



2019 FEBRUARY

Succulents, like *Kalanchoe*, *Sansevieria*, jade plant etc., have been grown as houseplants for years and years, because as succulents, they are easy to take care of with their non-demanding ways. They require a sunny window, a well-drained gritty soil, not too much water, and not much fertilizer. In recent years, other non-hardy succulents, like *Echiveria*, *Aeonium*, *Crassula*, *Rhipsalis*, etc. have become available and popular. Succulents are often used outdoors in summer months in dish gardens, window boxes, or as a specimen plant in a fabulous container. Non-hardy succulents need to be brought indoors in late summer to early fall before frost, as they will not survive freezing temperatures.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>JANUARY</p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5</p> <p>6 7 8 9 10 11 12</p> <p>13 14 15 16 17 18 19</p> <p>20 21 22 23 24 25 26</p> <p>27 28 29 30 31</p>	<p>MARCH</p> <p>SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT</p> <p>1 2</p> <p>3 4 5 6 7 8 9</p> <p>10 11 12 13 14 15 16</p> <p>17 18 19 20 21 22 23</p> <p>24 25 26 27 28 29 30</p> <p>31</p>				<p>1 Sunrise 7:01 Sunset 5:01</p>	<p>2 Sunrise 7:00 Sunset 5:03 Groundhog Day</p>
<p>3 Sunrise 6:59 Sunset 5:04</p> <p>Look for tomato cultivars with disease resistance.</p>	<p>4 Sunrise 6:58 Sunset 5:05 ● New Moon</p> <p>Tomato disease codes: V=Verticillium, F=Fusarium, T=Tobacco Mosaic Virus.</p>	<p>5 Sunrise 6:57 Sunset 5:06</p> <p>Rhododendron leaves curl and change leaf angle in response to temperature and light.</p>	<p>6 Sunrise 6:55 Sunset 5:08</p> <p>The Cary Award highlights plants that are outstanding performers in New England.</p>	<p>7 Sunrise 6:54 Sunset 5:09</p> <p>Find the Cary Award winners at www.caryaward.com</p>	<p>8 Sunrise 6:53 Sunset 5:10</p> <p>Wood ash is an alternative to limestone for raising soil pH.</p>	<p>9 Sunrise 6:52 Sunset 5:12</p> <p>Plan a spring trip to a botanical garden such as Longwood Gardens.</p>
<p>10 Sunrise 6:51 Sunset 5:13</p> <p>Use a heat mat to speed up germination of seeds.</p>	<p>11 Sunrise 6:49 Sunset 5:14</p> <p>Sundial lupine (<i>Lupinus perennis</i>) flowers the first year from seed.</p>	<p>12 Sunrise 6:48 Sunset 5:16 ● First Quarter Moon Lincoln's Birthday</p> <p>Give houseplants a shower to wash off accumulating dust.</p>	<p>13 Sunrise 6:47 Sunset 5:17</p> <p>Use cool white fluorescent or LED lights for growing seedlings.</p>	<p>14 Sunrise 6:45 Sunset 5:18 Valentine's Day</p> <p>Make a point to buy local for Valentine's Day; 80% of cut flowers are imported.</p>	<p>15 Sunrise 6:44 Sunset 5:19</p> <p>Creating a terrarium is a good winter project.</p>	<p>16 Sunrise 6:43 Sunset 5:21</p> <p>Deer ticks can be active any time the temperature is above freezing.</p>
<p>17 Sunrise 6:41 Sunset 5:22</p> <p>Find the perennial plant of the year at www.perennialplant.org</p>	<p>18 Sunrise 6:40 Sunset 5:23 Presidents' Day & Washington's Birthday</p> <p>Shallots store particularly well. Consider growing some this year.</p>	<p>19 Sunrise 6:38 Sunset 5:25 ○ Full Moon</p> <p>Sign up for Mass Aggie home garden seminars at www.UMassGarden.com</p>	<p>20 Sunrise 6:37 Sunset 5:26</p> <p>Flat topped shrubs are more likely to be damaged by snow.</p>	<p>21 Sunrise 6:35 Sunset 5:27</p> <p>Handsaws with impulse hardened blades need no sharpening and last for years.</p>	<p>22 Sunrise 6:34 Sunset 5:28</p> <p>Birds love brush piles and dripping water.</p>	<p>23 Sunrise 6:32 Sunset 5:30</p> <p>Cut forsythia shoots to bring inside for forcing.</p>
<p>24 Sunrise 6:31 Sunset 5:31</p> <p>Start leeks, onions, and celery indoors now.</p>	<p>25 Sunrise 6:29 Sunset 5:32</p> <p>It takes about 40 gallons of sap to create 1 gallon of maple syrup.</p>	<p>26 Sunrise 6:28 Sunset 5:33 ● Last Quarter Moon</p> <p>Look for animal damage from voles and deer on trees and shrubs.</p>	<p>27 Sunrise 6:26 Sunset 5:34</p> <p>Buy cut flowers that are still in bud for long lasting blooms.</p>	<p>28 Sunrise 6:25 Sunset 5:36</p> <p>Spring is not far away – keep an eye out for early flowering bulbs.</p>		