

# Palm Garden Post

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## Mother May I?



Sunday, May 13 is Mother's Day in the United States, Australia, and Canada. In Mexico, *Dia de las Madres* is Thursday, May 10. In France, *La Fête des Mères* is Sunday, May 27. After Christmas and Easter, Mother's Day is the

third-most celebrated holiday in the world, but the way mothers are honored differs from place to place.

In the United States, the most typical gift given to mom is a Mother's Day card and flowers. It may come as no surprise that the vast majority of Mother's Day cards—80% in fact—are not bought by men but by women. A mother's job is never done, it seems, not even on Mother's Day.

Mother's Day wasn't always celebrated by buying cards, flowers, chocolates, and jewelry. It was Anna Jarvis who fought to establish the national holiday. Jarvis was inspired largely by her own mother, who had organized "Mother's Day work clubs," where women would tend to soldiers wounded during the Civil War and tackle problems that led to infant mortality. Indeed, Jarvis proposed Mother's Day as a day to honor women like her mother, who had played greater political roles for the benefit of society. She was disgusted when her holiday turned into a commercial bonanza for those hawking flowers and candy. Jarvis spent her life fighting what Mother's Day had become.

In most countries these days, Mother's Day is celebrated by showering gifts and attention on mom. In Mexico, it is tradition on *Dia de las Madres* to serenade mom in the morning before church and then prepare dinner for her. France's *La Fête des Mères* originated as a way for the French government to honor the mothers of large families with a gold medal. It was a means to encourage French women to have more children and repopulate the country after World War I. By the 1950s, consumer appeal and a rising birth rate transformed the holiday into one more commercially aligned with the United States. And why not take one day out of the year to recognize their vital importance?

## May Birthdays

### Resident

Joe Starks 5/01  
Catherine Zanolou Zaphiri 5/11  
Carmen Coss Vazquez 5/17  
Latifa Berrada 5/17  
Elizabeth Currie 5/28  
Allene Valentine 5/29

### Staff

Sondra Burnside 5/02	Veronica Peacock 5/25
Fadiyah Khan 5/05	Assou Tchoukou 5/28
Ka'Desha Grant 5/09	Jalloh Mariama 5/31
Ikeya James 5/10	
Ashlee Williams 5/10	
Lynn Hector 5/15	
Margaret Stevens 5/17	
Abigail Awoniyi 5/17	
Virginia Braithwaite 5/17	
Debbie Simmons 5/20	
Matthew Beaty 5/22	
Sonia Fairweather 5/22	
Grace Davis 5/24	

## A Long Time Ago...



"May the Fourth be with you." So say the millions of *Star Wars* fans who will celebrate Intergalactic *Star Wars* Day on May 4.

What has made *Star Wars* one of the most beloved and successful film franchises in history? When it was released on May 25, 1977, it blew audiences away. In the middle of an era when dark and brooding films were all the rage, this space adventure with cutting-edge special effects, wild aliens, strange other worlds, funny banter, and an amazing musical score was a breath of fresh air. *Star Wars* creator George Lucas had mined both high- and low-brow sources for his space opera, paying homage to the filmmakers he had studied during his film school years. What grew out of that first film is a media empire as far-reaching as the evil Empire itself.



### Administrative Staff

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## Victoria, Victorious

Queen Victoria's rule over the United Kingdom was so strong that the time period under her monarchy became known as the Victorian Era. Her 63 years of rule lasted from 1837 to 1901, during which England greatly expanded its empire and became a world leader in both industry and economy. She also survived several assassination attempts and guided Britain through the Great Famine of 1845. Her most lasting contribution may have been establishing the monarchy as a mainstay of English culture. When Victoria ascended the throne at age 18, many believed that England should no longer be ruled by a king or queen. During her rule, Victoria so influenced British society that the monarchy became a permanent fixture. If you, like so many others, adore British royalty, then get ready for Victoria Day on May 22.

Victoria Day was established in Canada in 1845 as a means of unifying English and French Canadians. Both cultures understood and appreciated a monarchy, and loyalty to the queen was an important means for Canadians to distinguish themselves from the Americans to the south, who prided themselves on their revolution against a monarchy. The original date was May 24, the birthday of the queen. Other parts of England's vast Empire celebrated May 24 as Empire Day, but Canadians chose to honor Queen Victoria. She was, after all, Canada's "Mother of Confederation," the leader who urged Canadian unity and independence.

While the date of Victoria Day may have changed to the Monday nearest the queen's birthday, it is still a day to celebrate everything royal. Indeed, *anglophilia* seems to have reached an all-time high now that young royals Princes William and Harry are marrying and starting families of their own. Brits are even conquering the television with hit shows like *Downton Abbey*, *Victoria*, *The Great British Bake Off*, and *The Crown*. It's all enough to make you want to sing "God Save the Queen"!