

# The Southwind Times

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## Gardening Tips For March

Courtesy of Colorado State University Website.  
**Yard/Lawn:**

Early Spring, before major planting, is a good time to have your soil tested. That way you'll know what you're dealing with and it will help you prepare your ground for planting. Test kits can be bought at Home Depot as well as on Amazon.

Core aerate the lawn or have it done by a qualified lawn service. Aeration can be done anytime during the growing season, but to get your lawn off to a good start do it in March. Before aeration make sure the soil is moist to get 3" plugs. Leave plugs on the lawn.

### Plants:

Indoors, after March 15th, start seeds under grow lights.

As for your outdoor garden, once the ground can be worked, till in 1" to 2" of composted cotton burrs or aged manure into your vegetable garden. You can get both at your local nursery. Mid-March plant peas and sweet peas directly in the garden, and soak the seeds overnight. Lettuce can be planted next, then radishes. Fall-bearing raspberries can be planted mid-March.

Garden centers will have small bare-root trees and shrubs and bare-root roses on sale to tempt and tantalize you. Go ahead and succumb! These can be planted from now through April. If you're planting in March look for a time when we have predictions of three or four mild, pleasant days. Soak the roots overnight in a bucket to give plants a good start.

*"Some old-fashioned things like fresh air  
and sunshine are hard to beat."*

— Laura Ingalls Wilder

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## 7 Good Luck Symbols from Around the World

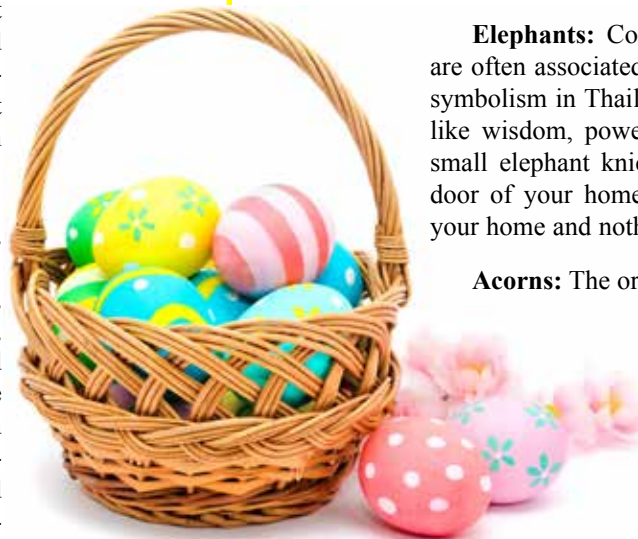
With St. Patrick's Day around the corner, I hope the luck of the Irish is with you! However, if you're not Irish or they haven't been particularly lucky for you, here are seven good luck symbols you can use to bring Lady Luck your way.

**Keys:** Dating back to ancient Greece, keys symbolized fortune and were known as the "Key of Life" and possessed the ability to amplify prayers to reach the divine realm.

**Elephants:** Contrary to initial assumptions, elephants are often associated with luck and hold significant positive symbolism in Thailand and India. They represent attributes like wisdom, power, strength, and stability. By placing a small elephant knickknack with its trunk up towards the door of your home, you are welcoming only friends into your home and nothing negative.

**Acorns:** The origins of acorns as a symbol of good luck can be traced back to England. English soldiers bore them during the era of the Norman Conquest. Placing an acorn on your window seal is supposed to bring your home good luck.

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## Good Luck Symbols, *continued from front page*

**Bamboo:** Lucky bamboo comes from Asia and is a plant that grows rapidly and is strong but flexible. Having a lucky bamboo is a table in homes and Feng Shui for years. It symbolizes not only luck but prosperity and makes for an inexpensive but thoughtful gift.

**Horseshoes:** This shouldn't come as any surprise to our Western Culture, but did you know why they were lucky? They were originally made of iron, which is a material that was believed to ward off evil spirits. They were held in place by seven nails, with seven being a lucky number.

**Four Leaf Clovers:** As we all look to find one this March, this particular clover is found to be lucky simply because of its rarity. In the Middle Ages, it was believe some Celtic groups would be able to see fairies and ward off evil spirits if they wielded a four leaf clover.

**Evil Eye:** Contrary to the name, the evil eye is a charm that is meant to safeguard the wearer of that charm against ill intentions and negativity rather than causing harm. It's believed the Evil Eye dates back to 5000 BC in Mesopotamia.

## 10 Fun and Fast Facts About March Madness

*Courtesy of Lawyers Mutual.*

1. The first tourney was organized by the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Oregon beat Ohio State 46-33 in the first championship game.
2. The Final Four is held in a different city each year. Indianapolis, where the NCAA is based, hosts the Final Four every five years until 2040.
3. Each winning university receives a rectangular, gold-plated trophy made of wood.
4. Early on, the NCAA was considered a lesser event to the National Invitation Tournament, held in New York City. Teams could compete in both events.
5. The 1949–50 CCNY team won both the NIT and NCAA tournaments (besting Bradley both times).
6. In 1971 the NCAA barred universities from playing in the NIT and other tournaments if they were invited to the Big Dance.
7. In 1978, the NCAA began using the term "Final Four" officially; the name was soon trademarked.
8. The 2013 championship won by Louisville and coach Rick Pitino was the first title to be vacated (recruiting scandal).
9. Twice in the past 10 years, the Final Four featured three coaches making their first appearance. In 2019, it was first-timers Tony Bennett (Virginia), Chris Beard (Texas Tech) and Bruce Pearl (Auburn). In 2017, it was Frank Martin (South Carolina), Dana Altman (Oregon) and Mark Few (Gonzaga). The champion in 2017 was North Carolina, which won in coach Roy Williams' ninth trip to the Final Four.
10. NBC first began broadcasting the Final Four in 1969. CBS later bought the broadcast rights.

