

## American Corner Skopje Newsletter



**June** is the sixth month of the year in the Gregorian calendar, with a length of 30 days. The month is named after the Roman goddess **Juno**, wife of Jupiter.

June in the Northern Hemisphere is the seasonal equivalent to December in the Southern Hemisphere and vice versa.

The month of June—in the Northern Hemisphere—is in Spring until the **21st, when Summer begins**. The traditional June birthstone is the **pearl**. The June birth flower is the **rose**, or the honeysuckle, as roses and honeysuckles bloom throughout June. **June is also sometimes called the "Rose month."**

**June is known for the large amount of marriages that occur over the course of the month.** This large quantity of marriages can be attributed to the Goddess that June is named after, Juno or Hera. Juno is the protecting goddess of marriage and a married couple's household, so it is considered good luck to be married in this month.

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/June>



## Prepare for the summer: June 21st!



# June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – FLAG DAY



In the United States, **Flag Day** is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

Flag Day is not an official federal holiday, though on June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first (and only) U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday.

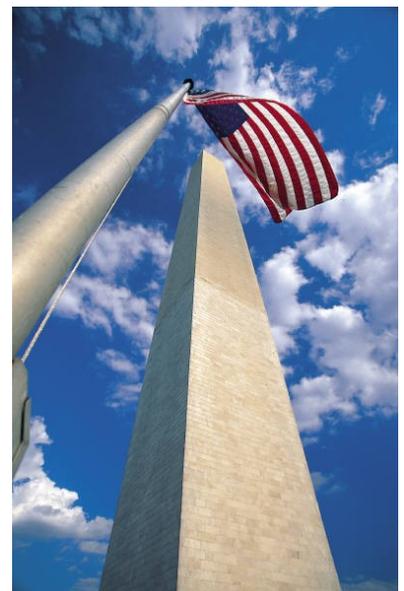


## How to observe Flag Day

The week of June 14 is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that week. The flag should also be displayed on all Government buildings. Some organizations hold parades and events in celebration of America's national flag and everything it represents.



The National Flag Day Foundation holds an annual observance for Flag Day on the second Sunday in June. The program includes a ceremonial raising of the flag, recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, singing of the National Anthem (The Star-spangled Banner), a parade and more.

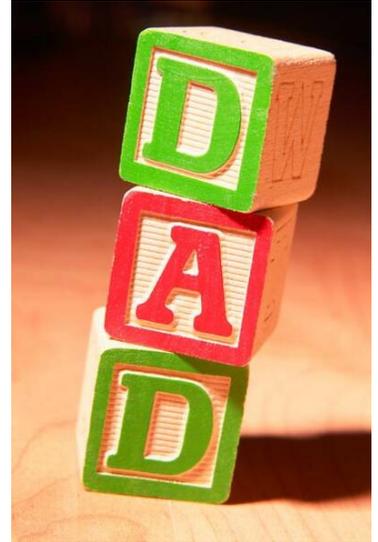


# June 15<sup>th</sup> is **Father's Day!**

The Father's Day is a day of commemoration and celebration of Dad –the special man in our life. We often forget the sacrifice of our fathers and the roles they have played in shaping our lives. Father's Day gives us the opportunity to show and express our love and care to this man, who deserves our support most. Father's Day is the most appropriate platform to make us look beyond 'our own' family and honor the man who brought us joy and happiness. Father's Day is a day to honor not only your father, but all men who have acted as a father figure in your life – whether as Stepfathers, Uncles, Grandfathers, or "Big Brothers."

The word 'Father' is often used to honor spiritual leaders, inventors and originator of an idea, product, service or person. It is so, that fathers have always been associated with guidance and protection, as the person who can be loved, respected and looked up to. Let's use the Father's Day to let these special men know what place they have in our lives and what influence they have on us. The Father's Day will be celebrated on 15th June 2007 and don't forget to make this day special day more special!

Father's Day is a time of burnt toast and breakfast in bed, family gatherings, and crayon scribbled "I Love You Dad" and, of course, that lovely new tie!



