

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

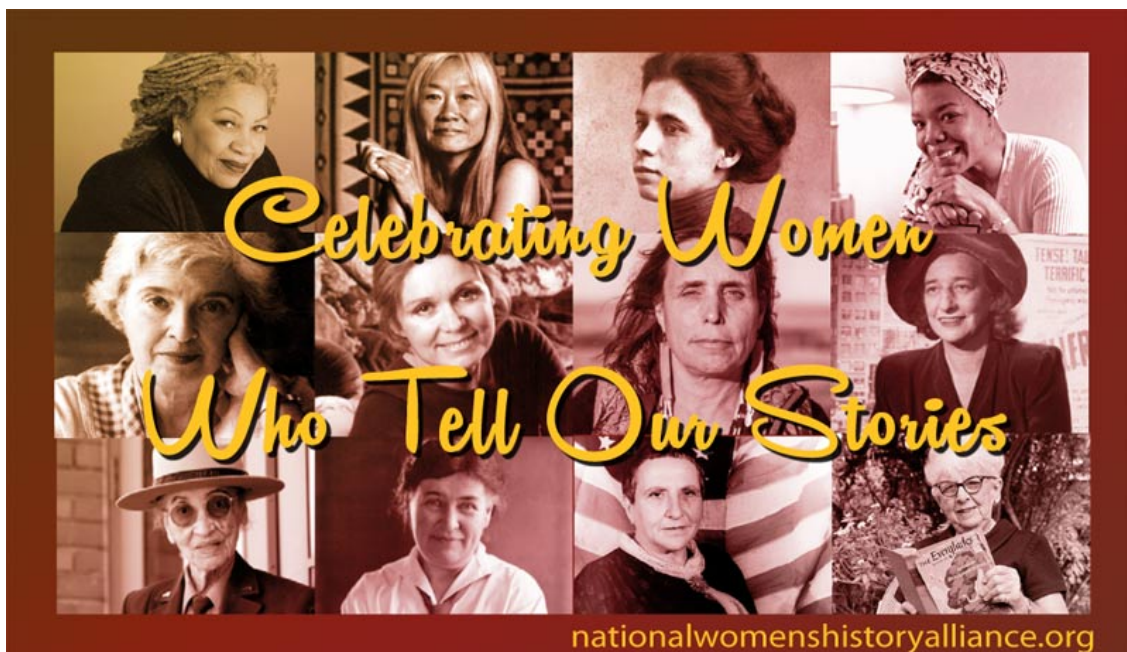


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2023 Women's History Theme

Read More at: <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/2023-theme/>



*Top: Toni Morrison, Maxine Hong Kingston, Jovita Idar, Maya Angelou
Middle: Gerda Lerner, Gloria Steinem, Winona La Duke, Lillian Hellman
Bottom: Betty Soskin, Willa Cather, Gertrude Stein, Marjory Stoneman Douglas*

The National Women's History Alliance, which spearheaded the movement for March being declared National Women's History Month, has announced the women's history theme for 2023, "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories."

Throughout 2023, the NWHA will encourage recognition of women, past and present, who have been active in all forms of media and storytelling including print, radio, TV, stage, screen, blogs, podcasts, and more. The timely theme honors women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art, pursuing truth, and reflecting the human condition decade after decade.

Please [DOWNLOAD HERE](#) a free copy of the logo for any of your promotional needs. The images we selected for the logo are used to depict this year's theme "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories. They were selected as a

Celebrating the Power of Black Women

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 @8pm EST

Join the National Women's History Alliance's Black Women's History Committee as we celebrate Black women making history and leaving a legacy for future generations.

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IN MEMORIAM

The success of the NWA has always depended on the generosity of our supporters. In 2022, two generous, fervent and active supporters passed. They have, however, left amazing legacies that include the fruits of teaching for decades, passing legislation, and establishing institutions, programs and organizations that will continue their work for justice, empowerment, and equality .



Arden Eversmeyer (1931- 2022) was relentless in her work to help validate, inspire and encourage member of the LGBTQ community to claim their own lives. Concerned that the life stories of lesbians, particularly those born in the early decades of the 20th century, were being lost as those women aged and passed away, Arden founded the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project in an effort to document and honor those life stories. The OLOHP celebrated its 24th Anniversary in 2022, having gathered the stories of

over 800 women. Arden personally interviewed over 200 "Old Lesbians" and co-edited two anthologies, *A Gift of Age* (2009) and *Without Apology* (2012).

Honored by the NWA in 2014 as a Woman of Courage and Commitment, Arden often said, "You don't have to climb Mount Everest to be interesting. Everyone has an amazing story". A virtual memorial will be held by the NWA for Arden Eversmeyer on April 4th, 2023.



Nan H. Johnson (1930 - 2022) was elected the first woman legislator from Monroe County, New York, after decades of community service. Later, when she became a political science and women's studies professor at the University of Rochester, her leadership led her to being named the founding director of the University's Susan B.

