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May Day, Beltane

Halfway betwixt equinox and solstice; we are in the gentle time of year. In the Northern Hemisphere, by traditional reckoning of time, the Wheel of the Year enters into summer.

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Cinco de Mayo

Celebrated North of the Border more than in Mexico; commemorates *el Dia de la Batalla de Puebla*.

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Helston Flora Day

An ancient welcome-to-summer celebration in Cornwall that includes a village-wide dance through Helston.

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Mother's Day; Rogation Sunday

We honor and cherish our mothers: those we were given and those we have chosen. Rogation Sunday brings a beating of the bounds in a procession around the boundaries of the church parish.

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Ascension of the Lord

We are 40 days past Easter. In England, water wells are decorated with elaborate scenes made from flowers.

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Cold Sophie & the Ice Saints

Old German weather lore warns of a spell of cold weather about now!



Seed packets speak of great possibility, no?

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Victoria Day

Canada's May Two-Four honors Queen Victoria and kicks off summer there above the 49th Parallel.

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Harvey Milk Day

You got to give them hope. That's what Harvey Milk said, and hope is exactly what this day offers.

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Rosalia

This feast of Ancient Rome honors the goddess Flora and the lovely rose.

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Pentecost, Whitsunday

The Easter season comes to a close; Holy Spirit comes to Earth.

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Memorial Day

We honor and remember ... and here in the United States, we welcome summer, too, with this holiday.



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I've always loved old garden seed packets, especially early ones from the Shakers and then commercial seed packets from the early 20th century and into the 1970s, with their beautiful lithographs. Our cover star this month: a garden seed packet from the Miss C.H. Lippincott Company. Printed on paper, 1900. Convivio Book of Days May 2026.