

May in History:

- 1 May 1841— The first wagon train leaves Independence MO for CA
- 5 May 1862 — Mexican Troops defeated Napoleon's invading French in the battle of Puebla. Celebration known as Cinco de Mayo
- 5 May 1961 — Alan Shephard rides *Freedom7* to become the first American in Space
- 6 May 1889 — Paris Exposition opens with the just completed Eiffel Tower as the centerpiece
- 6 May 1833 — John Deere produces the first steel plow
- 7 May 1945 — Germany signs unconditional surrender at Reims, France ending WWII in Europe
- 8 May 1794 — The U.S. Post Office is established
- 10 May 1994 — Nelson Mandela becomes South Africa's first black president
- 12 May 1792 —The flush toilet is patented
- 14 May 1607 — The first permanent settlement is established in the New World at Jamestown, VA
- 14 May 1862 — President Lincoln established the Department of Agriculture
- 24 May 1844 — Samuel Morse opens the 1st telegraph line between Baltimore, MD and Washington, DC (1844)
- 27 May 1937 — The San Francisco Golden Gate Bridge opens
- 29 May 1853 — Sir Edmund Hillary is on top of the world! He is the 1st person to reach the summit of Mt Everest.

Monthly Musings...

There are so many meaningful, fun or just plain funny little holidays to be celebrate and May definitely has its fair share. Besides Mother's Day and Memorial Day there is also *Scavenger Hunt Day*. On May 7th you can participate in *National Day of Prayer* and on May 14th *Dance like a Chicken Day*. -- I've had lots of practice with the last one. Growing up, every family event, without fail, my grandma and the other Nott Sisters would pull out their accordions and all of us kids had to do the chicken dance.

May also has a travel week and a wildflower week as well as being photography month. So for May we thought we could celebrate the beauty of nature with a display of everybody's favorite photos. We asked anyone to bring in pictures from the places they've been or the beautiful sights that they've seen. So be sure to check them out.

-Tristan Bitker



May's full Moon, the Flower Moon, occurs on Wednesday, May 26th. It will be a supermoon and will coincide with a total lunar eclipse visible in some parts of North America! Here in Marshall only a partial eclipse will be visible from about 4-6 am Wednesday morning, but it should still be pretty cool to see. So if your up be sure to step outside and check it out.

May Trivia:

1. More phone calls are made on this day, than any other day of the year. On what day are approx. 122 million calls made?
2. If it wasn't for their defeat at the battle of Puebla, the French would have helped the South during the American Civil War. What Holiday celebrates this famous Battle?
3. May's birthstone is the emerald. What is May's flower?
4. The Roman goddess of spring was Flora. What is the name of her Greek counterpart? Hint: May is named for her.
5. In the Celtic calendar, what is May Day known as?
6. May Day is the celebration of spring, it is not to be confused with 'mayday.' If you are calling "mayday, mayday!" you need what ?

Answers: 1. Mother's Day 2. Cinco de Mayo 3. Lily of the Valley 4. Maia 5. Beltane 6. Help!

The History of Mother's Day...

taken from an article published by the Peace Alliance.

Too few Americans are aware that early advocates of Mother's Day in the United States originally envisioned it as a day of peace, to honor and support mothers who lost sons and husbands to the carnage of the Civil War.

In 1870 — nearly 40 years before it became an official U.S. holiday — Julia Ward Howe, American abolitionist, feminist, poet, and the author of "*The Battle Hymn of the Republic*", issued her inspired Mother's Day Proclamation, which called upon mothers of all nationalities to band together to promote "the great and general interests of peace."

As the call for a Mother's Day carried on, it gained new momentum and finally became a national holiday in 1914 with the lead of Anna Jarvis, who had been inspired by her mother, also named Anna Jarvis, who had worked with Julia Ward Howe in earlier efforts. She envisioned a day of solemn council where women from all over the world could meet to discuss the means whereby to achieve world peace.

Anna would later give everything in her effort to try and stop the commercialization of Mother's Day and it's detraction from the personal and intimate aspects of the holiday.

Why is the Poppy a symbol of Memorial Day?

In the war-torn battlefields of Europe, the common red field poppy (*Papaver rhoeas*) was one of the first plants to reappear. Its seeds scattered in the wind and sat dormant in the ground, only germinating when the ground was disturbed—as it was by the very brutal fighting of World War I.

John McCrae, a Canadian soldier and physician, witnessed the war first hand and was inspired to write the now-famous poem “*In Flanders Fields*” in 1915. He saw the poppies scattered throughout the battlefield surrounding his artillery position in Belgium.

The Poppy Lady

In November 1918, days before the official end of the war, an American professor named Moina Michael wrote her own poem, “*We Shall Keep the Faith*”, which was inspired by McCrae’s “*In Flanders Fields*.” In her poem, she mentioned wearing the “poppy red” to honor the dead, and with that, the tradition of adorning one’s clothing with a single red poppy in remembrance of those killed in the Great War was born. Moina herself came to be known—and honored—as “The Poppy Lady.”



Recipe of the Month

Strawberry Pretzel Dessert Recipe:

FOR THE PRETZEL CRUST

- 2 c. crushed pretzels
- $\frac{3}{4}$ c. (1½ stick) melted butter
- $\frac{1}{4}$ c. granulated sugar

FOR THE CHEESECAKE LAYER

- 1 (8-oz.) block cream cheese, softened
- $\frac{3}{4}$ c. granulated sugar
- 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract

- 1 c. heavy cream

FOR THE STRAWBERRY TOPPING

- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ c. water
- 1 tbsp. cornstarch
- 1½ tbsp. Strawberry Jell-O mix
- 1 pt. fresh strawberries, sliced

1. Make the Pretzel Crust: Preheat oven to 350°. In a large mixing bowl, stir together pretzels, butter and sugar until combined. Transfer to a 10" tart pan and press firmly into pan using the bottom of a measuring cup. Bake 8 minutes and let cool completely.
2. Make the Cheesecake Layer: Beat cream cheese until smooth. Add sugar and vanilla and beat until combined, then add cream and beat until medium peaks form.
3. Spread over cooled pretzel crust.
4. Make the Strawberry Topping: In a small saucepan, combine sugar, water and cornstarch and bring to a boil. Boil 2 minutes, whisking constantly (mixture will thicken), then remove from heat. Add Jell-o and whisk until combined. Let cool 5 minutes.
5. Arrange strawberries in a single layer all over cream cheese layer, then pour Jell-o mixture over, covering each berry. Refrigerate until Jell-o is firm, 2 hours.

Welcome to Hill Street Place's Newest Staff Members:

Karen Jacobson



My name is Karen. I am married and have 2 adult children and a granddaughter. I enjoy reading, working in the yard and camping. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and excited to be part of Hill Street Place's awesome team.

Travis Louwagie



Hi, my name is Travis Louwagie. I grew up on a farm 3 miles northeast of Marshall and graduated from Marshall Senior high School in 1991. I'm currently living in Garvin, MN. I have a son and daughter and three grandchildren. I am pleased to be here at Hill Street Place and would like to thank everyone for their warm welcome.