

Women Subjects on United States Postage Stamps

Queen Isabella of Spain appeared on seven stamps in the Columbian Exposition issue of 1893 — the first commemorative U.S. postage stamps. The first U.S. postage stamp to honor an American woman was the eight-cent Martha Washington stamp of 1902. The many stamps issued in honor of women since then are listed below.



Martha Washington was the first American woman honored on a U.S. postage stamp.

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Denomination</i>	<i>Date Issued</i>
Columbian Exposition:		
Columbus Soliciting Aid from Queen Isabella	5¢	January 1893
Columbus Restored to Favor	8¢	January 1893
Columbus Presenting Natives	10¢	January 1893
Columbus Announcing His Discovery	15¢	January 1893
Queen Isabella Pledging Her Jewels	\$1	January 1893
Columbus Describing His Third Voyage	\$3	January 1893
Queen Isabella and Columbus	\$4	January 1893
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: <i>Portrait of his Mother</i> , 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 Surgeon, 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
Hazel Wightman	25¢	July 6, 1990
Harriet Quimby, Pioneer Pilot	50¢	April 27, 1991
Summer Olympic Games:		
Women Hurdlers	29¢	July 12, 1991
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
Patsy Cline	29¢	September 25, 1993
Classic Books:		
<i>Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm</i> (by Kate Douglas Wiggin)	29¢	October 23, 1993
<i>Little House on the Prairie</i> (by Laura Ingalls Wilder)	29¢	October 23, 1993
<i>Little Women</i> (by Louisa May Alcott)	29¢	October 23, 1993
Stars of the Silent Screen:		
Theda Bara	29¢	April 27, 1994
Clara Bow	29¢	April 27, 1994
Zasu Pitts	29¢	April 27, 1994
Legends of American Music, Popular Singers:		
Ethel Merman	29¢	September 1, 1994
Ethel Waters	29¢	September 1, 1994

Legends of American Music, Jazz and Blues

Singers:

Mildred Bailey	29¢	September 17, 1994
Billie Holiday	29¢	September 17, 1994
'Ma' Rainey	29¢	September 17, 1994
Bessie Smith	29¢	September 17, 1994

Legends of the West:

Annie Oakley	29¢	October 18, 1994
Nellie Cashman	29¢	October 18, 1994
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
Mary Chesnut	32¢	June 29, 1995
Phoebe Pember	32¢	June 29, 1995
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
Women's diving	32¢	May 2, 1996
Women's gymnastics	32¢	May 2, 1996
Women's sailboarding	32¢	May 2, 1996
Women's soccer	32¢	May 2, 1996
Women's swimming	32¢	May 2, 1996
Women's softball	32¢	May 2, 1996

Georgia O'Keeffe 32¢ May 23, 1996

Breast Cancer Awareness 32¢ June 15, 1996

Legends of American Music, Songwriters: 32¢ September 11, 1996

Dorothy Fields

Merian Botanical Prints 32¢ March 3, 1997

Legends of American Music, Opera Singers:

Lily Pons	32¢	September 10, 1997
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
Emily Post's Etiquette	32¢	May 28, 1998
Margaret Mead, Anthropologist	32¢	May 28, 1998
Flappers Do the Charleston	32¢	May 28, 1998
Legends of American Music, Gospel Singers:		
Mahalia Jackson	32¢	July 15, 1998
Roberta Martin	32¢	July 15, 1998
Sister Rosetta	32¢	July 15, 1998
Clara Ward	32¢	July 15, 1998
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
America Survives the Depression (detail of <i>Migrant Mother</i> by Dorothea Lange)	32¢	September 10, 1998
<i>Gone With the Wind</i> (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
Rose O'Neill	34¢	February 1, 2001
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	37¢	June 13, 2002
Dorothea Lange	37¢	June 13, 2002
Imogen Cunningham	37¢	June 13, 2002
Distinguished Americans: Edna Ferber, Author	83¢	July 29, 2002
Women in Journalism:		
Nellie Bly	37¢	September 14, 2002
Ida M. Tarbell	37¢	September 14, 2002
Ethel L. Payne	37¢	September 14, 2002
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
Mary Cassatt—Children Playing on the Beach	37¢	August 7, 2003
Mary Cassatt—On a Balcony	37¢	August 7, 2003
Mary Cassatt—Child in a Straw Hat	37¢	August 7, 2003
American Choreographers:		
Martha Graham	37¢	May 4, 2004
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
Civil Rights Pioneers:		
Mary Church Terrell and Mary White Ovington	42¢	February 21, 2009
Oswald Garrison Villard and Daisy Gatson Bates	42¢	February 21, 2009
Medgar Evers and Fannie Lou Hamer	42¢	February 21, 2009
Ella Baker and Ruby Hurley	42¢	February 21, 2009
Distinguished Americans: Mary Lasker	78¢	May 15, 2009
Black Heritage: Anna Julia Cooper	44¢	June 11, 2009
Early TV Memories:		
<i>I Love Lucy</i> (featuring Lucille Ball and Vivian Vance as Lucy and Ethel)	44¢	August 11, 2009
<i>The Dinah Shore Show</i> (featuring Dinah Shore)	44¢	August 11, 2009

