





# GROUNDHOG DAY

February 2 has been known for centuries as Groundhog Day, the day when humans look to a chubby, meteorologically gifted rodent to tell us if there will be 6 more weeks of winter or an early spring.

Growing out from the German Christian tradition of Candlemas, Groundhog Day has become part of the American collective consciousness. Eric takes on Groundhog Day with his painting of Woodstock, IL where the famous movie by the same name was filmed. In his painting he not only pays homage to the classic film but also to the charm and character of this great little town. Turn back the clock and spend some time in Woodstock, IL for Groundhog Day. Will he see his shadow?

1. Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania is the real town where Groundhog Day happens.
2. Punxsutawney held its first Groundhog Day on February 2nd, 1887.
3. How many human Phils can you find? Five, ten or fifteen?
4. Can you find all four groundhog Phils?
5. Approximately 40,000 people attend the Groundhog Day celebration in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania each year.
6. Groundhog Day is celebrated in the United States and Canada.
7. The groundhog's name is Punxsutawney Phil.
8. If the groundhog sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. If not, Spring is here!
9. Smile for the camera!
10. Those ice sculptures look familiar...
11. Woodstock was originally known as Centerville due to its location at the geographic center of McHenry County in Illinois.
12. Deja vu, the French word that literally means "already seen."
13. Look who's driving!
14. The movie 'Groundhog Day' was filmed in Woodstock, Illinois but was portrayed as Punxsutawney.