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Women's History - Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet



The theme for National Women's History Month 2009 is ***Women Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet***. This year's theme encourages the recognition of the important work of women in the on-going "green movement."

The 2009 Honorees include scientists, engineers, business leaders, writers, filmmakers, conservationists, teachers, community organizers, religious or workplace leaders or others whose lives show exceptional vision and leadership to save our planet. These are women who have demonstrated leadership in protecting the environment on local, state, national, or international levels. Rachel Carson, founder of the contemporary environmental movement, is featured as the iconic model of the theme. Brief biographies of the 2009 Honorees are posted on the National Women's History Project website

<http://www.nwhp.org/whm/honorees.php>.

2009 Honorees

Wendy Abrams
Mary Arlene Appelhof
Roswitha Augusta
Stephanie Avery
Mollie Beattie
Rebecca Bell
Rachel Binah
Jenny Blaker
Arlene Blum
Margrett ("Gretta") Boley
Barbara K. Byrd
Helen Caldicott
Pamela S. Chasek, Ph.D
Lynne Cherry
Gillian Christie
Mary Cleave
Hillary Rodham Clinton
Mignon Leticia Clyburn
Ellie Cohen
Madie Collins
Mary S. "Mimi" Cooper
Tammy Cromer-Campbell
Dr. Margaret Bryan Davis
Betsy Damon
Marjory Stoneman Douglas
Caitlin Alexandra Dunbar
Kathleen Eagan
Sylvia Alice Earle
Sister Claretta Easter
Ilia J. Fehrer
Laura Capon Fermi
Caroline Rose Foster
Matilda Elizabeth Frelinghuysen
Pamela A. Frucci

Lois Marie Gibbs
Jane Goodall
Amy Goodman
Sunshine Goodmorning
Dr. Alice Hamilton
Ann Hancock
Julia Butterfly Hill
Linda M. Hiltabrand
Mary Hultman
Martha Brookes Hutcheson
Dr. Roz Iasillo
Pam Iorio
Marietta Pierce Johnson
Victoria Johnson
Elizabeth Donnell Kay
Eryn Klosko
Anne Bowes La Bastille
Osprey Orielle Lake
Abbe Land
Lora Ledermann
Donna Lewis
Hunter Lovins
Dr. Meg Lowman
Joanna Macy
Judy Kellogg Markowsky
Sharon Rose Matola
Mary Eliza McDowell
Rose Marie Williams McGuire
Dr. Jeannie McLain
Donella (Dana) Meadows
Tanya Narath
Shirley Nelson
Roberta J. Nichols
Dr. Sharon Nunes

Lorrie Otto
Rebecca Otto
Linda Petee
Agnes Baker Pilgrim
Val Plumwood
Dr. Diana Post
Tobey Silbert Schein Prinz
Roxanne Quimby
Amanda Quraishi
Torrey Reade
Ellen Swallow Richards
Sally K. Ride
Elsie Roemer
Mary Rozmajzl
Maxine Lazarus Savitz
Carolyn M. Scott
Kate Shackford
Mary Belle King Sherman
Ellen K. Silbergeld
Sandra Smith
Sister Dorothy Stang, SNDdeN
Marion Stoddart
Kathleen C. Taylor
Anne P. Teller
Tina J. Terrell
Laurie Tippin
Nichole Trushell
Lillian Wald
Alice Waters
May Petrea Theilgaard Watts
Elizabeth Coleman White
Janice S. Wiles
Ann Wilson
Esther Yanai

Using the Cerritos College Library to Research Women's History

Getting Background Information

Your search for information can include books, magazines, journals, newspapers, and authoritative Internet Resources. Reference books are a good starting point for gathering background information. Some of the Library research guides may also assist you in finding information on various topics and issues pertaining to women and women's history. Explore the guides listed below for more information:

[Biography](#)

[Women's Studies Resources](#)

[Great People, Events and Objects in History](#)

Search the [Research Guides](#) page for even more guides about women and other topics. Several reference books are available to assist your search for information. Some of these works are listed in the research guides noted above. Be sure to ask a librarian for assistance to find additional reference books and/or research guides.

Online Book Catalog

Use the [Library Catalog](#) to find books available in this library. You will find books that provide a broad overview, and others that give more in-depth information. By doing a subject search you will retrieve listings of books that include information on your selected subject. You can also search for names of individuals as a subject search to find biographies and autobiographies. A few subject headings to try are listed below. The list is not meant to be exhaustive, but a means to get you started with your research on women artists.

Sample subject search terms

Conservation of natural resources
Economic development Environmental aspects
Ecology
Ecology in literature
Ecocriticism
Environmental literature
Environmental policy
Environmental sciences
Environmentalism
Globalization

Green movement
Natural resources Management.
Nature conservation
Political ecology
Sustainable development
Sustainable living
Women in development
Women in development Environmental aspects
Women naturalists United States Biography

Sample keyword search terms

women and ecology
women and environment

To search for information about a person, enter the person's last name first and click the Subject button.

Example: Carson, Rachel

Databases & E-Resources

Journals and magazines usually provide the most current information on a topic. Journal articles are more scholarly or professional, while magazine articles tend to be shorter and more general. Newspaper articles, while not scholarly or professional, can give you the most current news and additional facts. To find articles on your topic, use one of the online databases listed below.

African American Experience

Daily Life in History

EbscoHost Databases

GreenFILE

MasterFILE Premier

Science Reference Center

Gale

Discovering Collection

Gale Virtual Reference Library

In the First Person

Latino American Experience

NetLibrary eBooks

Oxford African American Studies Center

Proquest Databases

Ethnic NewsWatch

GenderWatch

Proquest National Newspapers Core

NewsBank_InfoWeb

Newsfile Collection

Noticias en Español

Project Muse: Basic Research Collection

World Book Encyclopedia Complete Suite

Special Features: Additional Resources

NewsBank InfoWeb offers a special report, which can be found by following the link below:

[NewsBank InfoWeb Special Report: Women's History Month](#)



In honor of women throughout the world: view coverage of contemporary and historic issues, and newsmaking events in the life of women.

Gale offers biographical information and other free resources on women at its [Women's History](#) site.

Links

Listed below are just a few of the Web sites available for additional research.

National Women's Hall of Fame

<http://www.greatwomen.org/>

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: Women and the Environment

<http://www.epa.gov/history/topics/perspect/women.htm>

Women's Environment & Development Organization

<http://www.wedo.org/>

Women's Studies Online Resources (University of Maryland, Baltimore County)

<http://userpages.umbc.edu/~korenman/wmst/index.html>