Women Subjects on United States Postage Stamps

Although Queen Isabella appeared in the first commemorative stamps issued in 1893, the first stamp specifically to honor a woman was the eight-cent Martha Washington stamp issued in 1902. The many stamps issued in honor of women since then are listed below.

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Die proof of 1902 Martha Washington stamp, the first U.S. postage stamp to specifically honor a woman.

Subject	Denomination	Date Issued
Martha Washington	8¢	December 1902
Pocahontas	5¢	April 26, 1907
Martha Washington	4¢	January 15, 1923
"The Greatest Mother"	2¢	May 21, 1931
Mothers of America: Portrait of his Mother, by James A. McNeil Whistler	3¢	May 2, 1934
Susan B. Anthony	3¢	August 26, 1936
Virginia Dare	5¢	August 18, 1937
Martha Washington	1½¢	May 5, 1938
Louisa May Alcott	5¢	February 5, 1940
Frances E. Willard	5¢	March 28, 1940
Jane Addams	10¢	April 26, 1940
Progress of Women	3¢	July 19, 1948
Clara Barton	3¢	September 7, 1948
Gold Star Mothers	3¢	September 21, 1948
Juliette Gordon Low	3¢	October 29, 1948
Moina Michael	3¢	November 9, 1948
Betsy Ross	3¢	January 2, 1952
Service Women	3¢	September 11, 1952
Susan B. Anthony	50¢	August 25, 1955
American Woman	4¢	June 2, 1960
Camp Fire Girls	4¢	November 1, 1960
Nursing	4¢	December 28, 1961
Girl Scout Jubilee	4¢	July 24, 1962
Amelia Earhart	8¢	July 24, 1963

Eleanor Roosevelt	5¢	October 11, 1963
Homemakers	5¢	October 26, 1964
General Federation of Women's Clubs	5¢	September 12, 1966
Mary Cassatt, American Artist	5¢	November 17, 1966
Lucy Stone	50¢	August 13, 1968
Grandma Moses	6¢	May 1, 1969
Woman Suffrage	6¢	August 26, 1970
Emily Dickinson, American Poet	8¢	August 28, 1971
Willa Cather, American Novelist	8¢	September 20, 1973
Elizabeth Blackwell, First Woman Physician	18¢	January 23, 1974
Sybil Ludington, Youthful Heroine	8¢	March 25, 1975
International Women's Year	10¢	August 26, 1975
Clara Maass: She gave her life	13¢	August 18, 1976
The Seamstress for Independence	13¢	July 4, 1977
Black Heritage: Harriet Tubman	13¢	February 1, 1978
Frances Perkins	15¢	April 10, 1980
Dolley Madison	15¢	May 20, 1980
Emily Bissell, Crusader Against Tuberculosis	15¢	May 31, 1980
Helen Keller/Anne Sullivan	15¢	June 27, 1980
Edith Wharton	15¢	September 5, 1980
Blanche Stuart Scott, Pioneer Pilot	28¢	December 30, 1980
Rachel Carson	17¢	May 28, 1981
Edna St. Vincent Millay, American Poet	18¢	June 10, 1981
Babe Zaharias	18¢	September 22, 1981
The Barrymores, Performing Arts	20¢	June 8, 1982
Dr. Mary Walker, Army Sugeon, Medal of Honor	20¢	June 10, 1982
Pearl Buck	5¢	June 25, 1983
Dorothea Dix	1¢	September 23, 1983
Lillian M. Gilbreth	40¢	February 24, 1984
Eleanor Roosevelt	20¢	October 11, 1984
Black Heritage: Mary McLeod Bethune	22¢	March 5, 1985
Abigail Adams	22¢	June 14, 1985
Black Heritage: Sojourner Truth	22¢	February 4, 1986
Belva Ann Lockwood	17¢	June 18, 1986
Margaret Mitchell	1¢	June 30, 1986
Julia Ward Howe	14¢	February 12, 1987

