

LET ME COUNT THE DAYS...

If you saw 5/4/94 on an old bank statement, could you tell immediately which date was meant - April 5 or May 4 of 1994?

A lack of consistency in expressing dates and times in numbers continues to create misunderstanding and confusion. But this confusion is unnecessary. According to CSA's bilingual national standard, *All-Numeric Dates and Times*, there is a "right" - Canadian and internationally accepted - order to follow.

- ◆ The proper order is from the highest unit to the lowest (ie. year, month, day, hour, minute, second).
- ◆ Use four digits for the year, two digits for the month, and two digits for the day (ie. September 5, 1994 = 1994-09-05). A two-digit year is also acceptable, unless the year could be mistaken for a month or day. Starting with the year 2000, there definitely will be a risk of confusion:

2002-01-03 for January 3, 2002 will be easier to understand than 02-01-03!

- ◆ Use hyphens or spaces between year, month and day. The solidus or back-slash (/) should be reserved to indicate a range of dates (ie. September 1-5, 1994 = 1994-09-01/05).
- ◆ To express time, use the 24-hour clock. Follow the sequence of hour, minute (and second, if that degree of precision is required). Colons should be used between the two-digit numerals (ie. 5 minutes, 37 seconds past 2 p.m. = 14:05:37).
- ◆ For the instant of midnight, use 24:00:00, the end of one day, or 00:00:00, the beginning of the next day, according to circumstances. Note, however, that you should use 00 rather than 24 for times following midnight. For example, 15 minutes past midnight = 00:15:00. Fifteen minutes past noon = 12:15:00.



- ◆ To combine all-numeric dates and times, use a hyphen between them (ie. 15 minutes past midnight on January 3, 2002 = 2002-01-03-00:15:00).

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Centennial Prelude Quilt Show and Barbecue

When:

June 14, 1995, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Where:

Ontario Agricultural Museum, Milton

Why:

Quilts from across Ontario will be displayed in the Gambrel Barn at the Museum. These quilts are entries to the Centennial Quilt Competition organized by the Grey Bruce Area on behalf of the Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario, in honour of the 100th anniversary of the WI.

How:

If you are interested in attending this event, please make cheques in the appropriate amount payable to:

The Centennial Committee, FWIO

Box 29038

55 Wyndham St. N.

Guelph ON N1H 7T8

Ticket Cost:

Prior to April 1, 1995 = \$18 (includes tax)

After April 1, 1995 = \$20 (includes tax)

Deadline for Ticket Sales - May 15, 1995

Tickets include admission, Quilt Show, BBQ Lunch, souvenir mug, morning coffee break, entertainment and museum tours. Tickets are transferable, but not refundable.

Program

9:00 a.m.	Gate Opens
9:00-10:00 a.m.	Coffee Break - Demonstration Area
10:00 a.m.	Flag Raising, Welcome and Singing O'Canada - Administration Building
10:15 a.m.	Museum Tours Quilt Show - Gambrel Barn
12:00-2:00 p.m.	Barbecue Lunch - Demonstration Area First Sitting - 12 noon Second Sitting - 1:00 p.m.
2:30 p.m.	Unveiling Winning Quilt - Gambrel Barn FWIO President's Message Greetings from Dignitaries and Centennial Choir
3:00 p.m.	Presidents' Tea - Women's Institute Hall (for current Branch, District and Area Presidents)
4:00 p.m.	A Safe Journey Home

For more information about the Ontario Agricultural Museum, write to P.O. Box 38, Milton, Ontario, L9T 2Y3, (416)878-8151.