Anthony Center. Always an extraordinary model and mentor, Nan co-chaired a 1998 gathering of academics, policy makers and feminist activists, Forum 98, that recognized the 150th anniversary of the first women's rights convention in the U.S. In 2020, she was a driving force uniting scores of women to create a Rose Parade float that recognized, before millions internationally, the Centennial of American women winning the right to vote. The beautiful and award-winning Statue of Liberty float was a dream of Nan's come true. In her final years, she ended one of her last speeches with a quote from Susan B. Anthony, "Oh, if I could but live another century and see the fruition of all the work for women! There is so much yet to be done." A virtual memorial will be held by the NWA for Nan Johnson this summer with a date to be announced.

CELEBRATE THE MAGIC OF STORYTELLING WITH SONG, STORY TELLERS, PERFORMERS



Women's History comes alive with the help of talented Women's History Performers or Authors. Costumed Performers portray both famous and infamous women from our history with relish and panache. Authors or Presenters bring the unbridled enthusiasm that comes from years of research and writing about a specific

woman or women's history topic. Women's History comes alive with the help of talented performers or authors.

WHY HIRE A PERFORMER LINK:

<https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/performers-speakers/why-hire-performers/>

Application Now Open for American Women's History Initiative

Paid 2023 Because of Her Story Cohort Internship Program
June 12–August 4, 2023

Application open January 9—February 13, 2023

*** The application will close when the system receives 400 applicants or 9:00am EST on February 13, 2023, whichever comes first. Apply early!***

Contribute to a national effort to share a diversity of women's voices from the past and present through the Because of Her Story (BOHS) Cohort Internship Program. Interns will amplify women's stories to tell a more complete American history, reach a diverse audience, and empower and inspire people from all walks of life.

For program information and how to apply go **HERE**.

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



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February is Black History Month

The Reasons to Celebration Black History Month

[More Info>>](#)

Celebrate Black History Month & Black Women Firsts

[More Info>>](#)

Black History Month is an annual observance originating in the United States, where it is also known as African-American History Month. It has received official recognition from governments in the United States and Canada, and more recently has been observed in Ireland, and the United Kingdom.

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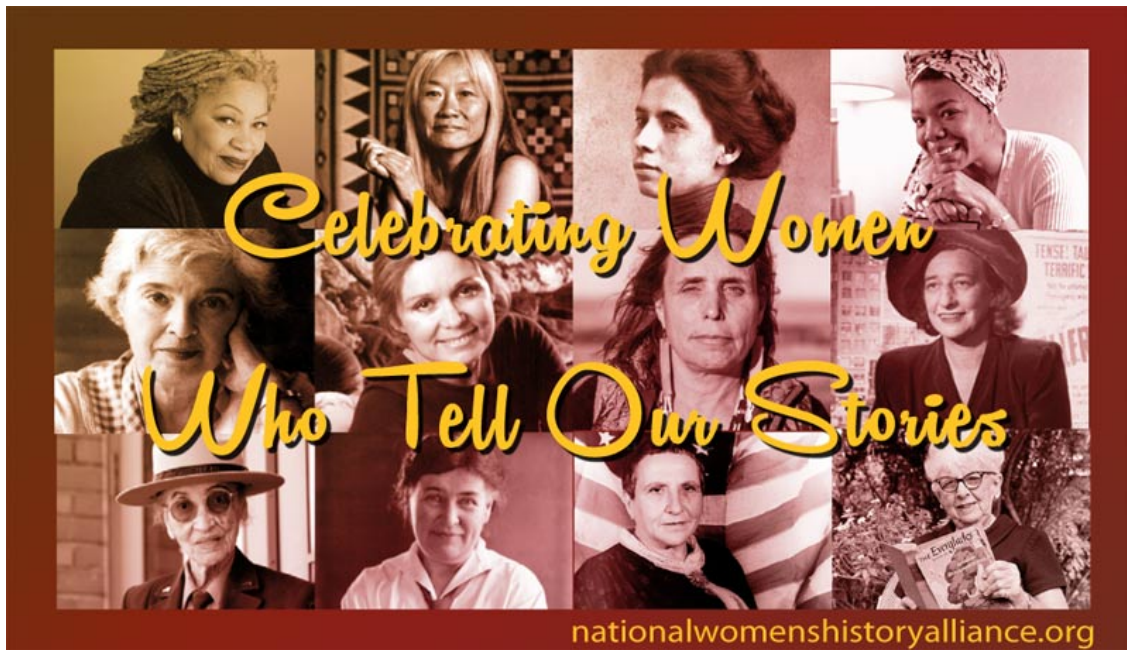


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Information about the 2023 Women's History Theme is available on our homepage. All 2023 Theme Items will be available on February 15, 2023

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APPLY TODAY

The Cokie Roberts Research Fund for Women's History will support one to three annual fellowships for early to mid-career historians, journalists, authors or graduate students who perform and publish new research for the



Recipients of the fellowship will perform original document research from the National Archives on women's history for a published article or essay appearing in a newspaper, magazine, website, book, or academic publication. If you have questions about the fellowship, contact

fellowship@archivesfoundation.org for details.

The application period for the Cokie Roberts Fellowship is November 1, 2022 – April 11, 2023.

