

# Women's History Month

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## DID YOU KNOW

**Stephanie Kwolek** was an inventor and scientist who was one of the first women to work as a Research Chemist. During her career she invented Kevlar, which is five times stronger than steel and used in hundreds of products, including some tires. Tire manufacturers use Kevlar to help provide additional strength and protection from sidewall punctures.



**Mary Anderson** was the inventor of the first windshield wiper that could be operated from inside a vehicle. Mary patented her "window-cleaning device" in 1903, which consisted of a manual lever inside the vehicle that connected to a spring-loaded arm to clear the window. Her idea came from watching trolley drivers in New York City regularly stop to get out and clear their windshield.

Both of these talented women were inducted in the National Inventors Hall of Fame for their inventions; Stephanie Kwolek in 1995 and Mary Anderson in 2011.

## LEARN MORE

We encourage everyone to make a goal to learn more about Women's History Month. Visit the [Library of Congress Women's History Month website](#) for more information.