Mary Lyon	2¢	February 28, 1987
Mary Cassatt	23¢	November 4, 1988
Black Heritage: Ida B. Wells	25¢	February 1, 1990
Marianne Moore, American Poet	25¢	April 18, 1990
Olympians: Helene Madison	25¢	July 6, 1990
Olympians: Hazel Wightman	25¢	July 6, 1990
Harriet Quimby, Pioneer Pilot	50¢	April 27, 1991
Summer Olympic Games: Women Hurdlers	29¢	July 12, 1991
Summer Olympic Games: Women Sprinters	29¢	July 12, 1991
Comedians: Fanny Brice	29¢	August 29, 1991
World War II, 1942: Millions of Women Join the War Effort	29¢	August 17, 1992
Literary Arts: Dorothy Parker, American Writer	29¢	August 22, 1992
Grace Kelly	29¢	May 24, 1993
Legends of American Music, Rock & Roll / Rhythm & Blues: Dinah Washington	29¢	June 16, 1993
Legends of American Music, Country & Western: The Carter Family	29¢	September 25, 1993
Legends of American Music, Country & Western: Patsy Cline	29¢	September 25, 1993
Classic Books: Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm (by Kate Douglas Wiggin), Little House on the Prairie (by Laura Ingalls Wilder), Little Women (by Louisa May Alcott)	29¢	October 23, 1993
Stars of the Silent Screen: Theda Bara	29¢	April 27, 1994
Stars of the Silent Screen: Clara Bow	29¢	April 27, 1994
Stars of the Silent Screen: Zasu Pitts	29¢	April 27, 1994
Legends of American Music, Popular Singers: Ethel Merman	29¢	September 1, 1994
Legends of American Music, Popular Singers: Ethel Waters	29¢	September 1, 1994
Legends of American Music, Jazz and Blues Singers: Mildred Bailey	29¢	September 17, 1994
Legends of American Music, Jazz and Blues Singers: Billie Holiday	29¢	September 17, 1994
Legends of American Music, Jazz and Blues Singers: 'Ma' Rainey	29¢	September 17, 1994
Legends of American Music, Jazz and Blues Singers: Bessie Smith	29¢	September 17, 1994
Legends of the West: Annie Oakley	29¢	October 18, 1994
Legends of the West: Nellie Cashman	29¢	October 18, 1994
Legends of the West: Sacagawea	29¢	October 18, 1994
Virginia Apgar, Physician	20¢	October 24, 1994
Black Heritage: Bessie Coleman	32¢	April 27, 1995
Legends of Hollywood: Marilyn Monroe	32¢	June 1, 1995

Civil War: Clara Barton	32¢	June 29, 1995
Civil War: Mary Chesnut	32¢	June 29, 1995
Civil War: Phoebe Pember	32¢	June 29, 1995
Civil War: Harriet Tubman	32¢	June 29, 1995
Alice Hamilton, MD, Social Reformer	55¢	July 11, 1995
Alice Paul, Suffragist	78¢	August 18, 1995
Women's Suffrage	32¢	August 26, 1995
Ruth Benedict, Anthropologist	46¢	October 20, 1995
Jacqueline Cochran, Pioneer Pilot	50¢	March 9, 1996
Summer Olympic Games: Women's running	32¢	May 2, 1996
Summer Olympic Games: Women's diving	32¢	May 2, 1996
Summer Olympic Games: Women's gymnastics	32¢	May 2, 1996
Summer Olympic Games: Women's sailboarding	32¢	May 2, 1996
Summer Olympic Games: Women's soccer	32¢	May 2, 1996
Summer Olympic Games: Women's swimming	32¢	May 2, 1996
Summer Olympic Games: Women's softball	32¢	May 2, 1996
Georgia O'Keefe	32¢	May 23, 1996
Breast Cancer Awareness	32¢	June 15, 1996
Legends of American Music, Songwriters: Dorothy Fields	32¢	September 11, 1996
Merian Botanical Prints	32¢	March 3, 1997
Legends of American Music, Opera Singers: Lily Pons	32¢	September 10, 1997
Legends of American Music, Opera Singers: Rosa Ponselle	32¢	September 10, 1997
Women in Military Service	32¢	October 18, 1997
Black Heritage: Madam C. J. Walker	32¢	January 28, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1900s: Gibson Girl	32¢	February 3, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1920s: 19 th Amendment	32¢	May 28, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1920s: Emily Post's Etiquette	32¢	May 28, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1920s: Margaret Mead, Anthropologist	32¢	May 28, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1920s: Flappers Do the Charleston	32¢	May 28, 1998
Legends of American Music, Gospel Singers: Mahalia Jackson	32¢	July 15, 1998
Legends of American Music, Gospel Singers: Roberta Martin	32¢	July 15, 1998
Legends of American Music, Gospel Singers: Sister Rosetta	32¢	July 15, 1998
Legends of American Music, Gospel Singers:	32¢	July 15, 1998

