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## DECEMBER:

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### Month of the Snow Moon

Ku-wa-di-gi-s-gi, the cedar Waxwing (literally: Mulberry Eater). Often mistaken for a female cardinal, this beautiful bird is seen most often in mulberry trees feasting on ripe berries. Their Cherokee name is most often heard as a man's name.

This month known in English as December is **ᎤᏬᎥᏏ** in Cherokee syllabary, rendered **v-s-gi-ga** in western script. It is the Cherokee Snow Moon. The Full moon is December 3rd. The New moon is December 17th.

Snow Moon, Vsgiyi, The spirit being, "Snow Man", brings the cold and snow for the earth to cover the high places while the earth rests until the rebirth of the seasons in the Windy Moon Anuyi. Families traditionally were busy putting up and storing goods for the next cycle of seasons. Elders enjoyed teaching and retelling ancient stories of the people to the young. Cherokees would begin to see the ill effects of the winter. Those who had not prepared well would suffer, but the village would care for them anyway. Those born under the Snow Moon are the warmth of their family and nation. They concern themselves with the welfare of others, constantly tending the family fire and ensuring the village supplies are used for the benefit of all.

"*Birds of the Cherokee Nation" entimeart@gmail.com. Cherokee Month to Moon interpretations by William Eubanks.*

## November CSWT Town Meeting

The November 11th town meeting was held at Bear Canyon Senior Center from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm.

Leon Cooper gave a **V**eteran's **D**ay presentation titled

**"The Lady Be Good…World War II Bomber Appears 17 Years After Vanishing".**

Following the opening prayer and announcments, the buffet lunch was served.