



ALEXANDRIA CELEBRATES WOMEN

100 YEARS OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

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“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.”
- 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution



WELCOME to the June 2020 newsletter of Alexandria Celebrates Women (ACW) -- 100 Years of Women's Right to Vote.

We hope that you, your families and friends are well and safe during this time. **Most essential workers in the United States are women.** If you are experiencing changes in your routine – whether currently working from home or being asked to return to your workplace, you might be worrying about finances and quarantine fatigue. Additional worry about mental health and risk of exposure to COVID-19 are affecting most of us.

We salute those of you who work in essential industries, including cleaning services, grocery and drug stores, farmer's markets, transportation, federal, state and local government, active duty U.S. Military and Reserves, teaching, U.S. Post Office, and other delivery businesses. We thank the region's brave first responders and their equally brave families: medical personnel, firefighters, law enforcement, and City and County maintenance crews and volunteers.

We hope the *Herstory* and educational links that follow can serve as a part of a plan to encourage your child's enthusiasm for American history during this time.

Check out our column in this week's Alexandria Times! "Honoring Alexandria's Kate Waller Barrett" June 4, 2020 (Page 25).

THE BASICS

The **19th Amendment to the United States Constitution** (Amendment XIX – often referred to as the "Susan B. Anthony Amendment") granted American women the right to vote, a right known as women's suffrage. The Amendment prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex. When the Amendment was ratified August 18, 1920, it ended almost a century of protest. <https://www.history.com/topics/womens-history/19th-amendment-1>

HERSTORY

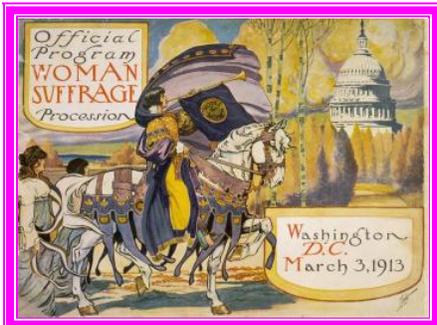


Image Courtesy Library of Congress

Attacks on Women Marchers – 1913 Washington, D.C.

Demonstrations have always been part of American History -- and sad to say so has violence. The violence directed at some of the recent equal rights marches and protests can be traced to many civil rights efforts of the past, including the women's suffrage movement in our country.

Violence erupted during the 1913 "Woman Suffrage Procession" in Washington, D.C., shortly after its peaceful start. A number of men who were in town for Woodrow Wilson's inauguration (the march for a women's right to vote was held the day before the new president's swearing in) had lined Pennsylvania Avenue. They began to physically attack the parade's participants. Law enforcement along the route did not control the crowd. More than 100 women were hospitalized as a result of the mayhem.

For More on our Nation's History of Civil Rights, Visit:

<https://www.saturdayeveningpost.com/2020/06/considering-history-civil-rights-racism-and-the-question-of-american-progress/>

The National Women’s History Museum (NWHM)reminds us of the free resources it offers on the NWHM website www.womenshistory.org! The virtual museum is open 24/7. NWHM resources include online exhibits, digital classroom resources, electronic field trips, and biographies.

The Virginia Museum of History & Culture’s “Share Your Story” is seeking to document the COVID-19 impact in the Commonwealth through your stories. <https://www.virginiahistory.org/node/2852?promo=821>

VOTING



Alexandria Office of Voter Registration and Elections (NEW)

To promote social distancing, the Office of Voter Registration and Elections is open by appointment only. voters are encouraged to request absentee ballots online and to register to vote online through the Virginia Department of Elections. For questions regarding registration, absentee voting or to request and appointment, email voters@alexandriava.gov, or call **703.746.4050**.

In-person absentee voting is available at the Voter Registration Office, for the **June 23 Republican Party Primary Election** for U.S. Senate. If a voter chooses to cast their absentee ballot in person, they will be asked to remain in their vehicle or outside the office and call the office at 703.746.4050 to begin the curbside absentee voting process. All polls for the June 23 Primary will *not* be open due to pandemic, however updated information will be posted on <https://www.alexandriava.gov/Elections> and updates including your polling place will be issued via U.S. Mail. All applications for the for June primary must be received in the Alexandria Voter Registration Office by 5 p.m. June 16, 2020. Applications can be complete online, mailed, faxed, or emailed.

For the **November 2020 Election**, registration is open online for absentee ballots. As of July 1, 2020, “no-excuse” absentee ballots will be available.

CANCELLATIONS, POSTPONEMENTS & ITEMS OF INTEREST

Women’s History Bike Ride

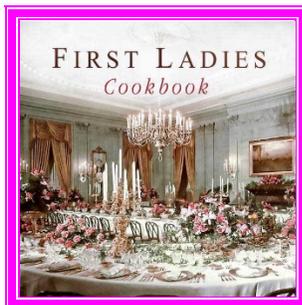


The **Women's History Bike Ride** for Alexandria has been **rescheduled for August 15, 2020**. More than 100 people had registered for this free family-friendly event, sponsored by the Alexandria Pedestrian Bicycle and Safety Committee, the Alexandria Spokeswomen and Alexandria Celebrates Women. We will send event details/changes as they become available.

