

Nights of the 2nd Fall Moonth

<i>Evening</i>	 1 Light String Monday 10/12	 2 Crescent Bow Tuesday 10/13	 3 1st Arrow Wednesday 10/14	 4 2nd Arrow Thursday 10/15	 5 3rd Arrow Friday 10/16
	 6 Evening Quiver Saturday 10/17	 7 1st Evening Pivot Sunday 10/18	 8 2nd Evening Pivot Monday 10/19	 9 3rd Evening Pivot Tuesday 10/20	 10 Night Pivot Wednesday 10/21
<i>Night</i>	 11 Night Bud Thursday 10/22	 12 Blossom Friday 10/23	 13 Fruit Saturday 10/24	 14 Dive In Sunday 10/25	 15 Swim Monday 10/26
	 16 Dance Tuesday 10/27	 17 Fall Wednesday 10/28	 18 Mature Thursday 10/29	 19 Maturity Friday 10/30	 20 Full Maturity Saturday 10/31
<i>Morning</i>	21 (-8) 1st Morning Pivot Sun 11/1	22 (-7) 2nd Morning Pivot Moon 11/2	23 (-6) Day Pivot Mars 11/3	24 (-5) Reflect back Mercury 11/4	25 (-4) Reflect ahead Jupiter 11/5
	26 (-3) Long Candle Saturn 11/6	27 (-2) Late Candle Sun 11/7	28 (-1) Be Hold Dawn Moon 11/8	29 (omitted) Thread The Needle Hollow Moonth	30 (0) Blessed, Sacred, Darkness Mars 11/9

The Planets this Moonth

Saturn rises before sunset and is in the sky nearly all night,
setting before dawn.

Jupiter rises in the early morning, and shines brightly above the dawn.

Mars rises near midnight and is near midheaven (local meridian) at Sunrise.

Venus swiftly fades from the evening sky,
disappearing into the Sunset early in the Moon's waxing,
emerging from the Sunrise as a morning planet later in the moonth.

Mercury shines above the fading Sunset through our waxing Moons,
stationing retrograde during the full Moon nights,
and disappears into the Sunset as the Moon begins to wane.

Using This Calendar

**It is a common practice in lunisolar time keeping
to end and begin Moon nights at sunset, or nightfall.**

The dates or "days" in our civil (Gregorian) calendar end and begin at midnight,
[Western time keeping tends to end and begin near the minimum.]

**Both moonights and calendar dates are tracking the same phenomenon:
the Sun's diurnal motion around our sky each "day."**

*[In the original 7 day week, an ode to and religious observance of
The 7 Visible Planets (Saturn, Jupiter, Mars, Sun, Venus, Mercury, Moon),
each of the 7 Planets' days began their 24 hour count at Sunrise.]*

However, **in keeping with the Moon,
we will want to begin these "24 hour" periods at sunset,
and we can call them "nights" or "moonights."**

In this calendar, each cell lists the civil date that begins at midnight
following a quarter turn after the beginning of the moonight at sunset.

So be aware that **each moonight begins at sunset on the *prior date*,
and continues until sunset on the date actually listed in the same cell.**

This is especially relevant for the waxing Moons,
since waxing Moons appear in the evening (and even throughout the day)
on the civil date prior to the one listed in each moonight's cell in this calendar.

Evening

Light String - The first light of the Moon appears above sunset to the left (south).
Visible during twilight, sets soon after the Sun around nightfall.

Moon with Venus and Mercury after Sunset on 10/11

Crescent Bow - The Moon is visible during and after Sunset.
Thin crescent first appears, followed by a dark glistening orb.

Moon with Mercury (separating) after Sunset on 10/12

1st Arrow - First visibility of the Moon during the full light of day on 10/13.

2nd Arrow - *The Moon reaches her greatest southern latitude (Winter) on 10/15.**
Venus enters the beams of the Sun ($< 15^\circ$ from the Sun).

3rd Arrow - *Moon reaches her apogee (furthest, smallest, and slowest) 10/16.***

Evening Quiver - Final night of the Moon's crescent shape.

1st Evening Pivot - The Moon appears half (full),
approaching the $\frac{1}{4}$ turning point of her cycle with the Sun.
The Moon rises around noon and sets around midnight.
Moon is near the midheaven (local meridian) at sunset

2nd Evening Pivot - Moon is near the midheaven (local meridian) at nightfall.

3rd Evening Pivot - The Moon is near the midheaven after nightfall

Night Pivot - Moon is rising to the midheaven after nightfall.

