



# 2021 FEBRUARY

Native to South Africa, Gerbera daisies are a popular floriculture crop here in the United States. Frequently available for sale in bouquets year-round, Gerberas can bring a cheerful splash of color into the home, especially during the winter months. Flowers are long lasting and may be as much as 5 inches in diameter. In northern climes, Gerbera daisies may also be grown as annuals in the garden, where they thrive in full sun and well-drained soil amended with compost.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Sunrise 6:59 Sunset 5:02  Donate old viable seeds to a seed library or youth gardening program.	<b>2</b> Sunrise 6:58 Sunset 5:03 <b>Groundhog Day</b>  Incorporate edibles into landscaping if there's no room for a vegetable garden.	<b>3</b> Sunrise 6:56 Sunset 5:05  Norway maple is an invasive plant in Massachusetts.	<b>4</b> Sunrise 6:55 Sunset 5:06 ● Last Quarter Moon  Keep an eye out for spotted lanternfly, even in the winter.	<b>5</b> Sunrise 6:54 Sunset 5:07  Keep houseplants away from drafty places and cold window panes.	<b>6</b> Sunrise 6:53 Sunset 5:09  Pansies and violas can be started from seed this month.
<b>7</b> Sunrise 6:52 Sunset 5:10  Winter salt spray can damage plants as far as 30 feet away.	<b>8</b> Sunrise 6:51 Sunset 5:11  Plant a container herb garden on a sunny kitchen windowsill.	<b>9</b> Sunrise 6:49 Sunset 5:13  Sow onions, leeks, and celery for transplanting in spring.	<b>10</b> Sunrise 6:48 Sunset 5:14  With a little modification, a milk jug can become a mini greenhouse.	<b>11</b> Sunrise 6:47 Sunset 5:15 ● New Moon  Use soilless mix for germinating seeds indoors.	<b>12</b> Sunrise 6:45 Sunset 5:16 <b>Lincoln's Birthday</b>  Scout trees and shrubs for overwintering bagworm bags filled with eggs and remove them.	<b>13</b> Sunrise 6:44 Sunset 5:18  Plan to install a hedge around areas of the yard that need to be hidden.
<b>14</b> Sunrise 6:43 Sunset 5:19 <b>Valentine's Day</b>  Valentine flowers won't melt in the hands.	<b>15</b> Sunrise 6:41 Sunset 5:20 <b>Presidents' Day</b>  Skunks can be active when nighttime temperature is above 30 degrees.	<b>16</b> Sunrise 6:40 Sunset 5:22  Time to prune fruit trees, blueberry bushes, and grapes.	<b>17</b> Sunrise 6:38 Sunset 5:23 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  Check for frost heaving and cover with mulch or replant when soil is not frozen.	<b>18</b> Sunrise 6:37 Sunset 5:24  Cool colored flowers, such as blue and purple, give small areas a more expansive feel.	<b>19</b> Sunrise 6:35 Sunset 5:25 ● First Quarter Moon  Warm colors, such as red, yellow, and orange, make large spaces more intimate.	<b>20</b> Sunrise 6:34 Sunset 5:27  Lawns are most responsive to nitrogen (N) so most fertilization programs are N-based.
<b>21</b> Sunrise 6:32 Sunset 5:28  Most home lawns perform well with 2 to 3 lbs of nitrogen per 1000 square feet per year.	<b>22</b> Sunrise 6:31 Sunset 5:29 <b>Washington's Birthday</b>  Corn gluten meal will not effectively control crabgrass.	<b>23</b> Sunrise 6:29 Sunset 5:30  Attend a flower and garden show.	<b>24</b> Sunrise 6:28 Sunset 5:32  See the perennial plant of the year at <a href="http://perennialplant.org">perennialplant.org</a>	<b>25</b> Sunrise 6:26 Sunset 5:33  Protect houseplants from sudden brief changes in temperature.	<b>26</b> Sunrise 6:25 Sunset 5:34  Keep houseplants away from heat sources and vents.	<b>27</b> Sunrise 6:23 Sunset 5:35 ○ Full Moon  Artichokes are perennials that need a cold treatment to induce budding.
<b>28</b> Sunrise 6:22 Sunset 5:36  Trick artichokes: sow now, grow warm, transplant early May to get 10 days of 40 to 50 degrees.					<b>JANUARY</b> SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	<b>MARCH</b> SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31