



A Few Words From The President

Well, it's that time of year again, the holiday season! A time for gatherings and fellowship and a time for good cheer. As Molossia is a family nation, these traditions are important to us, and we thus place great emphasis on family gatherings. So, as other activities wane in December, Christmas and other holidays celebrations reign supreme. This month we will celebrate Christmas around the National Christmas Tree in Government House, and then Boxing Day (with accompanying shepherd's pie) the day after. And, like most, we will count down the minutes to the new year (even though our official new year celebration is also Chinese New Year). And of course we will be sending out our annual Christmas Cards again this year. So join us in this season of merriment and have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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MOLOSSIA HOLIDAYS



Crossword puzzle grid with 8 numbered clues:

- 1. Down, 5 letters
- 2. Down, 3 letters
- 3. Across, 10 letters
- 4. Across, 15 letters
- 5. Down, 7 letters
- 6. Across, 6 letters
- 7. Across, 10 letters
- 8. Across, 10 letters

- ACROSS
- 3. New Orleans Festival
 - 4. First Lady's Birthday
 - 6. A day for giving gifts
 - 7. The President's Birthday
 - 8. The day we became a nation
- DOWN
- 1. Also known as Bonfire Night
 - 2. Honoring Leboswski
 - 5. Night for Tricks and Treats



The Signoria Of Ulivi

18 November 2024 XLVII

The Government of the Republic of Molossia is pleased to announce the acquisition of a new territory for our nation - Molossia has expanded! The Signoria of Ulivi is a constituent exclave of the Republic of Molossia, located within and surrounded by the nation of Italy. It is located in the Italian Region of Tuscany, about 200 Imperial Nortons (200 km/124 mi) north of Rome and 85 Imperial Nortons (85 km/53 mi) southwest of Siena. The territory is spacious and embedded in a hilly Mediterranean landscape. It is uninhabited, and largely populated with olive trees, from which it's Italian name, Ulivi, comes. It is near to the medieval Italian village of Caldana. The Signoria is about 1,163 Square Royal Nortons (2979 square meters/32,065 sq ft) in size, and it is at the coordinates of 42°53'47.2"N 10°55'32.2"E. Because of its remoteness from the Molossian Home Territory, Ulivi is designated a Signoria, a medieval form of government, as opposed to the remaining Provinces that make up our nation. Approximately half of all Molossian citizens have Italian heritage, from opposite ends of the peninsula. Claiming a piece of the Old Country was only natural and Ulivi serves as a symbol of Molossia's Italian heritage and as a foothold in this ancient land. Welcome to Molossia, Ulivi!



Olive Trees



Olive Trees



Ulivi



Ulivi From Above

Guy Fawkes Night

5 November 2024 XLVII

On 5 November 2024 XLVII, Molossians celebrated our annual Guy Fawkes Night. Guy Fawkes Night, or Bonfire Night, is a popular event in Great Britain, dating back to the foiled Gunpowder Plot of 5 November 1605 when Guy Fawkes and 13 of his cohorts conspired to blow up Parliament and King James I of England. After the plot was uncovered and the conspirators executed, the 5th of November became an official holiday in Great Britain, adopted likewise in Molossia, in recognition of our English roots. Prior to the holiday, Molossian citizens gathered in Government House and created their own Guys, to burn in effigy. That done, on the 5th of November, the bonfire in Norton Park was lit and Molossians gathered for the evening festivities. Dinner was bangers and mash, Molossian style, accompanied by hot apple cider and hot chocolate. Dessert was apple crumble. Then the Guy Fawkes rhyme was recited by the company, after which the Guys were committed to the bonfire, one by one, the President's going in first. The evening was concluded with gentle revelry around the fire until it became coals and the celebrants dispersed. A fine time was had by all and we all look forward to next year's Guy Fawkes Night!