<i>Kukla, Fran and Ollie</i> (featuring Fran Allison)	44¢	August 11, 2009
<i>Burns and Allen</i> (featuring Gracie Allen)	44¢	August 11, 2009
<i>Ozzie and Harriet</i> (featuring Harriet Nelson)	44¢	August 11, 2009
Katharine Hepburn	44¢	May 12, 2010
Kate Smith	44¢	May 27, 2010
Mother Teresa	44¢	September 5, 2010
Literary Arts: Julia de Burgos	44¢	September 14, 2010

Since 2011, all commemorative stamps for the First-Class Mail one-ounce rate have been Forever stamps, equal in value to the current First-Class Mail one-ounce price. The value given in parentheses was the price of the stamp when first issued.

Latin Music Legends:		
Carmen Miranda	(44¢)	March 16, 2011
Selena	(44¢)	March 16, 2011
Celia Cruz	(44¢)	March 16, 2011
Distinguished Americans: Oveta Culp Hobby	84¢	April 15, 2011
Helen Hayes	(44¢)	April 25, 2011
American Scientists: Maria Goeppert Mayer	(44¢)	June 16, 2011
Pioneers of American Industrial Design: Greta von Nessen	(44¢)	June 29, 2011
Black Heritage: Barbara Jordan	(44¢)	September 16, 2011
Twentieth-Century Poets:		
Elizabeth Bishop	(45¢)	April 21, 2012
Gwendolyn Brooks	(45¢)	April 21, 2012
Denise Levertov	(45¢)	April 21, 2012
Sylvia Plath	(45¢)	April 21, 2012
Edith Piaf	(45¢)	June 12, 2012
Innovative Choreographers:	(45¢)	July 28, 2012
Isadora Duncan		
Katherine Dunham	(45¢)	July 28, 2012
Lady Bird Johnson	(45¢)	November 30, 2012
Rosa Parks	(46¢)	February 4, 2013
Modern Art in America, 1913–1931: Georgia O'Keeffe	(46¢)	March 7, 2013
Music Icons: Lydia Mendoza	(46¢)	May 15, 2013
Black Heritage: Althea Gibson	(46¢)	August 23, 2013
Black Heritage: Shirley Chisholm	(49¢)	January 31, 2014
Music Icons: Janis Joplin	(49¢)	August 8, 2014

Celebrity Chefs:		
Julia Child	(49¢)	September 26, 2014
Edna Lewis	(49¢)	September 26, 2014
Joyce Chen	(49¢)	September 26, 2014
Maya Angelou	(49¢)	April 7, 2015
Literary Arts: Flannery O'Connor	(93¢)*	June 5, 2015
Legends of Hollywood: Ingrid Bergman	(49¢)	August 20, 2015
Music Icons: Sarah Vaughan	(49¢)	March 29, 2016
Legends of Hollywood: Shirley Temple	(47¢)	April 18, 2016
Black Heritage: Dorothy Height	(49¢)	February 1, 2017
Black Heritage: Lena Horne	(50¢)	January 30, 2018
Sally Ride	(50¢)	May 23, 2018
"Little Mo"	(55¢)	April 23, 2019
Black Heritage: Gwen Ifill	(55¢)	January 30, 2020
Voices of the Harlem Renaissance:		
Nella Larsen	(55¢)	May 21, 2020
Anne Spencer	(55¢)	May 21, 2020
Ruth Asawa (ten designs)	(55¢)	August 13, 2020
19 th Amendment: Women Vote	(55¢)	August 22, 2020
Chien-Shiung Wu	(55¢)	February 11, 2021
Literary Arts: Ursula K. Le Guin	(95¢)*	July 27, 2021
Black Heritage: Edmonia Lewis	(58¢)	January 26, 2022
Title IX (four designs)	(58¢)	March 3, 2022
Eugenie Clark	(58¢)	May 4, 2022
Women's Rowing (four designs)	(58¢)	May 13, 2022
Distinguished Americans: Katharine Graham	(78¢)**	June 14, 2022
Nancy Reagan	(58¢)	July 6, 2022
Women Cryptologists of World War II	(60¢)	October 18, 2022
Women's Soccer	(63¢)	February 16, 2023
Toni Morrison	(63¢)	March 7, 2023

* Three-ounce rate Forever stamp.

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