On This Date

1784 – King George III partitioned Nova Scotia to create the province of New Brunswick.

1812 – The United States issued a declaration of war on Great Britain—and so began the War of 1812. The stalemate is scarcely remembered in Britain because it was overshadowed by the far larger conflict against Napoleon Bonaparte.

1892 – Macadamia nuts were first commercially planted in Hawaii. The nut is native to Australia.

1940 – While the Battle of France was raging, the French cruiser Émile Bertin arrived in Canada with $305 million in gold from the Bank of France, keeping both the gold and cruiser out of Nazi hands.

Quote of the Day

“None of us suddenly becomes something overnight. The preparations have been in the making for a lifetime.”

~ Gail Godwin

Happy Birthday!

Gail Godwin, born in 1937, is a best-selling American author who grew up in Asheville, North Carolina. The three-time National Book Award nominee is known for realistic fiction. After earning a degree in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Godwin worked as a reporter for The Miami Herald and then lived in Europe for six years before returning to the U.S. to study writing. Her most acclaimed works include A Mother and Two Daughters, A Southern Family, and Flora.

Nutty Trivia

Macadamia nuts are often used by law enforcement to simulate crack cocaine in drug stings. When chopped, the nuts resemble crack cocaine in color.