

## \$\$ Donations Welcome \$\$

Remembrance Day is the day we respect the men and women that went to war for us. It is the time we wear the poppy, but there is one thing I want to talk to you about today, and that would be the poppy.

The poppy is a red flower, with a small green centre. The poppy was first saw by Lieut-Col. John McCrae, the Canadian doctor who wrote the poem IN FLANDERS FIELDS, the scarlet poppy quickly became the symbol for soldiers who died in battle. Three years later an American, Moina Michael, was working in a New York City at the YMCA canteen when she started wearing a poppy in memory of the millions who died on the battlefield.

During a 1920 visit to the United States a French woman, Madame Guerin, learned of the custom. On her return to France she decided to use handmade poppies to raise money for the destitute children in war-torn areas of the country. In November 1921, the first poppies were distributed in Canada.

Did you know?

The poppy was an international symbol for those who died in war, also had international origins.

Until the date of 1996, the poppies that were distributed were made by disabled veterans. In 1997 the poppies were outsourced by a private company.

Starting in 2007 stickers of the poppies was produced for the elderly, children, and professionals in the workforce. This allowed ever one to wear a poppy safely, on a day of remembrance.

The poppy has never had a set price it only takes a donations.

Did you know that there is also a white poppy to? This poppy shows peace instead of remembering the soldiers. People did not would believe in wearing a red poppy would then wear the white poppy. In the 1930, 400 women lost their jobs for wearing a white poppy instead of a red. Then in 1986 royal British Prime Minister Margauet thatche expressed her deep distaste about the white poppy. As she said her speech "i can't wonder why people would want to wear a peace symbol in a time where we are respecting the dead. It makes no sense.

The Royal British Legion has no official opinion on the wearing of white poppies, stating that it "is a matter of choice, the Legion doesn't have a problem whether you wear a red one or a white one, both or none at all".

<http://www.calendar-updates.com/info/holidays/canada/remembrance.aspx>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Remembrance\\_Day#Canada\\_2](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Remembrance_Day#Canada_2)

<http://www.legion17.ca/poppy.htm>

Most of the information I got was from these websites.