

The History of Wumpmas



Born on December 21, 1869
Adelaide “Wumpy” Rockefeller was
the originator of Wumpmas.

The youngest daughter of the famed
Rockefeller family, Adelaide was
always uncomfortable with the
wealth her family held.

On her 21st birthday, she decided to
create Wumpmas as a way to give
back.



The first Wumpmas was unrecognizable to how we know it today. All the festivities happened on one day.

It was also open to all and lines of anxious attendees went for miles outside Adelaide's home.

She really didn't want all these people in her house so she knew she had to come up with something new.



I know what I will do! Next year, we will spread the love over 5 days! That way, I won't have all these people in my nice home.



Unfortunately, Adelaide failed to anticipate how beloved her holiday had already become.

The second Wumpmas came around and instead of a line around the block one day, it was around the block all five days!!



Okay, well that didn't work. I wonder if we could do this in a way where we didn't even have to be near each other?



That was when Adelaide started to use the local newspaper.

Every Wumpmas, she would buy a personal ad in the newspaper where she would outline the festivities.

This is how Wumpmas was celebrated for decades.



Unfortunately, it could not last.

When Adelaide passed away,
so did the traditions
surrounding Wumpmas.

She had become estranged
from her family and even her
most devoted followers could
not recreate the magic of
Wumpmas.



A new Wumpy needed to rise.



And he did.

Finally, generations later, a descendent of Adelaide's was born that was able to command the same level of fealty, excitement, and respect that Wumpmas was reborn.

But instead of in the heart of a bustling, Gilded Age era New York it found its new beginning in the new creative center of the Western world.



Not only had the Spirit of Wumpy returned to a new location, it had also learned from the lessons of the past. Wumpmas was lost because the devotion for it was held widely but not deeply.

In its new form, it would start small and grow gradually to build a better, even more committed community.

It's spirit would never die again.



Interested in returning to the roots of Wumpmas? Here are the steps!

1. Be born in a family that made its money in the oil industry
2. Have so much disposable income that you can create 5 days worth of festivities in a day
3. Realize that although you feel bad for the unwashed masses, you don't want them all in your house
4. Buy out personal ads in the newspaper to spread the message and list of festivities without actually have to be with anyone



Editorial Comment***

The original Wumpmas had no staying power because of its roots in the upper class establishment. Wumpmas as it has come to be in the 21st century has a much more community driven, populist mindset.

Knowing our history is how we make sure that we aren't doomed to repeat it.

Wumpmas is for the people.

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