

IMPORTANT DATES

JUNE

CUPE BC Women's Committee

1 1974 Alanis Morissette, born in Ottawa. Singer-songwriter, guitarist, record producer and actress. Won 16 Junos, 7 Grammys, nominated for two Golden Globes.

2 1924 June Callwood, prominent magazine writer, activist for social causes such as youth homelessness and drug addiction. Order of Canada Officer.

3 1926 Flora MacDonald, Born Sydney, NS. Progressive Conservative MP. The first woman to hold a major cabinet post - External Affairs Secretary of State.

4 1948 Sandra Post, Canada's first woman professional golfer, won Ladies Professional Golf Assoc. Championship at Sutton Massachusetts. 1979 Cdn Athlete of the Year.

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6 1935 Joy Kogawa, Vancouver-born writer and activist, influenced Japanese Canadian settlement for loss of liberty, property during WW II. Order of Canada.

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8 1937 Cathy Townsend, a left handed bowler, first Canadian woman to win the Bowling Cup in 1975. Member of the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame.

9 1929 Louise Maheux-Forcier, first novel on the theme of lesbianism was awarded the Prix du Cercle du livre de France (1963). Also wrote short stories, film and TV scripts.

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Empower women and you will see a decrease in poverty, illiteracy, disease and violence.

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Michaëlle Jean

1957-

Governor General of Canada, 2005-2010

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1882 Olga Alexandrova Kulikovskiy, sister to Czar Nicholas, saved from execution, immigrated to Canada in 1948 and lived as a farmer's wife.

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FATHER'S DAY

1937 Lola Lemire Tostevin, bilingual Canadian author wrote poems and novels about life experiences such as pregnancy, birth and loss through death.

16 1891 Sarah Margaret Armor Robertson, artist from Montreal group of women painters, colleague of Group of Seven but had individualistic approach to art.

17 1902 Marion Hilliard, Canadian medical doctor helped developed simplified Pap test. Wrote "A Woman Doctor Looks at Love and Life" and "Women and Fatigue."

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19 1972 Anna Van Der Kamp, born in Abbotsford, B.C., won Silver in 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games in rowing, in 1993 was Female Crew of the Year.

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1945 Anne Murray, born in Springhill, NS. Most successful female recording artist in Canada. Juno Hall of Fame member, Companion of the Order of Canada.

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1942 Jeannette Vivian Lavell, born Wikwemikong, ON. Fought more than 25 years for the rights of native women, including birthright to retain legal Native status.

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24 1963 Barbara Underhill, won five consecutive Canadian Pairs skating championships with partner Paul Martini, won 1984 Worlds on home ice in Ottawa.

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1921 Celia Franca, born London, England, founding artistic director of National Ballet of Canada, appointed to Order of Canada in 1967.

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1936 Marion Margaret Cuming, Canadian artist, used her talents to help emotionally-disturbed children and worked with street kids, also worked with UNESCO.

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1862 May Irwin, born Whitby, ON, singer and Broadway performer, starred in Thomas Edison's one minute film, *The Kiss*, first movie shown in Canada.

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1710 Marie-Joseph-Angélique, black slave in New France fell in love with a white man, while fleeing, accused of setting fire that burned Old Montreal, hung.

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