

Please correct me, but wasn't Thansgiving a uniquely British colonist holiday, originally celebrated during the October harvest; and wasn't Thanksgiving day transferred from October to November to 1) make way for Columbus Day, and 2) establish an official day to begin the Christmas buying season, leaving the the correct and proper Thanksgiving Day in the capable hands of Canada? Just thinking out loud.

Whatever day you celebrate, have a healthy and happy one

Dennis

On 29-Nov-13, at 4:21 AM, MK wrote:

A very good article, thanks.

But I am surprised that you write "uniquely" American. As a Canadian, my first thought is that we merely copied the States. But then I remember the Erntedankfeste that I've been part of in Austria and Germany, and then the range of post-harvest celebratory days back through and likely long before the Romans. It seems that thanksgiving based in the time where we have received the bounties of Nature so critical to our lives - food - is truly multi- or inter-cultural. And gratitude seems to me a universal condition.

It is true that the American thanksgiving is uniquely American. :-)

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Michael

On Nov 28, 2013, at 20:48, Julio Bermudez <BERMUDEZ@CUA.EDU> wrote:

Dear ACS friends,

As most of you know, we are celebrating an uniquely American festivity called "Thanksgiving" today. Of course, I also know that many of you ACS members are not in the United States nor necessarily care about particular holidays in other countries.

However, this 'Thanksgiving' holiday provides me with an excuse to meditate on the importance of giving thanks, of acknowledging our gratitude for everything we have, receive, are ... Such a human act of humility and appreciation crosses all politics, nationalities, faiths, and races. If you are like me, I don't stop too many times a day to give my thanks.

As I was reading the Washington Post this morning I found a beautiful article that encapsulates these feelings and thoughts. I am sharing it with you in this context of expressing gratitude, in this case my gratitude to you. After all, it is you (over 300 of you) who make the ACS a forum, a community I find invaluable because it allows all of us to bring up and share our deepest concerns about architecture, culture and spirituality within an environment of tolerance, intelligence, honesty, and care. I hope you enjoy the article:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/ej-dionne-on-thanksgiving->

And ... thank you!

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