Key Point Summary:

The first moonlight appears with Venus (Rx) and Mercury on moonnights 1 and 2, a reminder that relationships and communication need to be cared for this moonth.

Venus disappears into the Sunset around the 4th night of the moonth (2nd Arrow).
The Moon is moving relatively slowly during this waxing period, since she is passing through her apogee (farthest from Earth) on the 5th moonight (3rd Arrow).

This is a time for careful beginnings, slow growing, and steady increase.

Night

Night Bud - The Moon begins to appear round, hiding her sharp edges.

Blossom - ***The Moon crosses the equator moving North (Spring), 12:26AM 10/23.****
Moon's greatest acceleration 10/22 as she turns (90°) toward perigee.
*~Avg distance from Earth, size, and speed.***

Fruit - Enter the period of 4 Full Moon nights.

Moon with Saturn (and Neptune) evening 10/23 into early morning 10/24.

Venus passes between the Earth and the Sun (inferior conjunction)

Mercury station retrograde in the evening sky.

Dive In - Moon rises just before sunset and sets just before sunrise.

Swim - Moon rises at sunset ~5:50PM on 10/25, and is in the sky all night.

Exact Full Moon (Moon-180°-Sun) at 6:12PM on 10/25.

Perfect opportunity to watch the Sun set and Full Moon rise.

Dance - Moon rises after sunset, still apparently full,
but with one side slightly more luminous than the other.

Fall - The Moon rises after nightfall, and has evidently begun to loose light.

*The Moon reaches her perigee (closest, largest, and fastest)***

(Moon conjunct Uranus)

Mature - ***The Moon reaches her greatest northern latitude (Summer) on 10/29.****

The moon begins to condense her round shape, setting well after sunrise.

Maturity - The lit orb of the Moon continues to shrink, condensing on itself,
rising later at night and setting later in the day.

Full Maturity - The lit orb of the Moon reaches greatest “density” / compaction,
before loosing its roundness altogether.

Key Point Summary:

The Moon is speeding up during these round nights, reaching average speed and greatest acceleration on the 12th moonight (Blossom). The Moon aligns with Saturn (and Neptune) on the 13th night (Fruit), a reminder that we are developing in responsibility and integrity to what happened last moonth. The exact Full Moon occurs just after Sunset on the 15th night (Swim), so it's an ideal eve to watch the Sun set in the West while the Full Moon rises in the East. By night 17 (Fall) the Moon has reached her perigee (closest to Earth) and so is moving her fastest just as she begins to truly wane.

Morning

1st Morning Pivot - The Moon appears half (empty),
approaching the $\frac{3}{4}$ turning point of her cycle with the Sun.
She rises around midnight, sets around noon,
and is near the midheaven (local meridian) at dawn.

2nd Morning Pivot - Moon is rising to the midheaven (local meridian) at sunrise.
Moon with Mars and Jupiter before dawn on 11/2.

Day Pivot - Moon reaches the midheaven after sunrise, appearing as a crescent.

Reflect Back - ***Moon crosses the equator moving South (Fall), 6:40PM 11/4.****
Moon's greatest deceleration 11/3 she turns (90°) toward apogee.
*~Avg distance from Earth, size, and speed.***
Mercury passes between the Earth and Sun (inferior conjunction)

Reflect Ahead - a faintly dark orb is becoming apparent,
complementing the lit crescent.

Long Candle - **Moon applying above Venus in the (pre) dawn sky 11/6.**
Final Moon that is visible in the full light of day.

Late Candle - Last appearance of the moonlight! Her dark orb glows brightest.
Moon separating just below Venus in the predawn sky 11/7.

Be Hold Dawn - Moon enters the Sun's beams (**meeting there with Mercury**)

Thread The Needle - This night is omitted this moonth, a "hollow" moonth.

Blessed Sacred Darkness - Exact (Old and) "New Moon" (Moon-0°-Sun), 9PM 11/8.
Then the Moon begins to separate from the Sun, invisible.

Key Point Summary:

The Moon aligns between Mars and Jupiter in the pre-dawn sky on the 22nd moonight (2nd Morning Pivot), a reminder to be brave and open hearted as we shift gears toward completion, integration, and satisfaction. Then we can consider preparation. The Moon is beginning to slow down during these waning nights, reaching average speed and greatest deceleration on the 24th night (Reflect Back). If we are lucky, we may see the Moon align with Venus again this moonth, this time on the morning side of the Sun.