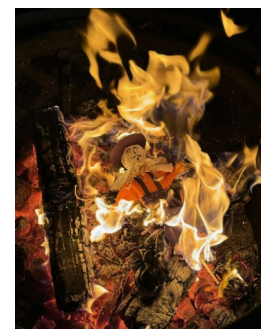
The Many Guys of Molossia



The President's Guy

Guys Going into The
Fire

Guy On Fire



Guy On Fire

Molossian Holidays



As the holiday season -Thanksgiving (although not an official Molossian holiday), Christmas and the New Year - are upon us, it's nice to take a look at all the other holidays that happen through the year. Molossians celebrate many holidays annually at least one a month and most are a part of our culture - while some are adopted from other cultures. Though the January 1st New Year is celebrated, it is not an official Molossian holiday. Rather, the Lunar (or Chinese) New Year is the symbolic start of our year, even though this often takes place in late January or during February. Before that, though, is Emperor Norton Day, honoring the first micronationalist, Joshua Norton, Emperor of the United States. In March is the annual Day of the Dude, celebrating by bowling, and 30 April is Heroes Day, remembering the Heroes of Molossia. Founder's Day is Molossia's biggest holiday, celebrating the birth of our nation on 26 May 1977 I. A variety of other days follow, including Space Day on 5 May, Navy Day, celebrating our Navy, on 4 June, President's Day, honoring His Excellency, The President on 30 July, and The Running of the Dogs, celebrating Molossia's canine citizens on 26 August. Just three days later on 29 August we remember the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, followed by Moonpie Day in September. The Day of Merriment, 15 October, celebrates our beloved First Lady, followed shortly thereafter by Halloween and Día de Muertos, honoring Molossians who are no longer with us, and Guy Fawkes, adopted from Britain. This brings us back to Thanksgiving, an American holiday but celebrated equally in Molossia by gathering families and feasting. Christmas and Boxing Day round out the year with merriment and family love. Yes, Molossians have a lot of holidays, but we also have a lot to celebrate in our wonderful nation!



Founder's Day



Halloween



Christmas

Upcoming Tours Of Molossia

Tours of our nation are currently planned on the following dates only:

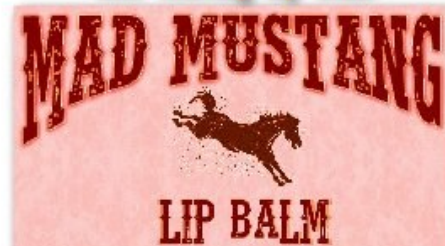
- Saturday, 26 APRIL 2025, 10:00 AM PST (First Tour Of The Year)
- Saturday, 17 MAY 2025, 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 14 JUNE 2025, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 19 JULY 2025, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 9 AUGUST 2025, 9:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 6 SEPTEMBER 2025, 10:00 AM PST
- Saturday, 11 OCTOBER 2025, 10:00 AM PST (Last Tour Of The Year)



Yes, it snows in Molossia! We get that question a lot, how does it snow in our desert nation? Well, Molossia in what is called the "High Desert", near the Sierra Nevada Mountains. We get snow several times a year, turning our dry desert into a winter wonderland!



Don't horse around with dry lips, get Mad Mustang Lip Balm!



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December Calendar

- **Christmas Day - December 25th** The biggest holiday of the year, celebrated with presents, music, Christmas movies, Christmas cookies and lasagna for Christmas Dinner . The Christmas Eve meal is a more traditional fare of turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, etc.
- **Boxing Day - December 26th** Celebrated with our own version of "Shepherd's Pie".



- **Bradley Harrison's Birthday - December 18th**

- **Penny Baugh's Birthday - December 27th**



Molossia's weather is always gorgeous, with plenty of sunshine and temperatures year-round of 22° Celsius (72° Fahrenheit). However, our little country is surrounded by the US and they are so close, their awful weather invades frequently! So the weather report reflects both our weather and theirs.

| | Molossia | US |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| Maximum Temperature | 22° C / 72° F | 20° C / 68° F |
| Minimum Temperature | 22° C / 72° F | -8° C / 17.6° F |
| Average Temperature | 22° C / 72° F | 6° C / 42.8° F |
| Monthly Precipitation | 0 mm | 0 mm |
| Sunshine hours | Pretty much every day! | |

The Last Word With The First Lady

Hello everyone! I can't believe that it's Christmas time again already! December is here and that means that this is the season of giving. Giving gifts to people makes us feel good and the person receiving them feel good as well. A gift doesn't have to be a monetary item. You can give from the heart by helping someone out with something that you excel in. Giving knowledge to each other is the best kind of gift, it never expires and encourages personal growth. Think of a way that you can give someone a gift this season. You can volunteer your time at a local youth center or even just hop on a message board and offer advice to young micronationalists. Giving of yourself is the most rewarding gift anyone can give. Think outside of the (gift) box this season!

Thank you and until next time...

Merry Christmas!
~Adrienne