Clara Ward		
Lila and DeWitt Wallace	32¢	July 16, 1998
Four Centuries of American Art: <i>Breakfast in Bed</i> , by Mary Cassatt	32¢	August 27, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1930s: Eleanor Roosevelt	32¢	September 10, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1930s: America Survives the Depression (detail of <i>Migrant</i> <i>Mother</i> by Dorothea Lange)	32¢	September 10, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1930s: Gone With the Wind (by Margaret Mitchell)	32¢	September 10, 1998
Mary Breckenridge, Founder, Frontier Nursing Service	77¢	November 9, 1998
Celebrate the Century—1940s: Women Support War Effort	33¢	February 18, 1999
Alfred Lunt and Lynn Fontanne	33¢	March 2, 1999
Literary Arts: Ayn Rand	33¢	April 22, 1999
Celebrate the Century—1950s: "I Love Lucy"	33¢	May 26, 1999
Celebrate the Century—1970s: Women's Rights Movement	33¢	November 18, 1999
Black Heritage: Patricia Roberts Harris	33¢	January 27, 2000
Louise Nevelson (five designs)	33¢	April 6, 2000
American Illustrators: Neysa McMein	34¢	February 1, 2001
American Illustrators: Rose O'Neill	34¢	February 1, 2001
American Illustrators: Jessie Willcox Smith	34¢	February 1, 2001
Distinguished Americans: Hattie W. Caraway, Senator	76¢	February 21, 2001
Frida Kahlo	34¢	June 21, 2001
Legends of Hollywood: Lucille Ball	34¢	August 6, 2001
Masters of American Photography: Gertrude Käsebier Dorothea Lange Imogen Cunningham	37¢	June 13, 2002
Distinguished Americans: Edna Ferber, Author	83¢	July 29, 2002
Women in Journalism: Nellie Bly	37¢	September 14, 2002
Women in Journalism: Ida M. Tarbell	37¢	September 14, 2002
Women in Journalism: Ethel L. Payne	37¢	September 14, 2002
Women in Journalism: Marguerite Higgins	37¢	September 14, 2002
Literary Arts: Zora Neale Hurston	37¢	January 24, 2003
Legends of Hollywood: Audrey Hepburn	37¢	June 11, 2003
American Treasures: Mary Cassatt—Young Mother	37¢	August 7, 2003
American Treasures: Mary Cassatt— Children Playing on the Beach	37¢	August 7, 2003
American Treasures: Mary Cassatt—On a Balcony	37¢	August 7, 2003

American Treasures: Mary Cassatt—Child in a Straw Hat	37¢	August 7, 2003
American Choreographers: Martha Graham	37¢	May 4, 2004
American Choreographers: Agnes de Mille	37¢	May 4, 2004
Distinguished Americans: Wilma Rudolph, Athlete	23¢	July 14, 2004
Black Heritage: Marian Anderson	37¢	January 27, 2005
American Scientists: Barbara McClintock	37¢	May 4, 2005
Greta Garbo	37¢	September 23, 2005
Black Heritage: Hattie McDaniel	39¢	January 25, 2006
Literary Arts: Katherine Anne Porter	39¢	May 15, 2006
Distinguished American Diplomats: Frances E. Willis	39¢	May 30, 2006
Legends of Hollywood: Judy Garland	39¢	June 11, 2006
Black Heritage: Ella Fitzgerald	39¢	January 10, 2007
Distinguished Americans: Margaret Chase Smith, Senator	58¢	June 13, 2007
Distinguished Americans: Harriet Beecher Stowe, Author	75¢	June 13, 2007
Literary Arts: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings	41¢	February 21, 2008
American Scientists: Gerty Cori, Biochemist	41¢	March 6, 2008
American Journalists: Martha Gellhorn	42¢	April 22, 2008
Vintage Black Cinema: <i>Princess Tam-Tam</i> (featuring Josephine Baker)	42¢	July 16, 2008
Legends of Hollywood: Bette Davis	42¢	September 18, 2008