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National Women's History Alliance



FALL INTO HISTORY: CELEBRATING THE POWER OF WOMEN

Dear NWA Community,

As we move from September into October, our focus turns to celebrating and honoring Hispanic Heritage Month. This is a time to reflect on the rich contributions Hispanic women have made to our nation's history and their ongoing influence in shaping our future. We invite you to join us in commemorating these achievements and advocating for greater inclusion and recognition in all areas of society.

This month's newsletter also includes several exciting updates, including how you can bring an NWA speaker to your next event. Whether for an organization, meeting, or special gathering, our knowledgeable speakers can provide inspiring and educational talks tailored to your needs. As the holiday season approaches, we're also offering a special membership opportunity—an ideal gift for anyone passionate about women's history. This is a unique chance to engage with our mission and support the movement.

I encourage you to explore these updates, engage with our community, and continue supporting the essential work of advancing gender equality. **Moving Forward Together**, we can continue to make a lasting impact on future generations.

In solidarity,
Jill Kracov Zinckgraf
Interim Executive Director, NWA

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15



We take time to honor the extraordinary contributions of Hispanic women who have shaped history and continue to inspire change. Here are three remarkable women whose legacies have left an indelible mark on our society:

DOLORES HUERTA

Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers (UFW), has dedicated her life to advocating for labor rights and social justice. Her relentless fight for better working conditions, fair wages, and dignity for farmworkers transformed labor movements across the U.S. Huerta coined the phrase “Sí, se puede” (“Yes, we can”), a rallying cry that continues to resonate in movements for equality and justice today. Beyond labor advocacy, Huerta has been a champion for gender equality and civil rights, and her work continues to empower marginalized communities.



Image source: "Dolores Huerta," Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dolores_Huerta, accessed September 25, 2024.

SILVIA RIVERA



A pioneer in the LGBTQ+ rights movement, Sylvia Rivera was instrumental in the fight for transgender rights during the early years of the LGBTQ+ liberation movement. A fearless advocate, Rivera co-founded the Gay Liberation Front and Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (STAR), pushing for greater inclusivity and representation within the movement. Her advocacy brought attention to the struggles faced by transgender people, especially those who were homeless and marginalized. Rivera's legacy continues to inspire the ongoing fight for equality within the LGBTQ+ community.

JULIA de BURGOS

Julia de Burgos was a renowned Puerto Rican poet whose writings became a voice for social justice, women's rights, and Puerto Rican independence. Her powerful poetry often addressed issues of colonialism, identity, and the struggles of the oppressed. Despite facing personal hardship, de Burgos used her platform to call for equality and to uplift the marginalized. Today, her work remains a cornerstone in Latin American and feminist literature, reminding us of the power of words to inspire change.



Image source: "Julia de Burgos," Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia,
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julia_de_Burgos, accessed September 24, 2024.

COMING SOON!



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ONLINE AUCTION is back!

Bid on unique items and experiences while supporting NWAH's mission to preserve and promote women's history.

Don't miss this chance to make a difference!

Stay tuned...

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

UNLADYLIKE 2020


This month, we're excited to spotlight **UNLADYLIKE2020**, a groundbreaking multimedia project that brings to life the stories of pioneering women in American history.

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, we're featuring their compelling videos about remarkable Mexican American women who have made significant contributions to society. These stories highlight the resilience and accomplishments of women who broke barriers and fought for justice.

Among the featured women are **Jovita Idár**, a journalist and civil rights activist, **Adelina Otero-Warren**, a suffragist and education advocate, and **Ynés Mexía**, an accomplished Latina botanist who discovered over 500 new plant species in her career. Each of these women played a vital role in shaping the world we live in today, and their legacies continue to inspire new generations.

Visit **UNLADYLIKE2020** website to explore their work and learn how these extraordinary women changed history.

Interested in partnering with NWA or being featured in our next spotlight? Visit our new **PARTNERS PAGE** format to learn more about how you can get involved and make a lasting impact.

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MEMBERSHIP 

 OUR HISTORY IS OUR STRENGTH


This holiday season, give a gift that makes a lasting impact - an **NWHA membership!**

For a limited time, we're offering a special \$100 membership, which includes an exclusive book that celebrates the rich legacy of women's history. Your gift will not only support our mission to preserve and promote the history of women, but it will also provide the recipient with access to exciting member perks.

Memberships are a thoughtful and meaningful gift for friends, family, or colleagues who are passionate about advancing gender equality and celebrating women's achievements. We have other options for membership, please visit [HERE](#) to learn more.

Give the gift that keeps on giving, and help us move the women's movement forward!

MEMBERSHIP



DO YOU NEED A GUEST SPEAKER AT YOUR NEXT EVENT?



The National Women's History Alliance (NWHHA), which played a pivotal role in establishing March as Women's History Month, is committed to the belief that "Our History is Our Strength." Since its founding in 1980, NWHHA has worked tirelessly to bring the untold stories and accomplishments of women into the spotlight. NWHHA is available for in-person keynote presentations or online educational webinars.

With diverse backgrounds, we offer dynamic and tailored presentations designed to engage audiences of all kinds. Our topics can be customized to fit your organization's specific needs and interests, covering popular topics like the importance of Women's History Month, the Equal Rights Amendment, and the contributions of women of color.

