A BIRTHDAY PARTY

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Suggestions

Twelve tables arranged and decorated to represent the month of the year. A Past Matron (or other appointee) presides at each table and guests are placed each at the table representing the month of their birth.

JANUARY

SYMBOLS:-

Birth Flower—Snowdrop.
Sentiment—Friendship.

Jewel—Garnet.
Sentiment—Fidelity in every engagement.

Lyric for presiding officer:-

Though mine be a month of temper bleak,
"Friendship in trouble" the blossoms speak
The snowdrop, my chosen flower.
My gem, the garnet with heart of flame,
Fidelity pledges to every trust
In all relations throughout the same.

FEBRUARY

SYMBOLS:-

Birth Flower—Primrose.
Sentiment—Believe me.

Jewel—Amethyst.
Sentiment—Peace of mind.
Lyric:

Though reign of winter may not leave me
My faithful primrose says:- "Believe me."
My Jewel is the Amethyst
Soft violet ray by sunbeam kissed.
Its message brief and well denned brings rest.
It whispers "Peace of mind."

MARCH

SYMBOLS:

Birth Flower—Violets.
Sentiment—Love, Faithfulness.

Jewel—Bloodstone.
Sentiment—"I mourn your absence."

Lyric:

March is the month of wind and weather
But what care we, we cling together.
For faithful and true is the violet blue,
The bloodstone in absence breathes longing for you.

APRIL

SYMBOLS:

Birth Flower—Daisy.
Sentiment—Innocence.

Jewel—Diamond.
Sentiment—Pride.

Lyric:

April's gentle soothing showers
Bring hope of spring and tender flowers.
And though the diamond gleams in pride
In quiet nooks the dasies hide.
Guileless of pomp or vain pretense
Each petal fair breathes "Innocence."

**MAY**

SYMBOLS:-

Birth Flower—Hawthorn.
Sentiment—Love.

Jewel—Emerald.
Sentiment—Success in love.

**Lyric:**

"Hope springs eternal in each breast"
When May brings birdlings home to nest.
Then Hawthorn roses bloom, replete
With love's own message, pure and sweet.
And fitly too, the emerald green
Speaks through its scintiliating sheen,
Its warm approval to express
Vouchsafes the boon of "Love's success."

**JUNE**

SYMBOLS:-

Birth Flower—Honeysuckle.
Sentiment—Generous and devoted love.

Jewel—Agate.
Sentiment—Long life and health.

**Lyric:**

The honeysuckle gently twines
About the month of June,
Breathes generous and devoted love,
With ear to nature's tune.
The Agate says:- "Long life and health"
What heart could wish for greater wealth.
JULY

SYMBOLS:-

Birth Flower—Water Lily.
Sentiment—Purity of heart.

Jewel—Ruby.
Sentiment—Great courage and success.

Lyric:-

The Water Lily, brings July,
Symbol of purity of heart
While glowing rubies typify
Success, and courage in life's mart.

AUGUST

SYMBOLS:-

Birth Flower—Poppy.
Sentiment—Consolation.

Jewel—Pearls.
Sentiment—Modest loveliness.

Lyric:-

When August comes with burning heat
The poppy offers consolation,
While pearls with shimmering pulses beat
In modesty's lovely creation.

SEPTEMBER

SYMBOLS:-

Birth Flower—Morning Glory.
Sentiment—Affection.

Jewel—Sapphire.
Sentiment—Innocence.
Lyric:

Affection is the priceless dower
Which in the morning glory twines,
To glorify September's hour
While through its heart the sapphire shines,
With luster glowing and intense,
The symbol of sweet innocence.

OCTOBER

SYMBOLS:

Birth Flower—Hops.
Sentiment—Injustice.

Jewel—Opal.
Sentiment—Pure thoughts.

Lyric:

And though "Injustice" fate implies
By "Hops" October's symbol vine,
The Opal, by pure thoughts defies
The imputation, line for line.

NOVEMBER

SYMBOLS:

Birth Flower—Chrysanthemum.
Sentiment—Loveliness and cheerfulness.

Jewel—Topaz.
Sentiment—Fidelity.

Lyric:

Chrysanthemum, the favored flower
Assigned to be November's mate
Brings Loveliness and Cheerfulness
To match the glowing fireside grate.
Fidelity, the topaz glows
Despite the chill of wintry snows.
DECEMBER

SYMBOLS:

Birth Flower—Holly.
Sentiment—Domestic happiness.

Jewel—Turquoise.
Sentiment—The most brilliant success and happiness in life.

Lyric:—

Now who would miss the Christmas cheer
That warms the heart in chill December?
“Tis then the household gathers near
Clustered beside the glowing ember.

Bring forth the wreathes of Christmas holly,
Domestic happiness its symbol;
Let all the world be gay and jolly,
Resound the flute, the harp, the cymbal.

Recount the lowly manger birth
Beside each household hearth and ingle,
Let naught impede the tide of mirth
While old and young their voices mingle.

The turquoise blue, December's gem
Twine with the mistletoe and holly
So shall this brilliant diadem
Join happiness with Christmas folly.