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FEAST OF THE GUARDIAN ANGELS

It's been said that each of us has a guardian angel. This ancient celebration, dating back to the Fourth Century, honors them all.

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FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart.

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ST. DENIS' DAY; INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

St. Denis is sacred to France.

Indigenous Peoples' Day celebrates Native American peoples and their rich and varied cultures.

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APPLE TUESDAY

Ralph Waldo Emerson considered the humble apple our national fruit. Apple Tuesday began in 1904 as Apple Day; it falls each autumn (like the leaves) on the Third Tuesday of October.

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ST. LUKE'S DAY

Luke, one of the Twelve Apostles, is a patron saint of artists.



Snap-Apple Night: an old-time All Hallows' Eve celebration.

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HALLOWE'EN

As you might surmise by the spelling we champion (with the old-time apostrophe), we are Hallowe'en traditionalists. We prefer to tune into the mystery that prevails on this night, which was long called All Hallows' Eve. Celtic lore suggests that here, at this fall marker known in that tradition as Samhain, the crossroads to winter, the division separating the mystical and earthly worlds is at its most permeable, leading us to All Saints Day (All Hallows) on the First of November and All Souls Day on the Second. This is the time of *Dia de Los Muertos* in Mexico and in Italy, of *i Morti*: the Days of the Dead when we lovingly remember all who have come and gone before us. This annual autumnal time of remembrance continues on through Martinmas on November 11.



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This month's cover star: *Snap-Apple Night* by Daniel Maclise, oil on canvas, 1833. Maclise was born in Ireland, where many of our Hallowe'en traditions began, and his painting was inspired by a Hallowe'en party he attended the previous year in Blarney. Looks to us like a grand old time!

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