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MARCH NEWSLETTER



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Happy National Women's History Month – March Newsletter

Mar 5, 2023

Happy National Women's History Month

Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories

The expansion of women's history events now includes hundreds of thousands of celebrations throughout the country from school sites to government agencies.

Congratulations to all of you who are definitely "Celebrating Women Who Tell Our Stories" This is one many examples of the important events recognizing women's stories.



The order link for above because the QR code is too small for scanning is: [HERE](#)

**Presidential Proclamation for
National Women's History Month**
[READ MORE HERE](#)



March Has 31 Days

The entire 2023 Women's History theme items ***“Celebrating Women Who Tell our Stores”*** are now available. We ship within 2-days. The time it will take for delivery will depend on the kind of postage you select. The good news is that March has 31 days, please place your order today.

ORDER TODAY

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APRIL NEWSLETTER



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Honor Someone Special on Mother's Day

Apr 5, 2023

Honor Someone Special on Mother's Day – Sunday May 14th with this beautiful hand addressed cardSend Request by May 8th

*The inscription in the card will read: **Mother's Day 2023***

In your honor and to recognize all the ways you have inspired me and so many others, I have made a contribution in your name to the National Women's History Alliance.

This donation serves to acknowledge the inspiration and courage you have exemplified in your life and ensures that the legacy of wonderful women like you, who have helped make this world a better place, will continue to be written into this nation's history.



Go to the store **HERE** for
the cards.

Click **HERE** for the History of Mother's Day.



Spring Cleaning and Archival Treasure Auction May 15th

If you have been doing some Spring Cleaning, please consider donating the treasure you discovered to our Spring Cleaning/ Archival Treasure/Auction.

Sharing your treasures with others helps make Spring cleaning a little easier and even more purposeful.

Our auction will begin on May 15th. Please send image(s) and description(s) of item(s) you would like to donate to **nwhp1980@gmail.com**

Congratulations to the National Park Service



At a time when books are being banned and the actual telling of our history is being challenged, the NWA would like to congratulate the National Park Service for their excellent work in telling the complex multicultural stories of our American History. It has been a long process with lots of research and feedback that they continue to use to expand the stories that their sites use to reflect authentic history.

One special example of their work is the follow-up sessions they provide to young people after they have visited Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument. Rangers provide a Junior Suffragist Activity Book. Complete the puzzles and other activities while exploring the museum exhibits. When you have finished, a ranger will talk with you about what you learned, administer the Junior Suffragist pledge, and present you with your Junior Suffragist badge!

Visit a National Park Site Monument this summer and have the opportunity to learn more about the American Experience.

https://maps.lib.utexas.edu/maps/national_parks.html



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MAY NEWSLETTER



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May is Asian – Pacific Islander American Heritage Month

May 5, 2023

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This montage includes some of the Asian- Pacific Islander American women we have honored for National Women's History Month. The date in parenthesis is the year that she was honored.

*Row 1 Karen Narasaki (2018), Tsuyako "Sox" Kitashima (1995),
Judy Yung,(2015), Queen Liliuokalani (1985, 1989), Tammy Duckworth,(2014)
Row 2, Mabel Ping-Hua Lee (2020), Maxine Hong Kingston(2004),
Yuri Kochiyama (2003), Jade Snow Wong(1991), Yoshiko Uchida (1999)*

Row 3 Saru Jayaraman(2018), Chien-Shiung Wu(1984), Jaida Im (2014), Patsy Mink (1986, 1992, 1998, 2002), Terry Ao Minnis (2020), Asian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month got its start as a congressional bill, inspired by Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Week, with the mission of bringing attention to the contributions Asian and Pacific Islander Americans have made to the history and culture of the United States.

But did you know the whole thing was inspired by the work of two dedicated women? Jeanie Jew and Ruby Moy, who work on Capital Hill, spearheaded a campaign to get congressional support for their cause.

As a result of their lobbying, in June 1977 Reps. Frank Horton (NY) and Norman Y. Mineta (CA) introduced a resolution that called for the president to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. The following month, senators Daniel Inouye (HI) and Spark Matsunaga (HI) introduced a similar bill in the Senate. Both were passed. On October 5, 1978, President Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating an annual celebration.

In 1990, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension turning it into a month-long celebration. And in 1992, the official designation of May as Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month was signed into law.

For more information about events for Asian- Pacific Islander American Heritage Month <https://www.asianpacificheritage.gov/>



A well-recommended resource is **Amazing: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Who Inspire Us All.**

From Olympic ice dancing medalists Alex and Maia Shibutani (aka the ShibSibs), this beautifully illustrated picture book highlights the achievements of many Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who have made invaluable contributions to the world. Written by Maia and Alex Shibutani and Dane Liu

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/amazing-maia-shibutani/1141813887>



Spring Cleaning and Archival Treasure Auction May 15th

Thank you for all your auction donations. We now have so many autographed collectibles that perhaps we should have included collectibles in the title.

There is still time to send images of your treasures to nwhp1980@gmail.com.

Sharing your treasure with others helps make Spring Cleaning a little easier and even more purposeful.

