



*Our cover star for May:
Historic wood type from our collection.*

MAY BRINGS ASPECTS OF SUMMER:
MAY DAY, VICTORIA DAY, MEMORIAL DAY.
IT IS A TIME OF GUSTS & INSPIRATION:
COLD SOPHIE, PENTECOST.

1 MAY DAY, BELTANE

The start of summer, by traditional reckoning of time:
We are midway between equinox and solstice. Maypoles,
floral nosegays and much celebration.

5 CINCO DE MAYO

Celebrates Mexican culture and *El Día de la Batalla
de Puebla* (the Day of the Battle of the Puebla).

8 HELSTON FLORA DAY

The entire town of Helston in Cornwall celebrates
the arrival of summer with the Furry Dance,
an ancient processional through the city.
“Hal-an-Tow” is the song of the day.

10 MOTHER’S DAY

Honor and cherish them all, mothers
given and mothers chosen.

14 ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Traditional day for dressing water wells.

15 COLD SOPHIE

German tradition warns of cold air in mid May, often
today. (Funny how a dip in temperature seems to
happen even here in Lake Worth sometimes!)

18 VICTORIA DAY

Canada’s May Two-Four honors Queen Victoria.
An unofficial start to summer.

22 HARVEY MILK DAY

“You got to give them hope.”

23 ROSALIA

Ancient Roman festival honoring the lovely
rose and the goddess Flora.

24 PENTECOST

Fifty days past Easter: the descent of the Holy Spirit.
Known also as White Sunday; it is traditionally
the day for brewing Whistun ale.

25 MEMORIAL DAY (OBSERVED)

Another unofficial start to summer. The traditional date,
however, is May 30.



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