



**ALEXANDRIA CELEBRATES
WOMEN
100 YEARS OF WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE**

MARCH 2020 NEWSLETTER

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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 official newsletter of Alexandria
Celebrates Women -- *100 Years of Women's Right to Vote. Happy Women's History Month!*



Please see information below for our *Women's History Bicycle Ride!*
FREE and Family-Friendly – Alexandria -- March 21!

We've launched Alexandria's efforts to commemorate this year's Centennial of Women's Suffrage and create a fitting homage to our City's unsung suffragist sisters. We eagerly anticipate your ideas, support and enthusiasm! We would like to know what you and your organizations need in order to commemorate this important anniversary!

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>

CALENDAR

Check the ACW Google Docs calendar for women's events and observances!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nyQyZhuvhwCG0IOOuTIBN1LI_wGPPjThzWJGvueRIDE/edit?ts=5d9376c9#gid=0



MARCH 3, 2020 VIRGINIA DEMOCRATIC PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY

For election-related inquiries, visit vote.virginia.gov Email: info@elections.virginia.gov Call: Virginia Department of Elections 800.552.9745

NEWS

Alexandria Times -- February 27, 2020 “**Lifting as We Climb’: A tale of African American women suffragists**” https://alextimes.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/02_27_2020-Alex_Times_WEB.pdf

Connection Newspapers – Feb. 21, 2020 “**The Other Alexandria: Black Women's Suffrage Movement and Mary E. Dorsey**” <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2020/feb/22/other-alexandria-black-womens-suffrage-movement-an/>

Associated Press -- Feb. 11, 2020 “**House approves plan to create US women's history museum**” <https://apnews.com/754772f75b671f45b8a1e65fceb480b>

MSNBC / Forbes – Feb. 27, 2020 “**50 over 50**” <https://www.msnbc.com/morning-joe/watch/announcing-the-launch-of-the-50-over-50-list-79527493928>

ITEMS OF INTEREST



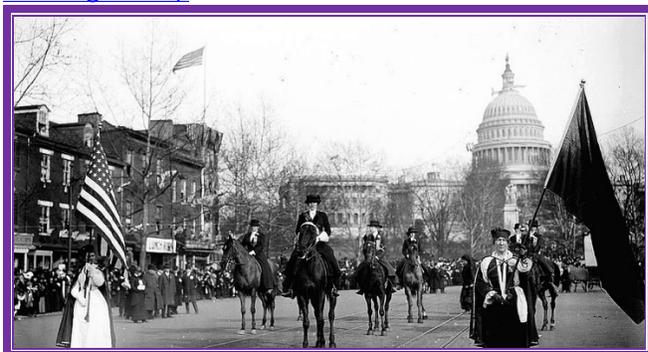
MARCH IS WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH!

<https://www.womenshistorymonth.gov>

MARCH 2020 -- NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM -- Exciting new events and programming for the month of March! Click on the link below for more information about the Museum's "Determined to Rise" traveling lecture series, for an event on International Women's Day, for a special salute to women in the military, and for the Summer Educator's Institute (specifically for K-12 educators) being held on Saturday, July 25, 2020. <https://www.womenshistory.org/>

MARCH 3 -- 107TH ANNIVERSARY WOMEN'S MARCH

Mark this important anniversary – the forerunner to all civil rights marches – by exploring the many Women's suffrage exhibits in Washington. <https://freetoursbyfoot.com/womens-history-month-in-washington-dc/>



March 3, 1913 Washington, D.C.

MARCH 5 – KYO GALLERY, ALEXANDRIA “Suffrage in the Arts”

As part of the city-wide focus for the 100th anniversary of the Women's Right to Vote and Virginia's recent passage of the Equal Rights Amendment, The Kyo Gallery presents "Suffrage in the Arts" March 5- August 30, 2020. The exhibit will feature works from Dawn Chandler, Ohana, Lori Rimmel, Susan Holloway, Kelly Mathews, Debra Wright, Hee Sook Kim, and many other artists. 111 S Patrick St.

MARCH 5 – ARLINGTON CENTRAL LIBRARY "Women's Work: Then & Now"

Visit this new exhibit in in the lobby at Central Library during Library operating hours March 5-April 2, 2020. Opening Reception and Author Talk with Liza Mundy, author of *Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II* Thursday March 5, 6:30 p.m. Arlington Central

Library, 1015 North Quincy. <https://library.arlingtonva.us/>

MARCH 8 -- VIRGINIA MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND CULTURE
“*Agents of Change: Female Activism in Virginia from Women’s Suffrage to Today.*” opening March 8
428 N Arthur Ashe Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia 23220, Tel. 804.340.1800
<https://www.virginiahistory.org/exhibitions/agents-change-female-activism-virginia-women’s-suffrage-today>



MARCH 8 -- INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY!

<https://www.internationalwomensday.com>

MARCH 14 – KATE WALLER BARRETT LIBRARY “ERA Explained”
Join Julia Tanner, ERA chair for the Arlington League of Women Voters and founder of the Virginia Equal Rights Coalition Saturday, March 14, 3 p.m.- 4 p.m. at Alexandria’s Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. Learn about the work that has been done to bring about ERA ratification, noting key leaders, messaging, imagery, and actions. Registration preferred. <https://alexlibraryva.org/event/3986155>

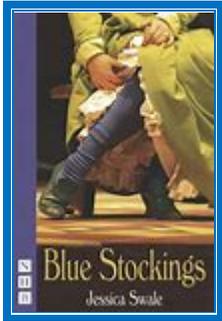


MARCH 21 – WOMEN’S HISTORY BICYCLE RIDE!

“Let me tell you what I think of bicycling. I think it has done more to emancipate women than anything else in the world.” – Susan B. Anthony

Celebrate Women's History Month by riding to sites associated with local women's history Saturday, **March 21, 2020, 1 p.m.** Proudly display your **purple, gold and white** (U.S. suffrage movement colors) and meet at Market Square, Old Town Alexandria to join us for all/part of the event! This **FREE** family-friendly ride is organized by **Alexandria's Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Alexandria Celebrates Women, and the Alexandria Spokeswomen.** *Rain date March 22.*

MARCH 21 -- KATE WALLER BARRETT LIBRARY “Espionage in the Civil War: The Contributions of Women in the Profession” This free program will be held Saturday, March 21, 2 p.m.- 3:30 p.m. at the Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library, *Second Floor.*



MAY 5 – FUNDRAISER* FOR OUR HISTORIC MARKER!

Alexandria Celebrates Women will host a special evening at the Little Theatre of Alexandria <http://thelittletheatre.com/tickets/> **Tuesday May 5, 2020**. The evening will be highlighted by a performance of “**Blue Stockings.**” The play follows the story of four young women fighting for education and self-determination against the larger backdrop of women’s suffrage written by director and writer, Jessica Swale. <https://www.dramaonlinelibrary.com/plays/blue-stockings-iid-153717>
***Funds will be used to purchase and install an historic marker on the site of the federal court that once stood in Alexandria – a hearing where imprisoned suffragists from the Occoquan Workhouse were brought.*

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.

September: Voter Registration Month

October: Voter Education Month

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"

<http://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 <http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/wmws/womenssuffrageinvirginia>

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