. The festival concludes with the ancestors returning to their distant shore in the form of illuminated lanterns set sail across the water.

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TORTA DEI FIESCHI

August in Italy abounds with festivals... like this wedding anniversary celebration in Lavagna that dates back to 1230. The cake is 21 feet tall!



Houses, Clouds, Late Summer

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ASSUMPTION OF MARY, FERRAGOSTO

In Italy, it is the height of the summer holidays; most folks close up shop now and head to the sea in a late summer tradition that dates to Ancient Rome.

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BARTLEMAS WAYZGOOSE

St. Bartholomew is a patron saint of bookbinders, and he's important to papermakers and printers, as well. His feast day, known as *Bartlemas*, brings the traditional Wayzgoose celebration, marking the day each waning summer when printers in Britain papered their windows and resumed setting type by the light of lanterns and candles.

Join us for our Wayzgoose!

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ST. AUGUSTINE'S DAY

Yet another reason to raise a glass for a toast: St. Augustine is a patron saint of printers and of brewers, too. Huzzah and cheers!



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Late summer here in Lake Worth sometimes looks just like this drawing by József Rippl-Rónai, titled "Houses, Clouds, Late Summer." It's usually a very rainy time of year for us, and there's a certain beauty to that. Convivio Book of Days August 2025.