The auction will include some one-of-a-kind keepsakes, wall hangings; exquisite and unique memorabilia as well as collections assembled by other women's history lovers, and, of course, autographed books.



If you have treasures to share, please send image(s) and description(s) of item(s) you would like to donate to nwhp1980@gmail.com



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JUNE NEWSLETTER



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Celebrating June as LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Jun 6, 2023

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June is designated as a month of acceptance that welcomes diversity in communities regardless of sexual orientation and gender presentation. Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer+ groups celebrate this special time with Pride parades, picnics, parties, memorials for those lost from HIV and AIDS, and other group events that annually attract thousands upon thousands of individuals.

This year's celebration and recognition of LGBTQ+ Pride Month has also become a more emphatic and dramatic call for unity by people facing threats, persecution and death.

In 2023, over 491 anti-LGBTQ+ laws have been proposed by state legislatures throughout the country with over 10% of them becoming law. Nearly 1 in 5 of any type of hate crime is now motivated by anti-LGBTQ+ bias.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month will continue to be celebrated in defiance of this ugly bullying backlash, but most importantly it will be celebrated to recognize everyone's rights as citizens to fully participate in American society.

LGBTQ+ Pride refers to a worldwide movement and philosophy asserting that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals should be proud of their

sexual orientation and gender identity, with Gay Pride advocates working for equal rights and treatment for all LGBTQ+ people.

Honoring Women Who Loved Women



Recognizing and honoring women of the LGBTQ community is all the more important because their real stories often had to be hidden or distorted. Please see Gerda Lerner's comments about Lesbian invisibility below.

Top row (l-r):

Pauli Murray, civil rights and women's rights activist, lawyer, author and priest

Arden Eversmeyer, founder of the Old Lesbian Oral Herstory Project

Harmony Hammond, artist, author and pioneer of the feminist art movement

Crystal Jang, co-founder of the Asian Pacific Islander Queer Women and Transgender Community

Achebe Powell, educator and organizer, founder of the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice

Brenda Howard, bisexual rights activist who is often referred to as the "Mother of Pride"

Audre Lorde, poet, author, feminist and civil rights activist

Center row (l-r):

Roma Guy, LGBT and women's rights activist

Nadine Smith, LGBT activist and executive director of Equality Florida

Beth Brant, poet and author whose work focused on her identity as a Mohawk and a lesbian

Andrea Jenkins, poet, artist and the first Black openly transgender woman elected to public office in the US

Gloria E. Anzaldua, scholar of Chicana cultural theory, feminist theory and queer theory

Blair Imani, queer African-American Muslim author and activist

Joan Nestle, writer, editor and a founder of the Lesbian Herstory Archives

Bottom row (l-r):

Marsha P. Johnson, gay liberation activist, pioneering trans activist and advocate for homeless LGBTQ youth

Margaret Chung, the first known Chinese-American woman physician

Sally Ride, astronaut and physicist, the first American woman in space

Sharice Davids, lawyer and politician, the first openly LGBT Native American elected to the U.S. Congress

Billie Jean King, former professional tennis player, pioneer for gender equality and social justice

Sylvia Rivera, Latina American gay liberation and transgender rights activist

Jane Addams, suffragist, settlement activist, reformer, social worker, sociologist and public administrator

The Invisibility of Lesbians in American History by Gerda Lerner

This excerpt is from **Living with History/Making Social Change** by historian, author and pioneer in the field of women's history Gerda Lerner, a 2002 NWHH Honoree.

"Researchers in women's history often have to depend on autobiographical writing – diaries, letters, memoirs, and fiction – to piece together the life stories of women of the past. . . Self-descriptive narratives of women abound in omission and disguises. . . A subset of autobiographies and biographies concerns women who had special friendships with other women prior to the period when lesbian relationships were defined.

Carroll Smith-Rosenberg's essay, 'The Female World of Love and Ritual: Relations between Women in Nineteenth Century America,' had long defined the discourse and also limited it. Smith-Rosenberg had argued that single- sex friendships among women were accepted by society in the nineteenth century and were not considered marks of deviance. . ."

Invisibility is the number one form of bias because it creates and sustains stereotypes and other disinformation.

"Were modern historians justified in defining such friendships as lesbian relationships? Were they reading modern interpretations into the past record? The subject was mostly discussed and written about by lesbian historians, while heterosexual historians, coming upon ample evidence of such special friendships, gingerly danced around them.

Among the many prominent nineteenth-century women who had lifelong stable relationships with other women, which involved shared home-making, shared finances, and often shared organizational responsibilities, were Jane Addams, Frances Willard, and M. Carey Thomas. What kind of 'evidence' did one need to define the relationship as lesbian? Were such relationships lesbian if one could not prove sexual aspects? Heterosexual authors often chose to ignore such relationships or to refer to them simply as 'friendships,' allowing the reader to draw her/his own conclusions.

I urged historians to report honestly on what their sources told them about these relationships, without necessarily being able to report on how the participants or their contemporaries defined such relationships."

