



# Castles & Concerts Chronicle

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Christopher Columbus meets before King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella. Painting by Juan Ton

## The Queen who changed our lives forever.

By Tom Montgomery

If historians were to pick one date for the beginning of modern history it would be 1492. And among the most important historical figures at that time was Isabella of Castile. She was an able and energetic ruler, whose ideas and actions continue to have a profound effect on the world we live in today. In 1468, as sister of the king, she negotiated the end

of a civil war. The settlement left her as heir to the throne and, more importantly for history, gave her the right to choose her own husband. Not bad for a 17 year old. Most of us today have lost sight of the major influence she had on history. Her grave is in Granada.

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### GROUP

#### ANDALUSIANS

9:30 am meet in the Hotel lobby for **Ronda**

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#### BAILAORAS

9:00 am meet in the Hotel lobby for **Córdoba**

### GROUP

#### CANTANTES

9:15 am meet in the Hotel lobby for **Alhambra**



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You Tell Me

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### FUN FACTS OF SPAIN

- Older Spanish women often flaunt expensive fur coats during the winter.
- Seat is the only Spanish car brand.
- Spain is the number one country in regards to organ donation in the world.
- The locals of Spain have lunch at 2 pm and start dinner around 9 or 10 pm.
- Spain remained neutral in both world wars.
- 58 million tourists go to Spain every year, making it the fourth most visited country in the world.

## Flowers with Phil

Drooping Petunias- Despite lots of fertilization my pedals never respond to sunlight...Any ideas?  
**Yes, try an artificial sun lamp, this often helps add to petal rigidity.**

Bruised Daisy- My plant hasn't gotten its color back. I feed and water it constantly. What should I do? **Perhaps its the container, have you considered a bigger pot?**

Wilted Floutigans- Why do my bouquets always wilt at night? **It could be that you aren't adding enough vitamins. Also try stroking the stems.**

Climbing Vines- Despite constant pruning, my vines grow on anything they can find. What should I do? **Apply moderately warm water and continue to prune regularly. Discourage new rooting which helps curtail excessive growth.**

Locitus Maximus- My stems are always swelling what can I do? **Try Circom 2000 mix with very cold water. This may help inhibit the swelling.**

Too many weeds- Phil- we are encountering lots of weeds what should we do? **Stop using the chocolate cookie dough fertilizer.**



Queen Isabella

Photo by Unknown Painter

## Queen Isabella (Cont'd from Page 1)

- For her husband, she chose her cousin Ferdinand from the neighboring kingdom of Aragon. This marriage created modern Spain.
- She sponsored Columbus in 1492. His voyages of discovery rapidly and forever changed the entire history of the human race.
- She created a professional Civil Service. This concept of government had been lost with the fall of Rome. And her revival of this idea led Spain to become Europe's first "super power" since the Romans.
- She recognized the power of Education. She set up schools and sponsored the first printing presses in Spain. During her lifetime, the literacy rate in Spain's urban areas went from about 2% to near 50%.
- Isabella's daughter was Henry VIII's first wife, and many of the great nation-building and educational ideas of Tudor England came directly from Isabella. Her example was soon followed by many others. This led to the creation of modern nation-states.

### Random Trivia

- The combined weight of all ants on Earth would equal the same as the combined weight of all humans
- There are more possible games of chess than there are atoms in the known universe
- The entire current population of the Earth could fit inside Texas and it would still be less crowded than New York City
- Breathing in Mumbai for one day is the equivalent to smoking two and half packs of cigarettes
- John Tyler, America's 10th president has two grandsons who are still alive today
- Every human is born with the ability to wiggle their ears. If you don't discover it early, the muscle will atrophies

