

**Subject:** Women's History Month: Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories

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As we celebrate Women's History Month, we should pause and consider the women who have helped us, who have influenced us, and who have taught us. For many of us, that would be our mothers or those who mothered us. My mother probably influenced me more than any other single person. And I have been invited by ASFC to tell my story at our student event March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Unfortunately, since Covid, we have become a nearly cashless society and the use of coins is even more rare. When was last time you had any "change"? However, as we consider notable women in history, we should not overlook the women who accompanied George Washington (on the quarter). The American Women quarters program commemorates the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment guaranteeing women the right to vote. The program recognizes women who made significant contributions to our country's history. A total of 20 designs on the reverse of the quarter from 2022 to 2025 are being released, five each year. Can you name or guess who might these notable women be? Some names are immediately recognizable, but many are not, and this will be a good way for us to inspect our quarters and learn more.

After solicitations from the public, the first five quarters in 2022 commemorated:

- Maya Angelou
- Sally Ride
- Wilma Mankiller
- Nina Otero-Warren
- Anna May Wong

The quarters in 2023 commemorate:

- Bessie Coleman
- Edith Kanaka'ole
- Eleanor Roosevelt
- Jovita Idar
- Maria Tailchief

In 2024, the following women will be recognized:

- Patsy Mink
- Mary Edwards Walker
- Pauli Murray
- Ztikala-Sa
- Celia Cruz

The women for the 2025 quarters have yet to be decided!

Here are the "answers," many of which you must already know:

- Maya Angelou – noted poet and activist; appeared at Foothill's Celebrity Forum series in 1994-95