Other sources: **To Believe in Women**, by Lillian Faderman, is a landmark book about lesbian history in the late nineteenth and twentieth century. Unfortunately it is no longer available from our distributors, but it is offered through Bookshop [HERE](#), and Amazon [HERE](#).



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JULY NEWSLETTER



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175th Anniversary of Women's Right Convention, July 21-23

Jul 12, 2023



July 11, 2023 Newsletter



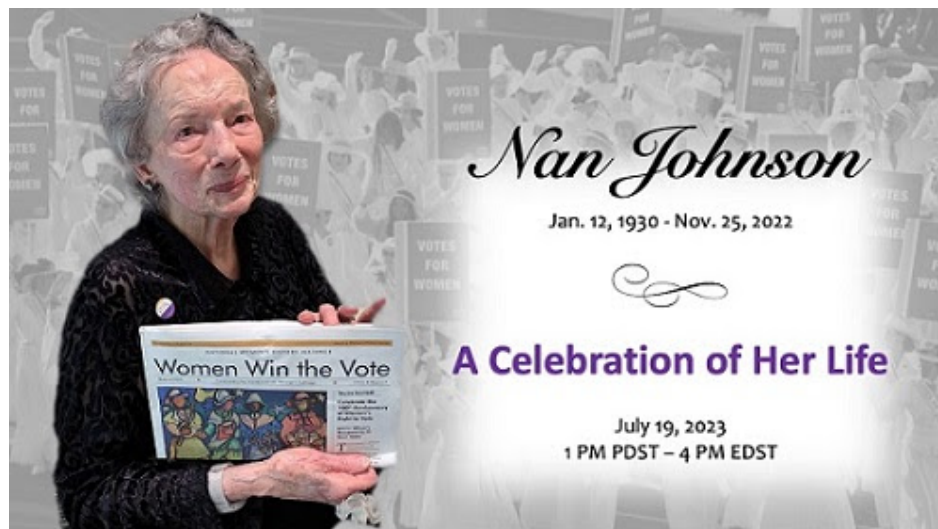
**Join the Convention Days 2023 July 21-23, 2023
Commemorate the 175th anniversary of the 1848
Women's Rights Convention!**



Statues of 1848 Convention goes at the Headquarters of the National Women's Rights Historical Park, Seneca Falls, NY

The Women's Rights Convention was held on July 19-20, 1848 in Seneca Falls, New York. The two-day convention resulted in the adoption of, the ***Declaration of Sentiments*** and ***Resolutions***, which included the most contentious resolution calling for women's right to vote. This culmination of all the women's previous work launched the organized women's rights movement and led to other local conventions and yearly national women's rights conventions beginning in 1850. the meeting launched the women's suffrage movement, which more than seven decades later ensured women the right to vote. For further information [CLICK HERE](#).

Nan Johnson Memorial, On-line July 19, 2023



Join Nan's family, friends, and colleagues as we honor Nan and celebrate her life and achievements.

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oD1XUapnQfSQqebTWMqfGA

“The ERA: The Time Is Now!” Webinar August 19, 2023

It has been 100 Years since the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Was First Introduced in Congress



First proposed by suffragist Alice Paul in 1923, the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution is designed to guarantee equal legal rights for all American citizens regardless of sex. According to its legislative history, it would end legal disparities between men and women in matters of divorce, property, employment, and other areas. This Amendment has been introduced into Congress for 100 years and still not in the US Constitution. What is the problem with including women in the United States Constitution?

The urgency for getting the ERA inscribed in our Constitution has heightened since the increase attacks on civil rights, women’s equality and rights! Do something about it. Attend:

“The ERA: The Time is NOW” NWAH Webinar August 19, 2023, 11 am PDT and 2 pm EDT

Moderator: Christine Pelosi, Author and Political Strategist

Panelists: Ting Ting Cheng, Director of Columbia Law School’s ERA Project; Honorable Carolyn Maloney, Eleanor Smeal, President and Co-founder of the Feminist Majority; Zakiya Thomas, President & CEO, ERA Coalition & Fund for Women’s Equality.

Now, more than ever, we need to recognize and celebrate Women's Equality Day



August 26th – Anniversary of Women's Right to Vote in the US Constitution

At the behest of Rep. Bella Abzug (D-NY), in 1971 and passed in 1973, the U.S. Congress designated August 26 as “Women’s Equality Day.” The date was selected to commemorate the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. This was the culmination of a massive, peaceful civil rights movement by women that had its formal beginnings in 1848 at the world’s first women’s rights convention, in Seneca Falls, New York. The observance of Women’s Equality Day not only commemorates the passage of the 19th Amendment, but also calls attention to women’s continuing efforts toward full equality. Workplaces, libraries, organizations, and public facilities now participate with Women’s Equality Day programs, displays, video showings, or other activities.