National Girls Initiative

Through their advocacy, in 1898, The National Florence Crittenton Mission was established, known today as **National Crittenton**, with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

Alexandria's Kate Waller Barrett became president of the Mission. Its **National Girls Initiative** uses a collaborative approach to catalyzing system change for girls in, and at risk of entering, the juvenile justice system through the delivery of training and technical assistance—from webinars and customized state support, to toolkits and other resources. <https://nationalcrittenton.org/national-girls-initiative/>



First Ladies Cookbook!

The NWHM is offering **Cooking with the First Ladies** <https://shop.womenshistory.org/products/first-ladies-cook-book> The NWHM YouTube channel is also offering free cooking lessons using recipes from the book!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9RiaHI0acaM&t=5s&utm_medium=email&utm_source=nwhm&utm_content=3++Youtube+page&utm_campaign=NWHM_EM_EN_6MO_200529_1_1&source=NWHM_EM_EN_6MO_200529_1_1

CAREER

Fairygodboss offers a women's career community, expert career advice, job openings and company reviews to help you advance your career. <https://fairygodboss.com>



NEWS

- **Alexandria Times June 4, 2020 – Alexandria Celebrates Women “Honoring Alexandria’s Kate Waller Barrett”**https://alextimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/06_04_2020-Alex_Times_WEB.pdf
- **VOX June 3, 2020 – “Women candidates won big in June primaries”** The June 2 primaries were a major night for women candidates, so much so that in multiple House races in New Mexico, Indiana, and Iowa, voters will choose between two women candidates this fall. <https://www.vox.com/2020/6/3/21279148/women-candidates-june-primaries-new-mexico-iowa>

- **Reuters - Finland's PM says she hopes to give birth while in office** Finland's Prime Minister Sanna Marin, the world's youngest leader at 34, told a magazine she would like to have a child while in office, which would make her only the third elected head of government to give birth while in power in modern times. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/world/finland-s-pm-says-she-hopes-to-give-birth-while-in-office/ar-BB14ZC1m?ocid=anaheim-ntp-feeds>
- ***Boston Globe* May 17, 2020 -- Georgia Litwack, whose photography focused on accomplished women, dies at 98 of COVID-19 complications.** Mrs. Litwack, whose best-known work includes a more-than-two-decade-long project photographing leading women in the arts and sciences, died May 10 at her home in Falls of Cordingly Dam in Newton of complications from COVID-19. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/georgia-litwack-whose-photography-focused-on-accomplished-women-dies-at-98-of-covid-19-complications/ar-BB14dz2M?ocid=spartandhp>

NATIONAL KEY DATES:

1848: Seneca Falls Convention – National-level launch of the movement for women’s rights

Following the Convention, the demand for the vote became a centerpiece of the women’s rights movement. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott, along with Susan B. Anthony and other activists, raised public awareness and lobbied the government to grant voting rights to women.

August 18, 1920: Tennessee legislature ratifies 19th Amendment

Tennessee becomes the last of the necessary 36 states to secure ratification.

August 26, 1920: 19th Amendment officially certified by the U.S. Secretary of State

U.S. Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby **certified** the 19th Amendment and made the adoption of the Amendment official. Every year on this date, we celebrate ***Women’s Equality Day*** in commemoration.

VIRGINIA KEY DATES

November 27, 1909 - A group of women, including Ellen Glasgow, Mary Johnston, Kate Langley Boshier, Adèle Clark, Nora Houston, Kate Waller Barrett, and Lila Meade Valentine, found the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia.

1917-- Women suffragists force fed at the “Occoquan” Workhouse

November 23, 1917 -- Suffragist prisoners released from Workhouse to attend hearing in Federal Court in Alexandria, VA Judge ruled that women protesters had been unlawfully imprisoned at Workhouse

August 1920 - Virginia women gain the right to vote after the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution becomes law.

1924 - Kate Waller Barrett of Alexandria serves as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention.

February 21, 1952 - The Virginia General Assembly ratifies the Nineteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, thirty-two years after it became law.

RESOURCES

Virginia Museum of History and Culture <https://www.virginiahistory.org/what-you-can-see/story-virginia/explore-story-virginia/1876-1924/virginia-and-women's-suffrage>

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association <https://suffragistmemorial.org/suffragist-memorial-site-surroundings/>

Women's Suffrage Museum (Lucy Burns Museum) "From the White House to the Workhouse to the Franchise"
<https://workhousemuseums.org/history/importance-of-womens-suffrage/>

Encyclopedia Virginia "Woman Suffrage in Virginia"
https://www.encyclopediavirginia.org/Woman_Suffrage_in_Virginia

William & Mary (W&M) Women's Law Society "Women's Suffrage in Virginia"
<http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/wmws/womenssuffrageinvirginia>

League of Women Voters of Fairfax Area (LWVFA) <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/>

League of Women Voters Centennial <http://www.lwvna.org/Centennial.html>

The National Women's History Museum "Crusade for the Vote: Suffrage Resource Center"

www.crusadeforthevote.org/educational-resources

www.crusadeforthevote.org/partners

<https://www.womenshistory.org/womens-history/online-exhibits>

<https://www.womenshistory.org/exhibits/creating-female-political-culture>

Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission <https://www.womensvote100.org/about>

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Virginia History <https://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/wmws/womenssuffrageinvirginia>



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