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## St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day kicks off a worldwide celebration also known as the Feast of St. Patrick. On March 17th, many will wear green in honor of the Irish and decorate with shamrocks. According to lore, the wearing of the green tradition dates back to a story written about St. Patrick in 1726. St. Patrick (c. AD 385–461) used the shamrock to illustrate the Holy Trinity and wore green clothing. And while the story is unlikely to be true, many will revel in the Irish heritage and eat traditional Irish fare, too.

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**Back for our 20th Anniversary!** It's the perfect chance to try out new spots where restaurants offer special menus over the 10-day, two-weekend format. You'll find every type of cuisine such as Colorado grass-fed beef and lamb, international fusions, fresh seafood that's flown in daily, and innovative vegetarian options, spiced up with local ingredients like the famous green chile.

**Price Points:** There are four price points this year (with both to-go and in-person options): \$25, \$35, \$45 and \$55 for multi-course meals. The tiered pricing structure allows restaurants to provide great deals for diners and a robust representation of Denver's increasingly renowned culinary offerings.

Tables fill up fast during Denver Restaurant Week. Diners are encouraged to make a reservation, try some earlier or later seatings or even Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday options. It's also important to remember to cancel any reservations you don't plan on using so other diners can use it. The delicious menus these restaurants have prepared are also great deals. Be sure to tip your servers generously.

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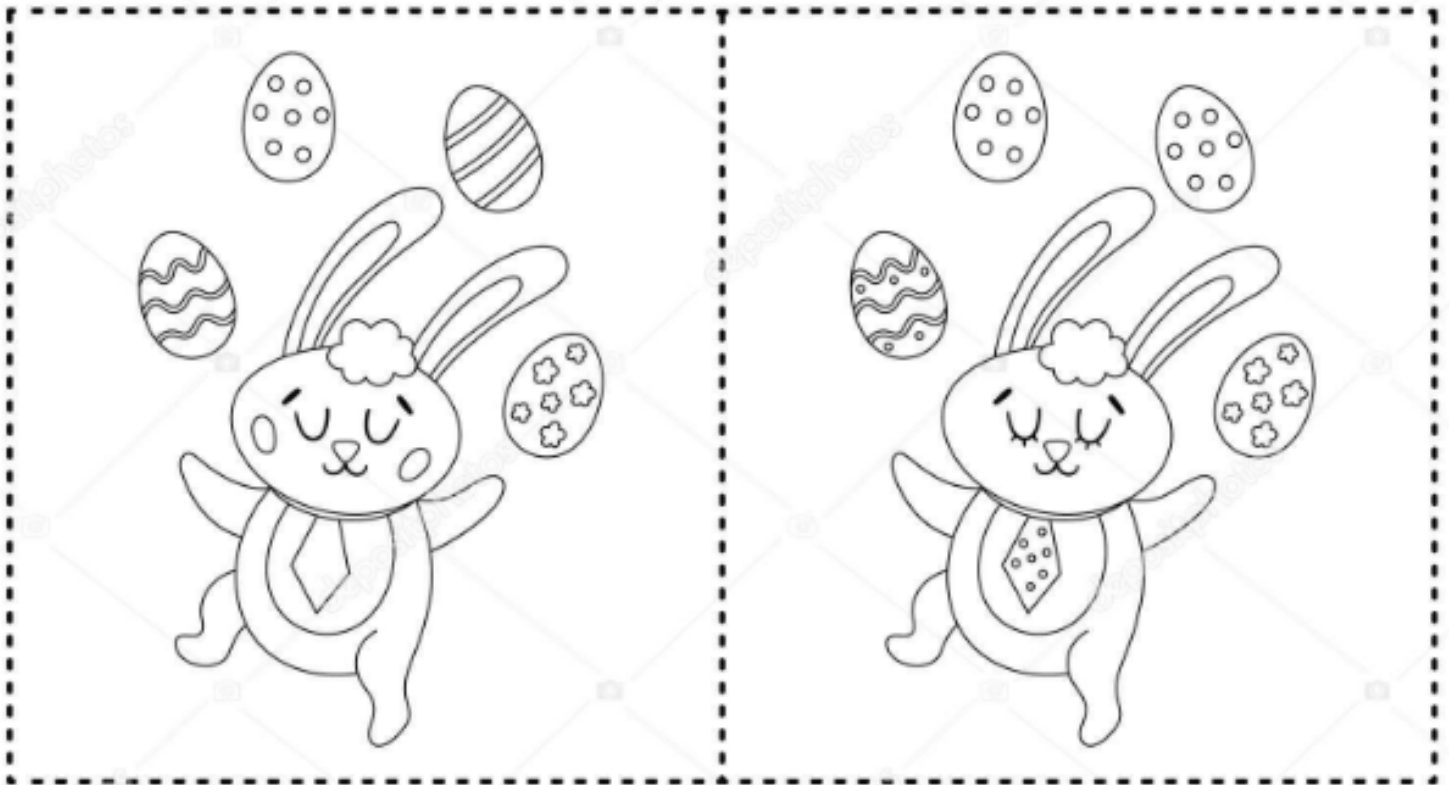

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