



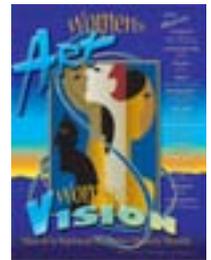
NEWSLETTER

March 2008

Women's Art Women's Vision 2008 Theme

Each year, March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of American women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces, and communities throughout the country. The stories of women's historic achievements present an expanded view of the complexity and contradiction of living a full and purposeful life.

The knowledge of women's history provides a more expansive vision of what a woman can do. This perspective can encourage girls and women to think larger and bolder and can give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience.



For more information
visit the web page:
www.nwhp.org

****Firsts in Women's Achievement****

- Ann Teresa Mathews** - First woman whose invention received a patent (for cleaning and curing corn) - it was granted to her husband - 1715
- Elizabeth Blackwell** - First woman to receive a medical degree - 1849
- Harriet Tubman** - First woman to run underground railroad to help slaves escape - 1850
- Susan B. Anthony** - Co-Founder of first US woman's suffrage organization - 1869
- Arabella Mansfield Babb** - First woman admitted to the bar - 1869
- Victoria Chaflin Woodhull** - First woman to be presidential candidate - 1872
- Clara Barton** - Founder of the American Red Cross - 1881
- Blanche Scott** - First woman to fly an airplane - 1910
- Jeannette Rankin** - First woman in Congress - 1917
- Florence E. Allen** - First woman judge - 1920
- Hallie Ferguson** - First woman governor of U. S. state (Texas) - 1924
- Jane Addams** - First woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize - 1931
- Amelia Earhart** - First woman to fly solo across the Atlantic Ocean - 1932
- Pearl S. Buck** - First woman to win a Nobel Prize for Literature - 1935
- Hattie McDaniel** - First African-American of any gender to win an Academy Award (she won for Best Supporting Actress in the film, *Gone with the Wind*) - 1939
- Madeleine K. Albright** - First woman Secretary of State and highest ranking woman in the U.S. government - 1997
- Hillary Rodham Clinton** - Only First Lady ever elected to the United States Senate - 2000
- Halle Berry** - First African-American woman to win a Best Actress Oscar - 2002
- Condoleezza Rice** - First African-American woman to be appointed Secretary of State - 2005
- Nancy Pelosi** - First woman to become Speaker of the House - 2007

READ MORE: <http://www.history.com/minisites/womenhist/>

Irish-American Heritage Month



Irish-American Heritage Month is a special month issued by Presidential proclamation created to honor the achievements of Irish immigrants and their descendants, living in the United States of America. March is the month of Irish-American Heritage Month.

Famous Irish Americans:

- **Henry Ford (1863-1947)** son of Irish immigrants, inventor of Model T and founder of automotive industry.
- **Howard Hughes (1905-1976)** U.S. aviator, pioneer and industrialist.
- **James Cagney (1904-1986)** legendary American films “tough guy”.
- **John Ford (1895-1973)** famed director and winner of four Oscars including “Grapes of Wrath”.
- **Jackie Gleason (1916-1987)** creator of the “Honeymooners” and famed comic entertainer.
- **Grace Kelly (1929-1982)** legendary film star and Princess of Monaco.
- **Margaret Mitchell (1900-1949)** author received Pulitzer Prize for “Gone with the Wind” a novel about an Irish immigrant family living in the South during the Civil War.
- **Walt Disney (1901-1966)** famed animator, studio owner and pioneer in the motion picture industry.
- **Elizabeth Cady Stanton, feminist and social reformer.**

****For further information go to: <http://www.irishamericanheritage.com/>****

AND THE OSCAR GOES TO...

Best Motion Picture

WINNER: "No Country for Old Men"

Performance By An Actor In A Leading Role

WINNER: Daniel Day-Lewis in "There Will Be Blood"

Performance By An Actress In A Leading Role

WINNER: Marion Cotillard in "La Vie en Rose"

Performance By An Actor In A Supporting Role

WINNER: Javier Bardem in "No Country for Old Men"

Performance By An Actress In A Supporting Role

WINNER: Tilda Swinton in "Michael Clayton"

Achievement In Directing

**WINNER: Joel Coen and Ethan Coen for
"No Country for Old Men"**

Adapted Screenplay

**WINNER: "No Country for Old Men"
by Joel Coen and Ethan Coen**

Original Screenplay

WINNER: "Juno" by Diablo Cody

Achievement In Music Written For Motion Pictures (Original Song)

**WINNER: Glen Hansard and Marketa Irglova for
"Falling Slowly" from "Once"**

Achievement In Music Written For Motion Pictures (Original Score)

WINNER: Dario Marianelli for "Atonement"

Achievement In Cinematography

WINNER: Robert Elswit for "There Will Be Blood"

Achievement In Film Editing

**WINNER: Christopher Rouse for
"The Bourne Ultimatum"**

Achievement In Costume Design

WINNER: Alexandra Byrne for "Elizabeth: The Golden Age"



Achievement In Art Direction

WINNER: Dante Ferretti and Francesca Lo Schiavo for "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street"

