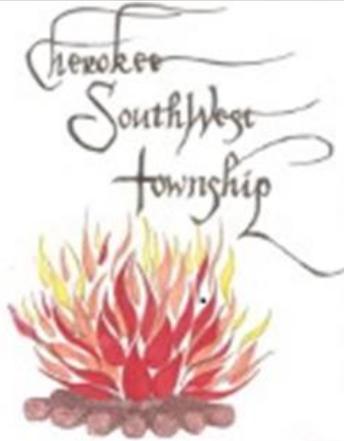


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### Next Regular Monthly Meeting

**Bear Canyon Senior Center**  
**4645 Pitt Street NE**  
**Albuquerque, NM**  
**11:30 am to 2:30 pm**  
**August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**CSWT Council Meeting**  
**August 1<sup>st</sup> 12:30 – 2:30 at**  
**Bear Canyon Senior Center**

# The Cherokee Compass

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## Month of the Drying Up Moon

### SGA Ga-lo-ni

In this month, the rains have stopped and the air is hot and thick. It is at this time that sickness makes its way into the Cherokee homes. Those born under the Drying Up Moon are caretakers, responding to the dangers that surround them by doing what is necessary to provide under harsh conditions.

Foods of the trees and bushes are gathered at this time. The various "Paint Clans" begin to gather many of the herbs and medicines for which they were historically known. Green Corn festivals are commonly held at this time in the present day. The "Wild Potato" Clans AniNudawegi, begin harvesting various foods growing along the streams, marshes, lakes and ponds

*Birds of the Cherokee Nation. Translations, descriptions, & meanings of birds & months by David Cornsilk*

The Full moon is on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The New Moon is August 21<sup>st</sup>.

### Why Native Americans Named the Moons

“The early Native Americans did not record time by using the months of the Julian or Gregorian calendar. Many tribes kept track of time by observing the seasons and lunar months, although there was much variability. For some tribes, the year contained 4 seasons and started at a certain season, such as spring or fall. Others counted 5 seasons to a year. Some tribes defined a year as 12 Moons, while others assigned it 13. Certain tribes that used the lunar calendar added an extra Moon every

few years, to keep it in sync with the seasons.

Each tribe that did name the full Moons (and/or lunar months) had its own naming preferences. Some would use 12 names for the year while others might use 5, 6, or 7; also, certain names might change the next year. A full Moon name used by one tribe might differ from one used by another tribe for the same time period, or be the same name but represent a different time period. The name itself was often a description relating to a particular activity/event that usually occurred during that time in their location.

Colonial Americans adopted some of the Native American full Moon names and applied them to their own calendar system (primarily Julian, and later, Gregorian).”



## CSWT Membership Dues

There is still time to renew your CSWT membership.

The dues are \$20.00 for the June 2017 – July 2018 year. Checks should be made out to CSWT and sent to:

**CSWT Treasurer**  
**P. O. Box 14184**  
**Albuquerque, NM 87191-4184**



### Upcoming Event Calendar:

#### August

The regular CSWT town meeting is on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August from 11:30 – 2:30 at BCSC.