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March Is American Red Cross Month

In March 1998 we celebrate the 55th Red Cross Month. Presidential Proclamations of Red Cross Month or American Red Cross month began in 1943.

Its services are well known, but we should recognize again their aid to disaster victims and prisoners of war along with less well-known programs such as water safety.

The International Red Cross arose out of work by Jean-Henri Dunant, a Swiss humanitarian who organized emergency aid services for Austrian and French wounded at the Battle of Solferino in 1859. The Geneva Convention of 1864 was an agreement by governments in Europe that committed governments to care for the wounded of war, whether enemy or friend.

The American Red Cross was founded by Clara Barton, "the angel of the battlefield" during the Civil War. She formed an agency to secure and distribute supplies for the relief of wounded soldiers.

In 1864, Abraham Lincoln asked Barton to set up a bureau of records to aid in the search of missing soldiers.

On a trip to Europe, Barton became associated with the International Red Cross, and in 1881 she established the American National Red Cross, of which she was president for many years. In 1884, she was instrumental in the signing of the Geneva Convention agreement by the U.S.

Barton was also the author of the amendment to the constitution of the Red Cross which provides that the society shall distribute relief not only in war but also in times of such calamities as famines, floods, earthquakes, cyclones and pestilence.

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- The International Working Women's Day- & **Much More!**

March Events

- 1-31 American Red Cross Month
- 2 World Day of Prayer
- 3 Lunar Eclipse
- 6 Peace Corps Day
- 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins
- 17 Saint Patrick's Day
- 20 The first day of spring

International Working Women's Day

It is unusual that a holiday that originated in one country is celebrated widely elsewhere, but not in the place it originated.

That is the case with International Working Women's Day. The observance to honor working women is said to have originated with the 1857 march by female garment and textile workers in New York.

It was proclaimed at an international conference of women held in Helsinki, Finland, in 1910, that, "henceforth March 8 should be declared International Working Women's Day." The 50th anniversary observance held at Peking, China in 1960 cited the American Clara Zetkin as "the initiator of the March 8 Women's Day."

This may be the most widely observed holiday of recent origin and is a national holiday in Russia and the People's Republic of China, where flowers or gifts are presented to women workers.

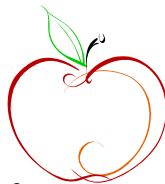
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The man Who Planted Sweet Fruit In Early America



Over two hundred and twenty-five years after his birth, we remember John Chapman.

The legendary "Johnny Appleseed," missionary nurseryman of the American frontier, helped prepare the way for 19th century pioneers by planting apple trees throughout the Middle West. He was, however, a dedicated professional nurseryman who expected to make a profit from his seedlings some time in the future.

Around 1800 Chapman started collecting apple seeds from cider presses in western Pennsylvania. He soon began his long trek westward, planting a series of apple nurseries from the Alleghenies to central Ohio and beyond. From then on he sold or gave away thousands of seedlings to pioneers. Their acres of productive apple orchards became a living memorial to John Chapman's missionary zeal.

His distinctive characteristics combined to create the Johnny Appleseed myth of a primitive natural man, cheerful, generous, and at home in the wilderness. It was said he communicated with animals, and was devoted to the Bible. He was at harmony with the Indians and had vast knowledge of medicinal herbs.

Indeed Chapman did look like a mountain man. Though he was the owner of 1,200 acres of planted land, in the wilderness he let his flowing hair grow long, wore tattered pants and often went barefoot. Not surprisingly, he died of exposure in 1845 near Fort Wayne, Ind.

Descendents of Chapman's original apple tree plantings still exist.

Memories Children Will Treasure

When it comes to building great, lifelong memories for children, you can forget the fancy vacations.

It's the little things that appear to stay with kids and give them their most treasured memories. One-to-one experiences they had with you, often experiences you don't even remember, will stay with them when they are grown.

In 1996, Christina Looper Baker and her daughter Christina Baker Kline wrote *The Conversation Begins*, a collection of essays by prominent mothers and their daughters. Oddly, several mother-daughter pairs dropped out, partly because of differences in memories.

What kinds of childhood memories do adults treasure? One woman cherished Sunday-morning walks to the bakery with her dad when she was four years old.

A man said the best meal of his life was cut-up sausage links fed to him by his mother when his eyes were swollen shut by poison ivy.

A daughter said her mother, a teacher, worked in the evening at the dining-room table to stay connected with her kids. It made her daughter feel content and secure.

The memories cherished most had some common threads:

- * They were one-to-one experiences with a parent, creating a bond.

- * Timing was important, like replacing a lost baseball glove when it was needed most.

- * Often they were small incidents. No experience was too small to be memorable.

James Levine, head of the Fatherhood Project at the Families and Work Institute says parents may try to orchestrate kids' memories, giving them great trips and big gifts. But for kids, the extraordinary is in the ordinary. Small things and small acts of kindness and love were most remembered by the child, though often the parent had no recollection of the incident.

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"Arthur is so boring that what happened on our Vegas vacation didn't even stay there."

Letter Drop

In this game, letters in vertical columns drop down into the empty grid below. In the first column, for example, you have to place the E, S and P correctly in the three available spaces. Hint: The P goes in the first square. When you finish dropping each letter and placing it properly, you will read a quote.

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Prepare for spring gardening

The first day of spring may be too early to plant. But when you see the tips of flowers coming up, you can do this:

- * Uncover roses and remove protective mulch from around perennials, strawberries, and other plants.
- * Clean up flower beds and gardens.
- * Prune grapevines and remove damaged canes from raspberry plants.
- * Clean out birdhouses so they're ready when the birds come back.
- * Pick up sticks from the yard so you're ready to mow in April.
- * Plan early spring vegetables (peas, radishes, lettuce and spinach) by St. Patrick's Day, according to Irish legend. If there's snow on the ground, wait.
- * Start tomato plants inside now.
- * Buy vegetable and flower seeds.

You can tell it's going to be a rotten day when...

- Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.
- You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city.
- Your twin sister forgot your birthday.
- Your boss tells you not to bother taking your coat off.
- The bird singing outside your window is a buzzard.
- You call your answering service and they tell you it's none of your business.
- Your income tax check bounces.
- You put both contact lenses in the same eye.

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I especially liked the thorough report and the walk through with inspector so he could point out areas of concern. Dannielle E., Stevens Point