## Famous Quotes On Fathers

- **By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.- Charles Wadsworth**
- **I cannot think of any need in childhood as strong as the need for a father's protection.- Sigmund Freud**
- **The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get. - Tim Russert**
  - **I watched a small man with thick calluses on both hands work fifteen and sixteen hours a day. I saw him once literally bleed from the bottoms of his feet, a man who came here uneducated, alone, unable to speak the language, who taught me all I needed to know about faith and hard work by the simple eloquence of his example.- Mario Cuomo**
  - **Sometimes the poorest man leaves his children the richest inheritance.- Ruth E. Renkel**
- **To be a successful father . . . there's one absolute rule: when you have a kid, don't look at it for the first two years.- Ernest Hemingway**
- **A man knows when he is growing old because he begins to look like his father.- Gabriel García Márquez**
- **It is a wise father that knows his own child.- William Shakespeare**
  - **All fathers are invisible in daytime; daytime is ruled by mothers and fathers come out at night. Darkness brings home fathers, with their real, unspeakable power. There is more to fathers than meets the eye.- Margaret Atwood**

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<http://www.loveyoufather.com/>

# What's new at the American Corner Skopje?

## Announcement

### 2008 Summer Creative Writing Workshop: The Art of Words

***"Everyone has a personal story to tell. The Summer Creative Writing Workshops provide opportunities for storytelling and the skills needed to do it well."***

The U.S. Embassy announces with pleasure that, in partnership with [Writers in the Schools of Houston, Texas](#) and the Cultural Envoy program of the Educational and Cultural Affairs Bureau at the Department of State, our three **American Corners** will have a writer-in-residence this summer to teach creative writing classes to children and teenagers.

The four-day Summer Creative Writing Workshops offer a supportive environment where children engage in writing stories, poetry, essays, and plays, as well as simply reading for pleasure. Through these activities even the most hesitant child discovers the joy in writing, the intrigue of language, and the confidence of authorship. Students will work with **Merrilee Cunningham**, an accomplished poet, university professor, and experienced creative writing teacher from Houston, Texas, as well with a local counterpart. Low teacher-student ratios will ensure sufficient individual attention. Enrollment will be limited to twelve students per class.

All participants will receive a certificate from the U.S. Embassy after successfully completing the workshop. **Tuition is free**

### Eligibility

The 2008 Summer Creative Writing Workshop is open to all primary and secondary school students. The selection will be made on first come first serve basis.

### Locations:

The 2008 Short Summer Creative Writing Workshop will be offered at three locations in Macedonia: The American Corners in Skopje, Tetovo, and Bitola.

### Groups

There will be two groups of students: **Group A** is for students from **ages 7-10**; **Group B** is for students from **ages 11-14**. Each group will accommodate 12 students. Basic English is required, although students will be writing primarily in their native language.

Classes will take place according to the following schedule:

**American Corner Skopje:** June 19, 20, 21, 23

Group A: 10:00 – 12:00

Group B: 13:00 – 15:00

### Application Deadline:

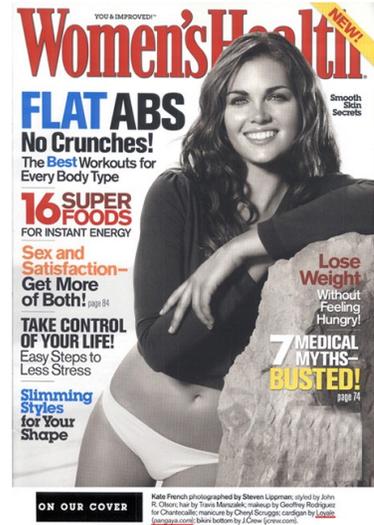
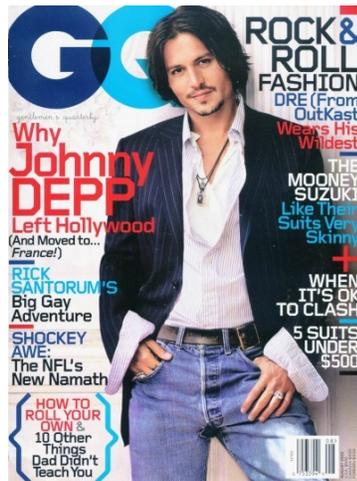
You can find the application online at <http://macedonia.usembassy.gov>.

Please send (e-mail) your applications not later than **June 10th** to

American Corner Skopje a-Mail: [acskopje@americancornerskopje.com.mk](mailto:acskopje@americancornerskopje.com.mk)

**Your acceptance in the program will be notified via e-mail not later than June 15<sup>th</sup>.**

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