The National Women’s History Alliance (NWHHA) invites you to join the national effort to research and record the local heroes of the suffrage movement. Your contribution will help identify local suffragists and provide information to expand the historical record. Your research and discoveries make the suffragists in your area visible again and highlight the important role these individuals and groups had on the campaign to expand women’s civil rights. Your contributions to this historical reclamation effort are a vital contribution to the expansion and celebration of women’s history.

link to Honoring a Suffragist <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/Honor-a-suffragist.pdf>

Link to Women's Equality Day

brochure https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/eday_brochure_2023.pdf

Congratulations to NWHHA Board Member Rosita Stevens-Holsey, Recipient of NOW's Woman of Vision Award



This Woman of Vision Award is intended to illuminate the life of one of our most important civil rights and women's rights leaders and to credit the work that her niece, Rosita Stevens Holsey, is doing to memorialize her aunt, Pauli Murray.

Ms. Rosita Stevens Holsey is co-author of **Pauli Murray: The Life of a Pioneering Feminist & Civil Rights Activist**, with Terry Catasús Jennings. The author notes that Pauli Murray was a thorn in the side of White America demanding justice and equal treatment for all. Ms. Steven Holsey is a dynamic educator, author, activist, community engager and budding family historian focused on sharing stories of historical and pioneering voices for children and adults to be inspired by.

Her book is available in our on-line store **Pauli Murray: The Life of a Pioneering Feminist and Civil Rights Activist (mybigcommerce.com)**

Save These Dates

- **Convention Days at the National Women's Rights Historical Park, Seneca Falls, NW July 21-23, 2023**
- **Nan Johnson Virtual Memorial July 19, 2023**
- **"The ERA- The Time is Now" Webinar August 19, 2023, 11 am PDT, 2 pm EDT**
- **Women's Equality Day, August 26, 2023**
- **National Women's History Networking Conference November 10 -12, 2023, Washington, DC. For more information email nwhp1980@gmail.com.**

AUGUST NEWSLETTER



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Celebrate Women's Equality Day – August 26th

Aug 23, 2023

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Celebrate Women's Equality Day – August 26th

30% Discount Sale Sale ends August 26th

All orders placed by August 26 will receive a 30% discount! An additional 15% discount will be given to NWA Network Members when they include their membership code.

<https://national-womens-history-alliance.mybigcommerce.com/>

An Array of Resources for Women's Equality Day



Women's Equality Day Resource Base

An excellent composite of images and documents that celebrate the spirit of Women's Equality Day prepared by Ryan Hatfield – contractor.

<https://www.defenseculture.mil/Portals/90/Documents/Observances/WED/RESBASE-WED-20221221.pdf?ver=9xf11aQrxCeO4X5YhNsWzg%3D%3D>

Podcasts:

The National Votes for Women Trail is collecting sites from all over our country to allow us to tell the untold story of suffrage for all women, of all ethnicities that extend well past the passage of the 19th amendment. Check out their podcast – “Her March to Democracy ... Stories Along the National Votes for Women Trail”

National Park Service (.gov)

<https://www.nps.gov> › subjects › womenshistory › 19t...

Hosts Rosario Dawson and Retta guide us through this seven-part series, bringing us the stories we didn't learn in our history books.

New resources and exhibits:

Meet the 11th Archivist of the United States on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xx74wHMscNk>

Follow her on Twitter: Dr. Colleen Shogan @AOTUS11_Shogan

In Louisiana:

https://www.nola.com/opinions/letters/letters-exhibit-honors-women-who-fought-for-voting-rights-in-louisiana/article_3d512fba-36fc-11ee-8d49-d7ced25690f8.html

From the National Trust for Historic Preservation

Baltimore Law Offices of Juanita Jackson Mitchell to Be Restored:

<https://savingplaces.org/stories/mitchell-law-offices-restored?>



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SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



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Subject: Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, 2024 Theme – Newsletter

Sep 13, 2023



September 11, 2023 Newsletter

Announcing the 2024 Women's History Theme ***“Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion”***

The 2024 Women's History theme celebrates “Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.” The theme recognizes women throughout the country who understand that, for a

positive future, we need to eliminate bias and discrimination entirely from our lives and institutions. Women from every background have long experienced that an uneven playing field that will never bring equality or justice. Who will you honor in your community or organization?

CLICK HERE for complete article.

A Personal Note from the Executive Director

My friends,

Our "Passing the Torch" Party was a wonderful experience. Old friends who hadn't seen each other in decades were reunited and many new friends were made. The purpose of the Party was to thank all the people who have made the 43 years of the NWAH possible and to recognize that the leadership torch is being passed to a new generations of women's history activists.

The good news is that no one is retiring until December 31, 2023. We had the party on August 27th because the park wasn't available on August 26th (Women's Equality Day) and summer for me is the best time for parties. Even after December 31st, Martha Wheelock will stay on as the President of our Board of Directors and I will continue to act as staff by answering the phone and giving my support and advice whenever asked.

During the transitional year of 2024, we'll need your help more than ever. As you probably know, there is a dangerous amount of disinformation flooding our airways and schools.

Women's History is being censored by content and author. Who would have thought that book banning would become prevalent in our educational system? 2024 is year for direct action both

by having Congress recognize the ERA and by talking with our local, state, and national educators about the need for books that recognize equity, diversity and inclusion. I am eager to work with you. Please feel free to contact me anytime.

Forward Together!

