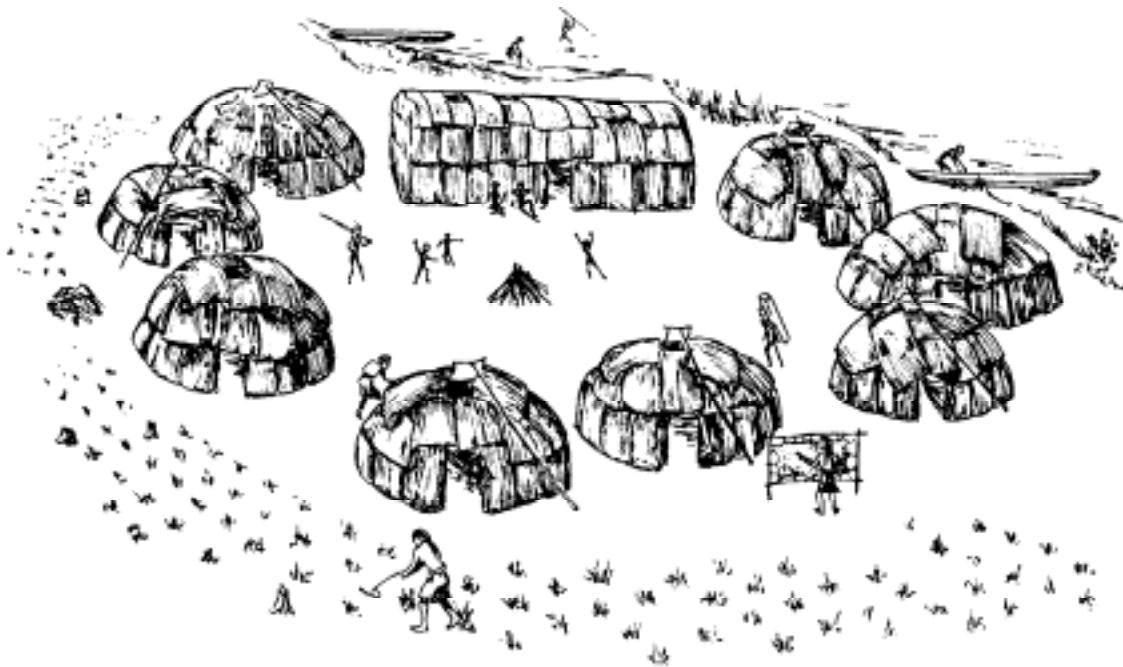


Circle of Life: the Abenaki Calendar

Activities from Cathie Zusy, *New Hampshire Through Many Eyes: An Activity Book* (Concord: New Hampshire Historical Society, 1995), p.3.

- Look at the Western Abenaki calendar made by Jeanne A. Brink, an Abenaki who lives in Vermont today. It is based on information given to her by Stephen Laurent, an Abenaki who lived in Intervale, New Hampshire.
- Read the names and descriptions of each month on the Abenaki calendar. Try to pronounce the Abenaki names.
- Think about events that happen in your life each year at a particular time. These might be related to school, work, or play. Look at the “Corn Calendar” to see how Abenakis arranged their work by season.
- Use the blank circular calendar provided to make your own calendar. In each section make a note of your special events and activities. The common name of each month is there to guide you. Go all around the circle.
- Using the activities you noted, give each section its own name. Be inventive. You may even draw a small picture for each section.
- Is there one section that marks the beginning of your year? Why?



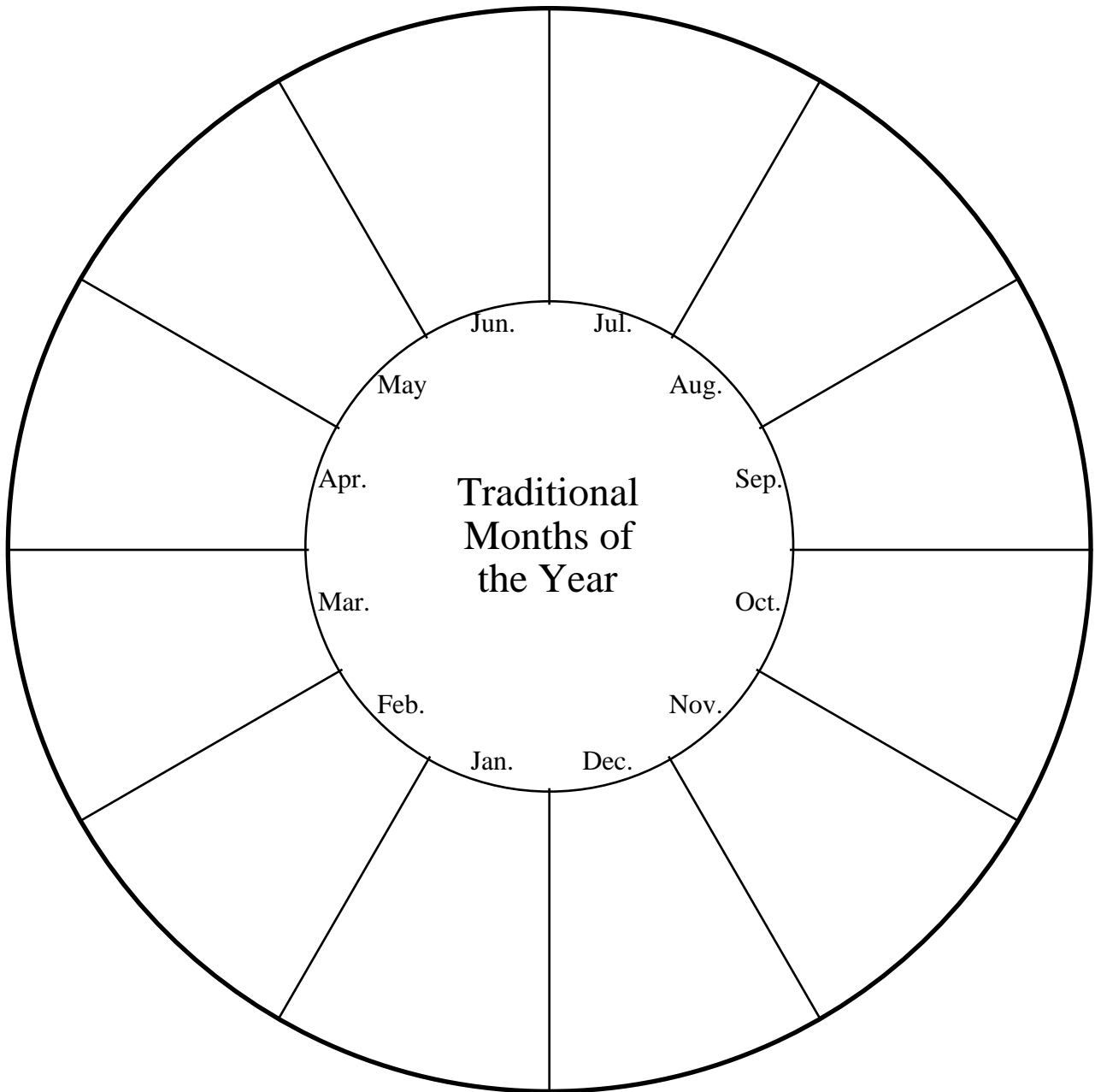
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My Calendar



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