Best Animated Feature Film

WINNER: "Ratatouille"

Best Animated Short Film

WINNER: "Peter & the Wolf"

Best Live Action Short Film

WINNER: "Le Mozart des Pickpockets" (The Mozart of Pickpockets)

Best Documentary Feature

WINNER: "Taxi to the Dark Side"

Best Documentary Short Subject

WINNER: "Freeheld"

Best Foreign Language Film

WINNER: "The Counterfeiters" (Austria)

Achievement In Visual Effects

WINNER: Michael Fink, Bill Westenhofer, Ben Morris and Trevor Wood for "The Golden Compass"

Achievement In Makeup

WINNER: Didier Lavergne and Jan Archibald for "La Vie en Rose"

Achievement In Sound Editing

WINNER: Karen Baker Landers and Per Hallberg for "The Bourne Ultimatum"

Achievement In Sound Mixing

WINNER: Scott Millan, David Parker and Kirk Francis for "The Bourne Ultimatum"



More information about the Oscar night, nominations, winners...

[HTTP://WWW.ACADEMYAWARDS.COM/](http://www.academyawards.com/)

**AMERICAN CORNER BITOLA
MONTHLY PROGRAM – MARCH 2008**

Tuesday March 4th at 18:00 o'clock

English Conversation Hour *PLEASE SIGN IN TO ATTEND*

Wednesday March 5th at 14:00 o'clock

Presentation: Education Programs

Venue: Technical Faculty

Amy Storrow, Assistant Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Skopje

Gazmend Ilazi, Education Officer, U.S. Embassy Skopje

Peter Gorsevski, Visiting Fulbright Scholar

Tuesday March 11th at 18:00 o'clock

English Conversation Hour *PLEASE SIGN IN TO ATTEND*

Thursday March 13th at 18:00 o'clock

Presentation in honor of Women's History Month

“When Women Organize”

The Power of Woman's Social, Business and Political Movements”

Presented by US Peace Corps volunteers Tara Trepanier, Heather Tomlins and Miranda Carruth

Tuesday March 18th at 18:00 o'clock

English Conversation Hour *PLEASE SIGN IN TO ATTEND*

Thursday March 20th at 18:00 o'clock

Video Showing and discussion

“Inhuman Trafficking” produced by MTV Exit

Discussion lead by Miranda Carruth, US Peace Corps volunteer

Tuesday March 25th at 18:00 o'clock

English Conversation Hour *PLEASE SIGN IN TO ATTEND*

Thursday March 28th at 13:00 o'clock **Outreach program in Struga* Needs confirmed***

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Saturday March 29th at 13:00 o'clock

Children Storytelling Hour * PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD IN TO ATTEND*

Highlights from February Programs

On February 9th The American Corner Bitola organized the workshop “**Child Development Games**” together with Peace Corps volunteers Lotus Yu, Miranda Carruth and Patrice Koerper. 10 parents together with their children took this opportunity to learn of activities that support a child’s development as well as strengthening the bond between the parent and child. Following a brief introduction the group was divided and then rotated at the different work stations that were set up with the various activities such as homemade clay figures, origami, and memory card games. The parents together with their children all enjoyed working together and learning new ways to be creative.





Presidents Day was celebrated at the American Corner Bitola on February 19th with six 3rd year high school students who took part in a **Presidents Day Quiz** to test their knowledge. Following a short introduction to the American Corner the students were provided a 10 question quiz to complete using the various resources at the AC. The students enjoyed exploring through the books and the internet in search of the answers. Prize packages were provided for all participants with various brochures, USA map and the 1st prize received a book. The students’ English teacher also attended with his students.

Highlights from February Programs



American Corner Bitola hosted 16 children from the private language school Big Ben on February 4th for a session of **Children Storytelling** facilitated by Tara Trepanier, US Peace Corps Volunteer. The theme of this hour was Valentine's Day where three stories were read emphasizing the love for your parents, your siblings and your friends. The children enjoyed Tara's fantastic storytelling skills and were interactive with her during the hour practicing their English language skills. A craft time was organized where the children made their own Valentines to give to someone special. Also Valentine word searches were handed out to the children to complete at home. Refreshments and snacks were provided.

African American History Month was honored by the American Corner Bitola on February 21st by holding the presentation **"Talkin and Testifyin: The Language of Black America"** presented by Peter Neisuler, U.S. Embassy Skopje Officer. At 12:30 the presentation took place in Prilep at the Faculty of Economics, where 35 university and high school students came to hear about this "vernacular" language that has become a part of everyday English. Mr. Neisuler successfully integrated the audience into the talk and the students asked several interesting questions. Before the presentation the American Corner and EducationUSA center were briefly promoted and several materials were available for the students afterwards. Later that evening at 6:00 pm the same presentation took place at the American Corner Bitola where 33 people attended, which was a wide range from high school students to adult AC members. The presentation proved very interesting and led to an interactive discussion.



English Conversation Hour - Every Tuesday!!

Expand your vocabulary!



Meet new people!

Run by
US Peace Corps
volunteers!!