Molly Murphy MacGregor

Remembering Ada Deer, (1935 – 2023)



Ada Deer, a very special friend of the National Women's History Alliance passed on August 15, 2023. Indian Country Today described her as, a "force of nature" and a legendary figure whose life and accomplishments are woven into the social and political fabric of Indian Country. Ada Deer's passionate work for justice and equal opportunity is also integral to the fabric of America's history.

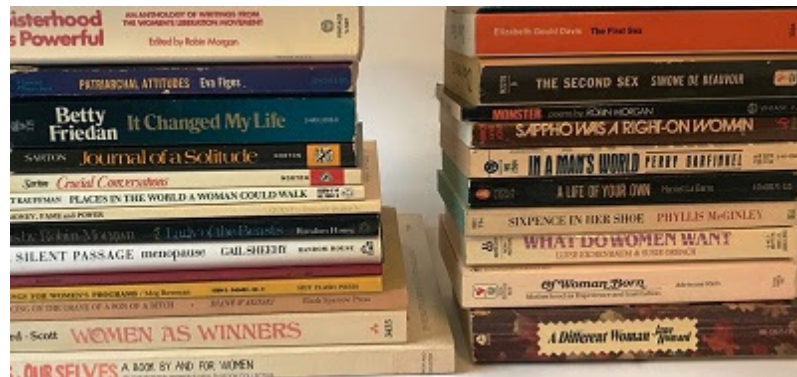
In the 1970s Ada Deer moved to Washington DC to challenge the government's policy of Termination which a decade before had denied the Menominee their sovereignty and cut off their lifeline of federal financial support. Termination was a political, economic, and cultural disaster for the Menominee.

After years of her unrelenting work meeting with representatives and senators, writing briefs and organizing protests, President Richard M. Nixon signed the Menominee Restoration Act. In 1975 the Menominee regained its sovereignty with Ada Deer as its first chairwoman.

Her tributes list all the ways she was the first member of her tribe to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the first to receive a graduate degree; she was also the first woman to lead the Menominee and the first woman to lead the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs. All these firsts were achieved because of her amazing intellect, her bold and contagious passion, her generous spirit and her ability to inspire countless generations to take action to make the world better.

PBS Ada Deer: Making A Difference <https://www.pbs.org/video/ada-deer-making-a-difference-0a1jgw/>

Women's History Censored



The 2024 Women's History Month theme, "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion," is a direct challenge to the un-American, fear-driven book banning that is appearing in many parts of the country.

In April 2023, the American Library Association documented an unprecedented 1,269 demands to censor library books in all 50 states. A May 23, 2023 article in the Washington Post reported that most of the 1,000-plus book challenges filed during the 2021-2022 school year in 153 U.S. school districts were filed by just 11 people! According to PEN America, one individual filed 10 or more complaints that were responsible for two-thirds of all challenges.

This development is outrageous and calls for action. One direct response comes from the El Paso YWCA, which sent out a request asking for donations of books that featured inspirational and empowering women. Within a week, 237 books on that list had been donated and will be available to more than 2,000 children. These 237 books will introduce women like Malala Yousafzai, Marian Anderson, Misty Copeland, Charlotte Parkhurst and many other real and fictional women as important role models and examples of inspiration in these students' lives.



Amanda Gorman's inauguration poem banned by Florida school

The NWA will continue to sell "controversial" books since we are dedicated to writing women INTO history and passionately oppose writing them OUT of history. We believe in supporting free speech, opposing censorship, and confronting the fear that drives individuals to ban books. The fight against censorship is another important front in the defense of women's rights and the promotion of women's history.



Smithsonian American Women's History Museum Virtual Event

Decades in the making, the Smithsonian American Women's History Museum is being planned in our nation's capital. Please join us to learn about the museum and how you can get involved!

RSVP

Here https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SAWHM_Virtual_Information_Event to attend one of the two sessions offered. Upon RSVP, you will be invited to share advance questions with the museum's staff to address during the presentation.

Session 1 : Tuesday, September 26 -10:00-11:00 am ET

Session 2 : Thursday, September 28—4:00-5:00 pm ET

Chinese American Women in History Conference 2023

“Locating Kinship Across Space and Time” October 5-7, 2023 Washington, DC and Virtual

Scholars, filmmakers, and community members alike will share their work exploring the multifaceted and complex experiences of Chinese American women. All conference sessions will be recorded and made available to attendees and the general public after the conference.

Register to attend on Eventbrite here: <https://1882foundation.org/cawh2023/>

A Special Thank You to Katie Lee, our summer intern, for updating our Detailed Timeline of the Legal History of Women in the United States. <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/resources/womens-rights-movement/detailed-timeline/>



The NWA ERA Webinar is now available on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luYYXtc5nBk>

Your personal support is needed now for the Equal Rights Amendment.

Please sign the petition at www.sign4ERA.org !

Save This Date

- **National Women’s History Networking Conference, November 11, 2023**, to be held virtually from Washington, DC. For more information email nwhp1980@gmail.com.



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Hispanic Heritage Month Continues

Oct 13, 2023



Hispanic Heritage Month Continues September 15 to October 15

How much do you know about Mexican American Women?

