Women’s Suffrage Centennial Update

Exciting Plans for the Week of August 23-30, 2020

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Centennial Events Challenge and Change America

One might easily spend the week of August 23-30 in front of a screen of some sort that allows you to enjoy the unprecedented number of women’s suffrage-oriented events, videos, unveilings, tours, concerts, shows and more. That’s unless you can’t be part of one yourself. Events you can’t see can often be viewed afterwards.

This is a time of widespread – and widely accessible – celebration honoring the many diverse women and men in every state and on the national stage who devoted themselves to winning women’s political rights.

Commemorations will continue throughout this year with many new events and online attractions after August 26. Many groups have rescheduled events for 2021. Here we highlight the host of events around Equality Day that herald the long-overdue acceptance of multicultural American women into the larger story of our country. Suffrage is now a permanent part of our history, one that we will recognize and celebrate into the future.

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Suffrage Centennial Events for August 23-30

Sunday, August 23

9 - 5 Eastern

2 - 3:30 Mountain
Arizona Celebrates the 19th Amendment, Special virtual celebration featuring music, art, speakers including Congresswoman Maxine Waters and Martha Burk and a chance to “meet the candidates,” http://azcelebrates19thamendment.com/

4 pm - 5:30 Eastern
The ERA Project Maureen Broy Papovich performs selections from her new song cycle written in honor of her grandmother’s work fighting for the Equal Rights Amendment, https://www.nps.gov/bepa/planyourvisit/calendar.htm

Monday, August 24

Children’s digital art exhibit launches, Building the Movement: America’s Youth Celebrate 100 Years of Women’s Suffrage, https://www.womensvote100.org/buildingthemovement

6 pm Central

ON THE COVER
Breaking the Bronze Ceiling Dedication of the monumental Stand sculpture by Barbara Grygutis in downtown Lexington, Kentucky, on August 19 is available online. This monumental artwork of five, 20-foot-tall aluminum silhouetted sculptures is the first public sculpture to honor historic women in the city. The sculptor praised suffragists “courage, will power and tenacity.” A public celebration will be announced at a future date, https://www.lexingtonky.gov/ BTBC, https://breakingthebronzeceiling.com/

August 24 - 28

Our Story: Portraits of Change, Ida B. Wells-Barnett Mosaic Art Installation (left), in the Main Hall of Union Station in Washington D.C., a 25 x 40 foot mosaic with thousands of archival suffrage photos, https://www.ourstory100.com/
Forward Into Light will bathe the National Archives and structures nationwide in purple, white and gold on August 26.

**Wednesday, August 26 Equality Day**

Noon - 1 Eastern

**Alice Paul: Winning Votes for Women** Virtual event features video premiere with Leslie Goddard as suffragist Alice Paul. Sponsored by Belmont Paul Women’s Equality National Monument. Video will be available for viewing for two weeks after premiere, [https://www.nps.gov/bepa/planyourvisit/calendar.htm](https://www.nps.gov/bepa/planyourvisit/calendar.htm)

After Dark

**Forward Into Light**

In honor of the centennial, civic and private buildings and landmarks such as state capitols, skyscrapers, bridges and City Halls across the country will be lit up in purple, white and gold. A few of the sites on the list include the Library of Congress, National Archives, the St. Louis Wheel, the Golden Gate and bridges in Tampa, Boston and Minnesota.

One effort, in relatively conservative Manhattan Beach (CA), promises not only lighting City Hall but also the Aquarium on the Pier, an optometrist, major restaurant, independent bookstore, jeweler, consignment shop and tourist shop as well. [https://www.womensvote100.org/forwardintolight](https://www.womensvote100.org/forwardintolight)

12 - 1:30 pm Eastern

**Toast to Tenacity** will include presentations and tributes in the shadow of Independence Hall. This live-streaming and prerecorded webcast from Vision2020 in Philadelphia...
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will include well-known speakers, musical performances and the ringing of the Women’s Justice Bell. There will be similar toasts in other cities. https://women100.org/

7:45 am Eastern
Monumental Women (above) Historic dedication of the first statue of real women in New York City’s Central Park – pioneer suffragists Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth and Susan B. Anthony – is to be broadcast early in the morning but will be available later, https://monumentalwomen.org/

10 am Eastern
Rhode Island is hosting a virtual centennial program originating at Alva Belmont’s Marble House. Guest speaker will be Lady Henrietta Spencer Churchill, joining virtually from England. Register at https://my.lwv.org/rhode-island/event/centennial-commemoration-19th-amendment

1 - 2:30 pm Eastern
The Centennial of Women’s Suffrage
Noted historians discuss the larger story of political innovation, protest, racial prejudice and historical context; the first of an online series by the WNDC Educational Foundation, the National Association of Colored Women’s Clubs and their partners, https://wndceducationalfoundation.org/

1 - 2:30 pm Eastern
The Centennial of Women’s Suffrage
info@womensmuseumca.org and we’ll post it for you! Post photos of yourself dressed in white, wearing a sash, holding a sign or "marching" wherever you are. Make a difference! https://www.womensmuseumca.org/suffrage-selfie

