

WOMEN INVENT! A SLIDE SHOW BASED ON *Women Invent! Two Centuries of Discoveries That Have Shaped Our World* by Susan Casey (Chicago Review Press, 1997, Distributed by IPG 800-888-4741 ISBN: 1-55652-317-3)

Timeline of an assortment of women inventors and their inventions:

Sybilla Masters – Method of grinding corn (noted in husband's English patent, 1715)
Mary Kies – first woman to gain a patent in the U.S., 1809, for “Straw Weaving with Silk or Thread (no number)
Margaret Knight – 1870, Paper bag folder machine (109,224)
Mary Evard – 1868, Improvement in broiling apparatus (76,314); 1868, Improvement in Cooking Stove, (76,315)
Harriet Irwin – 1869, 6 sided house (94,116)
Mary Potts – 1870, plaster filled iron with detachable handle (103, 501)
1876-Centennial Exposition - Philadelphia - 85 women inventors displayed work including:
Martha Coston – 1859, 1871, signal flares (115,935)
Jane Wells, Baby Jumper, 1872
Mary Nolan –1877, Building Blocks (186, 604)
Chicago World's Fair, 1893 – 335 women inventors displayed work including:
Josephine Cochran – 1886, Dishwasher (355, 139)
Harriet Strong – 1887, Dam and Reservoir Construction (374,378)
Anne Chilton – 1891, Horse Detacher And Brake For Carriages (456, 613)
Harriet Tracy- 1892, Safety Device For Elevators (470,960)
Amanda Jones – 1873, Canned fruit (139,580)
Carlotta Myers, 1885, Guiding Apparatus for hot hair balloons (318,575)
Mary Anderson – 1903, Windshield Wiper (743,801)
Lillian Russell – 1912, Dresser Trunk (1,014,853)
Anna Kellogg – 1900, Hair Drier (649,608)
Mae Connor – 1917, Egg beater/potato masher (1,214,010); 1917, Hay Handling Device (1,229,036)
Beulah Henry – 1925, Radio Doll (1,565,145) and other toys
*Madam Walker – Hair care products
Marjorie Joyner – 1928, Permanent Wave Machine (1,693,515)
Lydia O'Leary-1930, Covermark makeup
Gladys Geissman –1938, GloveConstruction (2,125,673)
Lillian Greneker – 1944, Destructible form (for rubber fuel tanks for planes and subs)(2,364,710)
Hedy Lamaar (Hedwig Keisler Markey) – 1942, Secret communication system (2,292,387)
Hazelle Rollins – 1938, Marionette Toy (2,113,839)
Maria Telkes – 1948, Solar Heated House/Solar Still for life rafts/Solar Ovens
Bertha Dlugi – Diapers for parakeets
Rosemarie Reid – 1945, Brassiere (2,373,855)
*Bette Graham – 1955, Liquid Paper
**Patsy Sherman – 1971, Scotchgard (3,574,791)
Gertrude Elion – 1954, drugs to fight childhood leukemia and other diseases (2,697,709 + 50 others)
**Elizabeth Hazen and Rachel Brown – 1957, Nystatin (2,797. 183)
**Helen Free – Self-test for Diabetes
**Stephanie Kwolek, 1966, Kevlar (bulletproof vests) (3,287,323)
Ann Moore – 1969, Infant Carrier (3,481,517)
Rose Totino – 1975, Frozen Pizza (4,551,337)
Andrea Tierney – The Bug House 3,272,376)
Barbara Thompson – Computer Toys
*Laura Robinson – Balderdash board game
Ellen Ochoa – Optical Scanner (4,949,389)
Sally Fox – Non-flammable naturally colored cotton
Grace Hopper – Cobol (computer language)
Susie Wee – 2000, Streaming Video

*did not gain patent

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