

Miriam's Nature Calendar 2020



Photos by Miriam Garfinkle



January

"I don't know what I'll be when I grow up, but it will be me."

– Miriam (age 47) in December 2001

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Black-capped chickadee, Toronto, December 2014



February

*“Why do you have to test bombs? There really is no meaning to it.
I am sure that me and everybody else will appreciate it if you stopped testing.”*

– 8-year-old Miriam’s letter to President Kennedy & Premier Khrushchev

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March

"It's true that we want it all. We want proper accountability and democratic process. We want music, J.K., educational assistants, psychological support staff, decent classroom sizes, heat, light, textbooks and librarians. And we want it for all children of Ontario."

– Miriam, public letter to Minister of Education, 1997

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1 Zero Discrimination Day	2	3 World Wildlife Day	4	5	6	7 Maple syrup season under way																																																																																					
8 Daylight Savings Time begins International Women's Day	9  Full Moon/Supermoon (Worm Moon)	10	11	12	13	14																																																																																					
15 Migrating Tundra Swans gather near Aylmer & Pinery (mid-March–early April)	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 March Equinox 11:49 EDT	20	21 International Day of Forests																																																																																					
22 World Water Day	23	24 See Venus after sunset (look for bright planet in western sky)	25	26	27	28 Earth Hour																																																																																					
29 Spring Peepers & Wood Frogs start calling in late March	30	31 Start carrot seeds	 		February 2020 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td></tr> <tr><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td></tr> <tr><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td></tr> <tr><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	April 2020 <table border="1"> <thead> <tr><th>S</th><th>M</th><th>T</th><th>W</th><th>T</th><th>F</th><th>S</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30		
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Red-breasted Merganser, Toronto Island, March 2014



April

"My parents brought me up to be a humanist, to look beyond my own life-style and care about other people's problems."

– Miriam in an interview

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5	6	 FULL Full Moon/Supermoon (Pink Moon) Plant Brussels Sprouts seedlings. Miriam (mistakenly) called them "little cabbages from hell."	8	9	10	11																																																	
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		Workers Mourning Day for workers killed at work																																																					

Leopard Frogs, MacGregor Point, May 2018



May

“My own moral conscience as a human being allows me to do nothing less.”

– Miriam on speaking out against Israel’s oppression of Palestinians

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3 World Press Freedom Day	4 Time to plant corn	5 Karl Marx’s birthday (1818)	6	7 Full Moon/Supermoon (Flower Moon)	8	9 World Migratory Bird Day + Toronto Bird Celebration (May 9–24)																																										
10 Mother’s Day	11	12	13	14	15 Al Nakba Day	16 National Fiddling Day																																										
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Prothonotary Warbler, Rondeau, May 2018





July

"I certainly wouldn't want anybody making decisions about my health with the little sleep I had."

– Miriam on being a medical intern

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12	13	14 Jupiter big and bright all night. With binoculars, see four of its moons. Bastille Day	15	16	17 Fireflies tend to be most visible in mid-July	18 Canada Parks Day																																																	
19	20 See Saturn! With binoculars, see the rings and several moons.	21	22	23	24	25																																																	
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August

"If we don't hold on to a sense of community, what we are left with is, well, I hate to think. The teacher, the mother, my community – they are reminders of a world that still struggles to maintain decent values and a basic kindness between human beings."

– Miriam, 1995 letter to the *Toronto Star*

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Chipmunk, Brickworks, August 2013



September

"The rich are getting richer and the poor getting poorer and human rights are increasingly violated to maintain this. We don't need more and more studies to tell us about the consequences of this. We need to take action."

– Miriam, in a talk

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Killarney/Shebahonaning, Autumn 2013



October

*"Pumpkins are food! It is such a waste to use food for fun and then toss it!
It is so typical of our wasteful culture."*



– Miriam, every year around Hallowe'en. See her recipes at www.sources.com/Pumpkin.htm

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November

"I never thought in a hundred years that I would be learning to play hockey at age 42 or 43. But it's really added to my life," said Dr. Garfinkle. "When you get on the ice it's like floating and gliding. I like the idea of working together as a team and feeling part of the group and I enjoy learning the skills." – Family Practice magazine, 1997

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December

“All there is, is us. There is no one but us to do this.”
 – Miriam on our responsibility to work for a better world.

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Chinese watercolour painting by Miriam, 2017

Miriam Garfinkle Social Justice Fund

Friends of Miriam have come together to set up the Miriam Garfinkle Social Justice Fund, which will be officially launched in early 2020.

This fund is being established to honour Miriam's lifetime of work for social justice. Its mission is to support projects and initiatives that aim to change the world in large ways and small, with the ultimate goal of building a world based on justice and community where people live in harmony with the planet.

The Fund will prioritize grassroots initiatives, with emphasis on projects designed to raise awareness and stimulate organizing and action.