2 pm Eastern

8 - 9 pm Eastern
#FaceTheMusic4ERA, Songs of Unity & Action is a virtual concert and call to action spearheaded by ERA Minnesota featuring outstanding artists and speakers from across the country celebrating the Equal Rights Amendment, www.eramn.org

6 - 7 pm Eastern
The Fight for Women’s Suffrage: Looking Back, Marching Forward, a new video produced by the Massachusetts centennial
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group, will debut online, https://suffrage100ma.org /join-us-for-womens-equality-day-2020/

8 pm Eastern
Marching from Suffrage to Equality

8 pm Eastern
Inez Milholland - Forward Into Light and Into Light Special preview screening followed by a panel discussion with the filmmakers. Register in advance, https://www.womenshistory.org/light

4:30 - 7:30 pm Central
Nevertheless, We Progress, 100 Years of Women’s Rights is a high-energy video produced by Wisconsin’s Fox Valley 19th Amendment Centennial Coalition. The video is making its digital debut and features local voices sharing suffragist history, vibrant music and tips on how and why to vote, https://hervoicehervoteourvictory.com/events/lwv-appleton-womens-equality-day-celebration/

8 pm Central

7 pm Pacific
19th Amendment Grand Celebration, a special musical presentation by No Square Theatre in Laguna Beach, CA, https://www.nosquare.org/women-s-right-to-vote

9 pm Eastern
Women Take the Stage, a free, gala multi-ethnic concert and rally to honor the centennial and increase votes by and for women; musicians and activist icons include Gloria Steinem, Dolores Huerta, Lily Tomlin and Billy Jean King along with entertainers The Chicks, Indigo Girls, Kate Pierson, Sophia Ramos, Sweet Honey in the Rock and more, https://womentakethestage.org/
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A rendering of how Mount Rushmore will look with projections of suffragists Mabel Ping-Hua Lee beside Washington and Zitkala-Sa beside Lincoln during Look Up To Her.
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Friday, August 28

Noon

“Go to the limit on noise”

In her book *The Vote: Women’s Fierce Fight*, author Penny Coleman recounts the disappointment suffragists felt when their decades-long victory received so little official attention. Left with a feeling of “indignant disappointment,” suffrage leaders called for a clamorous nationwide celebration at noon on August 28, 1920.

"Every owner or custodian of a bell, whistle, horn, dishpan, dinner gong, bass drum or other noise-making instrument" was called upon "to go the limit on noise" in celebration of equal suffrage. In Bridgeport, Connecticut, "a tremendous din of factory whistles rent the air intermingled with the ringing of the church bells." There was a horn-honking automobile parade in Birmingham, Alabama, and supporters were encouraged “to wear small flags pinned upon their coats” in Albuquerque.

Today, many may want to recapture that excitement and to recreate that clamorous celebration on its centennial – a pause in the pandemic to remember and thank the indomitable women and their male allies from all backgrounds who won the fight to enfranchise women. And to resolve that we, too, will continue the fight to secure and protect the right to vote.


Social Media

Library of Congress Blog Counting Down with #19Suffrage Stories https://blogs.loc.gov/loc/category/womens-history/ Stories, virtual stickers, animate your posts! Follow these Instagram and Twitter accounts on social media to experience #19SuffrageStories: @LibraryCongress @Smithsonian @USNatArchives

Make suffrage history your own and share it with friends. Add ten new voting-inspired stickers, a suffrage sash or quotes to your posts. You can also find GIFs of all the stickers through GIPHY.

Come Clean in 2020 Pack of 12 handmade unscented clear glycerin bars of suffrage flag-colored soap $28 https://suffragettecity100.com/ Etsy

Here’s to the Women, Linda Allen’s wonderful album is now available as a video production, www.lindasongs.com/Suffrage.
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Become a Trailblazer: Uncovering the Whole Story of Women’s Suffrage is an inspiring video that highlights the National Votes for Women Trail, which is uncovering women’s history sites across the United States. Activists in every state continue to add highway markers honoring suffragists and suffrage history. A detailed map shows what’s included. Explore how you can get involved.

https://ncwhs.org/votes-for-women-trail

XIX Centennial Bike Jerseys, designed by Tim Lane, great-great-nephew of Carrie Lane Chapman Catt, are being offered as a fundraiser for Carrie’s Girlhood Home Museum for $75. Send a check with gender and size to NNAS, 2379 Timber Avenue, Charles City, IA 50616. For credit card purchases visit www.carrielane.com

You’ve seen their pictures and heard their names, now put them in context

Winning the Vote
The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement

Hailed as the “Bible” of the suffrage movement with 75 profiles and extensive coverage of the state campaigns

By Robert P. J. Cooney, Jr.
In collaboration with the National Women’s History Alliance

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Events After August

These listings just hint at the variety of events in the coming months and year. Check the state calendars.