Take the Mexican-American Women's History

Quiz <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/quizzes/>

The quiz can be found at the bottom of the page.



Mexican American Women's History Kit – 50% Discount for Hispanic Heritage Month

<https://national-womens-history-alliance.mybigcommerce.com/mexican-american-womens-kit/>

The DVD “Adelante Mujeres” in 30 minutes Introduces students to the marvelous lives, culture and history of Mexican-American women. Spanning five centuries, the major events, themes, and personalities weave a powerful story. The Mexican -American/Chicana Women Photo Display Set compliments the Las Mujeres: Mexican American/Chicana Women booklet. Each image has a short biography or explanation.
#0599 **\$19.95. now \$9.95**

<https://national-womens-history-alliance.mybigcommerce.com/mexican-american-womens-kit/>



Fall NWA Auction October 24- 30, 2023

Do you have a book or item you would like to promote? Have you found a treasure you no longer need? Please consider donating to the NWA Fall Auction.

Send description, image and value of item to: nwph1980.org by **October 22, 2023**

Join the NWA**Network <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/join/>**

The National Women's History Alliance (NWA) has and continues to offer inspiration and support for the recognition of women—women activists, women artists, women scientists, and women community leaders and women who want to rise and find their voice. Join our team and be a major participant in the Women's History Movement.

**NWA National Networking Virtual Conference**

Has Been Postponed to January 20, 2024

Women's History Moving Forward – Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion

When we began our work over 40 years ago, the opposition we faced was largely based on ignorance of multicultural women's place in American society. Today, the opposition we face from disinformation is much more severe and deliberate.

The need to organize is all the more essential in challenging the increasing wave of book banning that promotes fear and division. The good news is that women's history organizations exist in nearly every state. Now is the time to share strategies, programs, events and curriculum.

Women's History is an essential tool in promoting self esteem and respect for women. We hope you will join our virtual conference on **January 20, 2024**.

For NWAHA virtual networking conference information contact nwhp1980@gmail.com



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After nearly a century of advocacy, November was recognized s National American Indian Heritage Month through a Joint Resolution by Congress in 1990.

Today, November is Native American Heritage Month, or as it is commonly referred to, American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. Native American Heritage Month is a special opportunity to recognize and celebrate the contributions and achievements of American Indian women from hundreds of diverse nations and tribes within the United States. Since 1925, Native Americans have held dual citizenship as citizens of their nation or tribe

and US citizenship.. Too often the story of Native Americans is told only in the past tense. Often it is a distorted story told from the view point of prejudice and ignorance.

The National Women’s History Project invites you to move past the stereotype of Pocahontas and learn about the extraordinary work of women like Mary Brant an Iroquois leader during colonial times, the LaFleshe sisters of the Omaha nation, Sarah Winnemucca of the Paiute nation, and countless other Native women who became cultural bridges in helping their people survive conquest. Or contemporary American Indian women like La Donna Harris, who is the President and Founder of Americans for Indian Opportunity, a national intertribal organization devoted to developing the economic opportunities and resources of Indians. We also remembering the late. Ada Deer, who led the movement for the Menomonee nation to regain their tribal lands and to overturn termination.

Twelve Women to Know for Native American Heritage Month

[CLICK HERE](#)



Indigenous People’s Day



Things to know about Indigenous Peoples Day

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When we celebrate Indigenous People's Day in place of Columbus Day, it shows a victory for Indigenous people." Although it is not a federal holiday, 17 states — including Washington, South Dakota and Maine — as well as Washington, D.C., have holidays honoring Native Americans, some of which are on the second Monday in October, according to the Pew Research Center. From Alcatraz Island to a park in New York City, Native American people will celebrate their centuries-long history of resilience on Monday with ceremonies, dances and speeches.

We Get Important Letters



Hello,

My name is Brooke and I'm a sophomore in high school. I'm a part of a campaign to create a college-level AP Women's History course for high schools across the nation. Currently, our organization is presenting at various historical conferences and trying to generate as much buzz as possible to have the College Board recognize this proposal.

As a female student, I'm very passionate about women's history, and even though this campaign will not reach fruition by the time I graduate, I hope to allow future students who have similar passions to be able to explore women's history at an advanced level in a classroom setting.

I was wondering whether there would be any possibility of the National Women's History Alliance being able to promote this campaign. We would benefit a lot from the awareness it could bring.

Linked is our website and proposed curriculum if you want to further explore our goals and what we

do: <https://www.womenshistoryinhighschool.com/apwomenshistoryproposal>.

PS Brooke will be a presenter at our National Networking Conference on January 20, 2024.

The 2024 Women's History Theme is "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion"



CLICK HERE for details and to download the logo. (You must right click on the downloadable logo.)

ERA Supporters, Please sign the Petition at www.sign4ERA.org



NWHA's ERA Webinar is still available at at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luYYXtc5nBk>

Save This Date

The National Networking Conference is postponed until **January 27, 2024**, and will kick off information and projects for our National Women's History Month

Theme: **Honoring Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion.**

**Donate to the Passing the Torch Legacy Campaign.
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