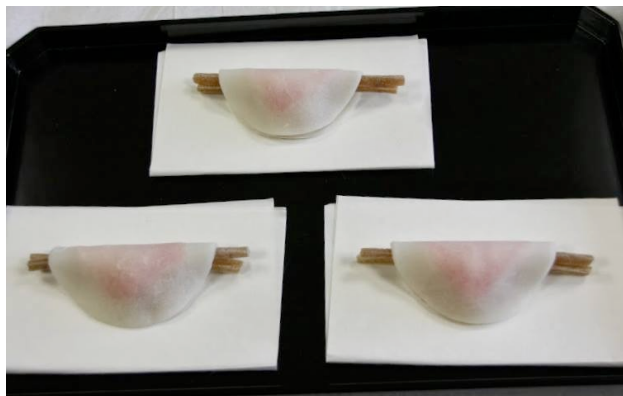


January 睦月 (*Mutsuki*) (lit., *harmonious month*)

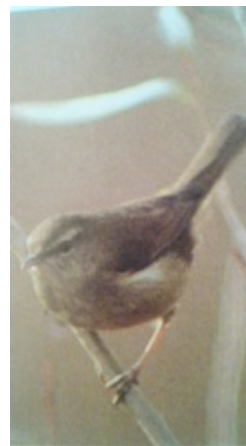
1		元日 (<i>Ganjitsu</i> /New Year's)
2	Sa	
3	Su	
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5		小寒 (<i>Shokan</i> /minor cold)
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7		人日 (<i>Jinjitsu</i>), 七草の節句 (<i>Nanakusa no sekku</i>)
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9	Sa	
10	Su	
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16	Sa	
17	Su	
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20		大寒 (<i>Daikan</i> /major cold)
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23	Sa	Full moon (“Wolf”)
24	Su	
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30	Sa	
31	Su	



菱葩餅 *Hishihanabiramochi* “diamond flower petal”

February 如月 (*Kisaragi*) (lit., *rebirth of plants*)*

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3		節分 <i>Setsubun</i>
4		立春 (<i>Risshun</i> /spring starts)
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6	Sa	
7	Su	
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13	Sa	
14	Su	
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19		雨水 (<i>Usui</i> /rain water)
20	Sa	
21	Su	
22		Full moon (“Snow”)
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26		
27	Sa	
28	Su	



鶯



鶯餅

*also 衣更着 (*Kisaragi*) wearing extra layers of clothes (in continued cold) and 梅見月 (*Umemizuki*) plum-blossom viewing month.

March 弥生 (*Yayoi*) (lit., *new life*)

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3		上巳 (<i>Joshi</i>) 桃の節句 (<i>Momo no sekku</i>)
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5	Sa	啓蟄 (<i>Keichitsu</i> /insects awake)
6	Su	
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12	Sa	
13	Su	Note: Daylight savings time
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17		春彼岸 <i>Haru higan</i> begins
18		
19	Sa	
20	Su	春分 (<i>Shunbun</i> /spring equinox)
21		
22		
23		春彼岸 <i>Haru higan</i> ends Full moon (“Crow”)
24		
25		
26	Sa	
27	Su	Easter
28		利休忌, <i>Rikyu-ki</i>
29		
30		
31		



引千切
(*Hichigiri*)
served for
雛祭り
(*Hina-
maturi*)



菜の花金団 *Nanohanakinton*



貝尽し *Kaizukushi*

歌会始, *Utakai Hajime*, the Imperial Poem-Reading Ceremony, is a centuries-old New Year's tradition. The 御題 (*gyodai*/theme) for 2016 is 人 (*hito*/"person").

Note: Names accompanying monthly full moons reflect how they are traditionally known in North America. This usage dates back to the pre-colonial indigenous populations, and reflects elements specific to the season. These are naturally not canonical poetic themes, but something you might consider nonetheless. A traditional poetic theme featuring the moon for each month can be found in the monthly guides, at the end of each months' list.

Principal and sectional seasonal divisions in the lunar/solar calendar are indicated.