Friday, October 2

10 am - 5 pm
When Women Lost the Vote: A Revolutionary Story, 1776 – 1807, exhibit opens at the Museum of the American Revolution, https://www.amrevmuseum.org/exhibits/special-exhibits/when-women-lost-vote-revolutionary-story

Friday & Saturday, October 16 & 17

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8 - 7
SHE Leads Road Rally
On this road trip from America’s Birthplace to the Birthplace of Women’s Rights, women driving race cars and vintage automobiles will lead a motorcade from Philadelphia to Seneca Falls. Follow online and retrace this early path to women’s empowerment, https://drexel.edu/vision2020/events/calendar/

Sunday, November 1

The Suffering For Suffrage Race is a virtual event that can be done in your neighborhood, on a professional track or even a treadmill. Five distances, walking or running option, no time limit. Challenge yourself to accomplish something difficult, just like the suffragists did. The event is 100% free and open to all. Hashtag #SufferingForSuffrage. https://suffragettecity100.com/marathon

Monday, March 22, 2021

5:30 - 9 pm
Celebrating Women
An entertaining evening featuring musical performances, celebrity guests and a tribute to American women trailblazers from Vision 2020 in Philadelphia, vision2020@drexel.edu

Available Now

A tremendous array of creative work is now available online, far more than what’s listed here.

Conversations
Women’s Fight for the Vote Centennial talk with author Elaine Weiss and Hillary Clinton https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YJ_fL9HjarI

And Nothing Less – Hosts Rosario Dawson and Retta’s podcast brings stories left out of our history books, https://www.womensvote100.org/andnothingless

The Magic Sash – This seven-part children’s podcast is a journey back in time hosted by gymnast Aly Raisman, https://www.womensvote100.org/themagicsash

Media


Major Newspapers
Check major newspapers for recent articles and features on the suffrage movement and the centennial, including the New York Times (and its In Her Words project), USA Today, the Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe and other sources.

There are wonderful items online if you search the state centennial sites, download list from https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/Centennial-Update-August-16-22.pdf.

She Votes! Lynn Sherr and Ellen Goodman co-host an eight-part audio documentary podcast on the suffrage movement, https://www.shevotespodcast.com/

Dramatic Performance

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Posters

Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence (above), the National Portrait Gallery’s popular exhibition, has issued a set of ten 18” x 24” thematic posters with an exhibition handbook and user guide. Posters can be freely downloaded, https://www.sites.si.edu/s/topic/0TO1Q000000cZgKAU/votes-for-women-a-portrait-of-persistence

Film and Video

War of the Roses, Women’s Fight for the Vote in Tennessee video, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4we0gWCcVw

Not for Ourselves Alone clips from suffrage historical documentary, https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/not-for-ourselves-alone/video

The 19th Amendment: A Woman’s Right to Vote Annenberg Center’s award-winning video, https://www.annebergpublicpolicycenter.org/19th-amendment-film-womens-right-vote/

Music

Suffragist Musical, discussion and two songs, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OgHdZpoepCc&feature=youtu.be

A Suffrage Centennial Playlist of 90 rousing songs assembled by singer Joyce Rouse, https://earthmama.org/her-story/

Song Suffragettes Follow this all-female singer-songwriter collective’s acoustic performances and videos, https://www.songsuffragettes.com/

The Battle for the Ballot, a world premier of composer Stacy Garrop’s 16-minute symphonic work commissioned by the Cabrillo Music Festival that features quotes from seven American suffragists, https://cabrillomusic.org/2020-season/rising-ii/rising-ii-video-52b/

Exhibits

Women: Waves of Change highlights women's stories from Naperville, Illinois.

Seat at the Table Multimedia content on 18 Pioneering Women, see exactly what visitors see on the exhibition’s touch screens. https://women100.org/seatatthetable/

A free Educator’s Guide is available, https://women100.org/education-guides/

Research

The Library of Congress holds the personal papers of suffragists Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mary Church Terrell, Carrie Chapman Catt, Anna E. Dickinson, Lucy Stone, Alice Stone Blackwell and others.

Suffrage: Women Fight for the Vote presents selections that allow you to explore the lives and stories of these determined leaders. https://crowd.loc.gov/topic/s/suffrage-women-fight-for-the-vote/

Photography

A Yellow Rose Project, cofounded by Meg Griffiths and Frances Jakubek, is a photographic collaboration of responses, reflections, and reactions to the 19th Amendment from over 100 women photographers across the United States. The goal is to provide a platform for image makers to gain a deeper understanding of American history and culture, https://ayellowroseproject.com/

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A Centennial Achievement

HerFlag
Honoring the 36 States that Ratified

Artist Marilyn Artus (far left) and a host of colleagues across the country created HerFlag (above), a vibrant flag with 36 stripes, one for each state that ratified the 19th Amendment by 1920. Marilyn organized the national project herself, raised the money, traveled extensively when she could, networked, recruited and co-created a unique work of art that reflects the dreams and realities of the 2020 suffrage centennial. Signed prints are available and support is welcome, https://www.herflag.com/.
Delightful Women’s History Performers/Speakers

The National Women’s History Alliance offers a list of dozens of women’s history performers, authors, musicians, actors, historic re-enactors, one-woman-shows, presenters, lecturers, artists, storytellers, historians, educators, entertainers, trailblazers and more at the NWHA Website under Performers/Speakers. Talented women and men, including those pictured, are fantastic resources who bring the past alive and educate as they entertain. https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/national/

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