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NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY ALLIANCE

CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH & JUNETEENTH

IN SOLIDARITY

Dear NWHA Community,

As we step into June, we carry with us the reflections of Memorial Day — a time to honor and remember the women who served with courage and conviction. Read below to learn more about the powerful Vietnam Women's Memorial, created by renowned sculptor Glenna Goodacre.

This month, we also celebrate LGBTQ+ Pride Month and commemorate Juneteenth — a federal holiday honoring the emancipation of enslaved people and a powerful reminder of the ongoing struggle for freedom and equality.

At NWHA, we remain committed to telling inclusive stories of courage, resilience, and change-makers, no matter the month.

In Solidarity,
Jill Kracov Zinckgraf, Interim Executive Director

Our History Is Our Strength

Honoring Juneteenth & Opal Lee

Juneteenth, celebrated on June 19th, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved people in the United States and stands as a powerful reminder of resilience, freedom, and the ongoing fight for justice. It is a time to reflect on our nation's history and honor the strength of Black communities, history and culture.

We also recognize the extraordinary efforts of Opal Lee, known as the "Grandmother of Juneteenth." At 89, she walked from Texas to Washington, D.C., to advocate for Juneteenth to become a federal holiday - a goal realized in 2021. Her lifelong dedication to justice reminds us that history is shaped by those who persist in the face of adversity.

Art of Remembrance: The Woman Behind the Vietnam Women's Memorial - Glenna Goodacre

Glenna Goodacre, the designer and sculptor of the Vietnam Women's Memorial, was an internationally acclaimed artist known for her emotionally resonant bronze work. Best known for this memorial - installed in 1993 - it was entirely 'woman made' emphasizing its interactive design "in the round." The memorial honors the nearly 11,000 women - primarily nurses - who served in Vietnam.

Although Goodacre later won the national competition to design the Sacagawea dollar coin in

1999, it was the Vietnam Women's Memorial that first brought her national acclaim. Originally from Lubbock, TX, she lived in Boulder, CO for a time and studied sculpting and casting with various artists in Loveland, CO. From 1983 until her death in 2020, she lived and worked in Santa Fe, NM.

Goodacre described the piece as "a monument for the living," capturing the compassion, fatigue, and unwavering dedication of women in wartime. The figures - one cradling a wounded soldier, another searching the sky, and a third (not shown in this image) kneeling anguish - reflect not just the physical toll, but the emotional weight carried by those who served.

Image source: Nedra Matteucci Galleries. "Honoring Glenna Goodacre: America's Sculptor." April 16, 2020. **https://www.matteucci.com/news/honoring-glenna-goodacre-americas-sculptor**. Accessed May 2025.

Image source: Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation. Vietnam Women's Memorial. https://vietnamwomensmemorial.org/. Accessed May 2025.

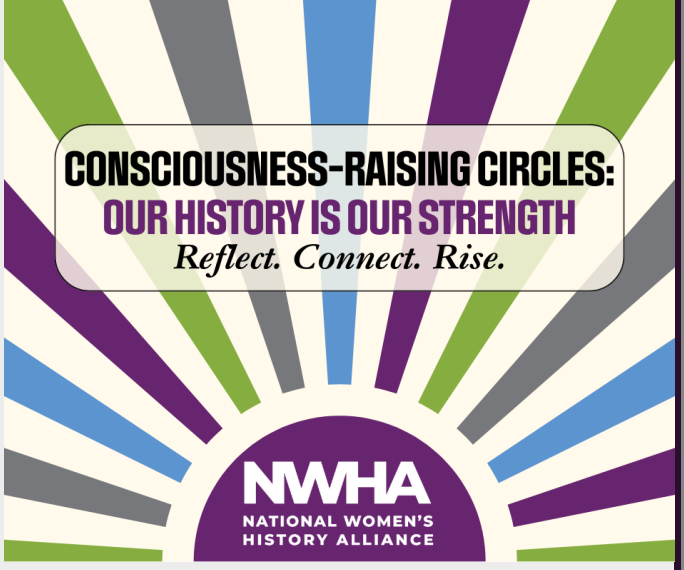
Consciousness-Raising Circles Update

Reflecting on the past. Connecting in the present. Rising for the future.

Our Consciousness-Raising Circles were a tremendous success this

spring, with hundreds of participants joining us from across the country to reflect, learn, and grow in community.

The demand has been inspiring — and we're excited to announce that new sessions are on the way! Be on the lookout for upcoming dates and registration details. Let's continue the conversation together.



NEW AUCTION ADDED!

...Unique vintage finds, artwork, books, and collectibles - all supporting NWHA's programs and outreach.

Auction link will be released when the auction opens.

Spotlight: Monumental Women's Tabletop Artwork

One of the more popular items in our recent auction was the **Women's Rights Pioneers Monument Tabletop Artwork by Monumental Women** — sparking a flurry of bids! This powerful piece honors Sojourner Truth, Susan B. Anthony, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.

If you missed your chance to win it, you can still purchase it directly and support Monumental Women's ongoing mission to bring women's history into public

spaces. Visit **HERE**.

WOMEN IN HISTORY: *June Highlights*

Stormé DeLarverie
Activist
1920 - 2014

Image Source:"Stormé DeLarverie." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Storm%C3%A9_DeLarverie. Accessed June 2025.

Stormé DeLarverie was a trailblazing entertainer and civil rights icon whose resistance at the Stonewall uprising helped ignite the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement.

She was a longtime community protector, and was known as "the Rosa Parks of the gay community" and spent decades performing, hosting, and safeguarding the LGBTQ+ community in New York's Village.

Lorraine Hansberry
Playwright & Writer
1930 - 1965

Image Source:"Lorraine Hansberry." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lorraine_Hansberry. Accessed May 2025.

Lorraine Hansberry was the author of A Raisin in the Sun, the first play by a Black woman on Broadway.

Hansberry was also an activist whose works addressed racism, feminism, and queer identity before it was widely accepted.

Her advocacy courageously challenged both racism and homophobia in her work and life.

Audre Lorde
Author, Professor, & Activist
1934 - 1992

Helen Zia
Journalist & Activist
1952

Image Source:"Audre Lorde." Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Audre_Lorde. Accessed May 2025.

A self-described “Black, lesbian, mother, warrior, poet,” Lorde’s work explored the intersections of race, gender, and sexuality. Her writings remain foundational to feminist and LGBTQ+ thought.

Through her writing and advocacy, she challenged systems of oppression and gave voice to those too often silenced, reminding us that “**your silence will not protect you**.”

Image Source:“Helen Zia.” Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helen_Zia. Accessed May 2025.

Helen Zia is a Chinese American journalist and activist who helped found American Citizens for Justice after the 1982 murder of Vincent Chin.

A pivotal figure in Asian American and LGBTQ+ rights, Zia has authored multiple books and continues to speak out on civil rights, media equity, and intersectional justice.

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When you join the National Women’s History Alliance, you’re not just supporting an organization - you’re joining a movement.

Our members are vital to keeping women’s history visible, valued, and vibrant.

By becoming a member, you’ll gain access to exclusive resources, stay connected through monthly updates, and help amplify women’s voices across generations.

We offer no-cost membership options because we believe everyone should have the opportunity to be part of this important work.

 Join us today and be part of history

in the making!

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