A variety of projects may be considered for funding, with particular emphasis on causes that Miriam worked for, such as:

- Ecosocialist environmental organizing/climate actions that challenge the logic of capitalism;
- Support for the struggle of the Palestinian people against occupation and for liberation;
- Workers' rights, including pay and working conditions;
- Indigenous rights, especially in relation to environmental issues and the impact of colonialism;
- Opposition to militarism;
- Grassroots democracy;
- Health care for all regardless of status;
- Preservation of natural areas;
- For public services, against privatization.



Miriam took her homemade sign to many demonstrations.

We welcome your donations to support the continuation of Miriam's work. We will shortly offer the ability to make donations online. In the meantime, you can send a cheque, made out to the Miriam Garfinkle Social Justice Fund, to:

Miriam Garfinkle Social Justice Fund
c/o Connexions, 401 Richmond Street West, Suite 410
Toronto ON M5G 3A8

Please note that the Fund is not a charity because it will support causes that are considered political – so your donation to the Fund will not be eligible for a charitable tax credit.

www.miriamgarfinklefund.org

Miriam's Nature Calendar 2020

Photos by Miriam Garfinkle

This calendar presents a selection of Miriam Garfinkle's nature photos. All the large photos (cover + the 12 months + the painting on the penultimate page) are by Miriam. The small photos of Miriam are by Ulli. Front cover: Baby raccoon in Miriam & Ulli's backyard, May 2017. The buttons on calendar pages are ones that Miriam wore.

Miriam took many photos. To see more of them, visit www.diemer.ca/Photos/MiriamsSelected1.html

Articles and letters by Miriam, and articles about Miriam and her many involvements, are at www.diemer.ca/Miriam/

The Moments with Miriam page, with many contributions from people who knew Miriam, is at www.diemer.ca/MiriamMoments.html

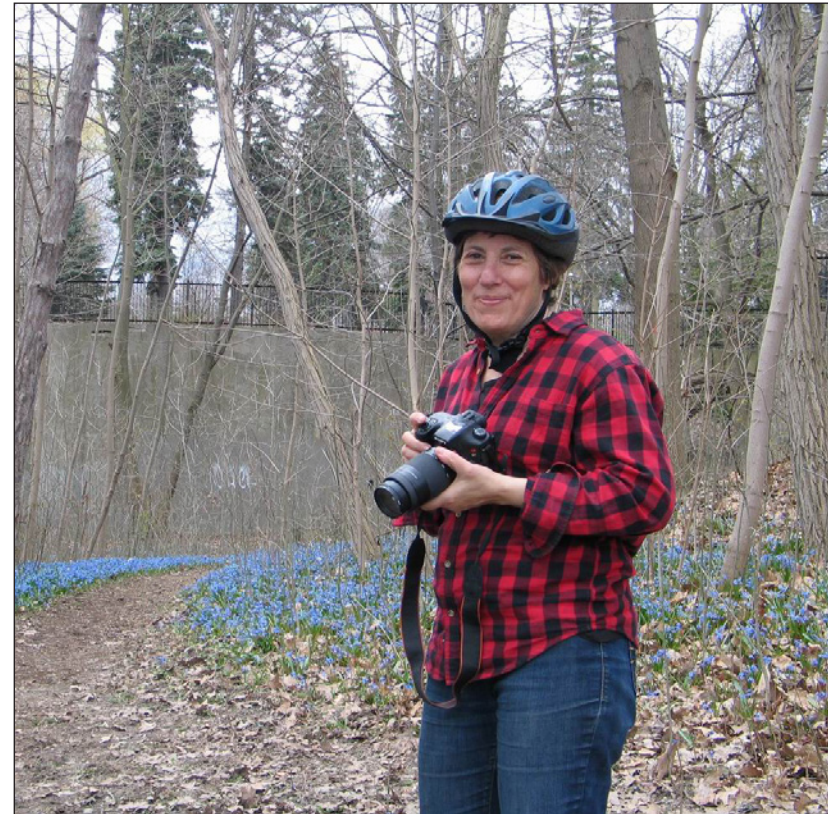
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A PDF of this calendar is at www.diemer.ca/Miriam/Calendar2020.pdf



Miriam taking photos in Rosedale Valley, May 2017 (photo by Ulli).

“Judging by the Globe and Mail coverage, it appears that breast cancer only strikes women who have six-figure incomes. This is not the case.

“Working-class women and women living in poverty also get breast cancer. These women also face the fear of dying, the worry of how to tell their children and difficult treatment decisions.

“Their concerns do not revolve around whether or not to wear a wig during their next television appearance. They are worried about feeding themselves and their children decently during the long ordeals of surgery and chemotherapy. They are challenged by often arduous daily trips to and from radiation appointments that some cannot actually manage. Too sick to work, they struggle to cope with the impact of loss of income on themselves and their families.

“Perhaps the Globe and Mail could tear itself away from the concerns of celebrities and devote a story to the realities that these women with breast cancer face.”

– Miriam, 2006 letter to the *Globe & Mail*