NWHHA understands the importance of inclusivity and equity, offering a sliding scale honorarium to accommodate organizations of all sizes. Partnering with NWHHA also connects you with a national network of like-minded individuals and groups dedicated to advancing women's history and gender equality.

[Book a Presentation](#)

2025 WOMEN'S HISTORY THEME



For 2025, the National Women's History Alliance (NWHHA) proudly presents the theme "Moving Forward Together! Women Educating & Inspiring Generations." This theme

celebrates the collective strength and influence of women who have dedicated their lives to education, mentorship, and leadership. Through their efforts, they have served as an inspiration for all generations — both past and present.

IMPORTANCE & RELEVANCE

Throughout history, the process of information sharing has been a powerful catalyst for change. An honest, open examination of new insights and knowledge can create a framework for collaboration.

This, in turn, promotes the well-being of groups, businesses, communities, and society as a whole. From classrooms to boardrooms, and from grassroots movements to global initiatives, women educators and leaders have played a pivotal role in nurturing minds and inspiring transformative action.

Our 2025 theme spotlights the contributions women have made to the American educational system, the free marketplace of ideas, and the very fabric of our democracy.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- Honor: Recognize the achievements and contributions of women educators, mentors, and leaders.
- Inspire: Motivate all generations to pursue education and leadership roles.
- Educate: Raise awareness about the unheralded legacies of women from every walk of life, highlighting their unique contributions and diverse backgrounds, including socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, culture, abilities, and personal experiences.
- Unite: Bring together communities to explore, share, and celebrate women's history and achievements.
- Envision: Create a blueprint for the future that honors our foremothers and builds bridges for the next generation of women.

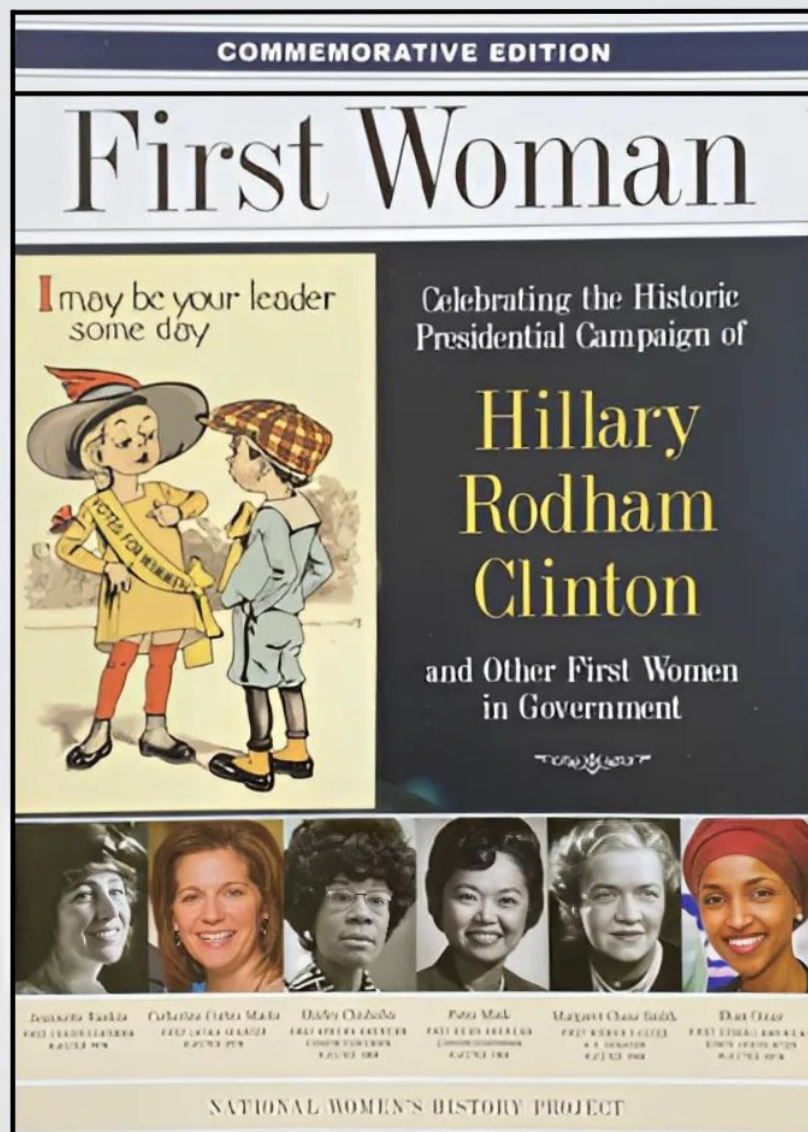
Discover how you can use this theme to inspire and educate in your own circles. Download your 2025 Theme Overview [HERE](#).

Women's History Toolkit:

Explore our comprehensive toolkit designed to help you integrate women's history into your educational and community programs. Download your toolkit [HERE](#).

A COMMEMORATIVE EXPERIENCE

A HISTORIC RECORD CELEBRATING WOMEN'S GROWING POWER IN GOVERNMENT



FIRST WOMAN: A LASTING RECORD OF WOMEN'S HISTORY IN POLITICS

It wasn't that long ago. In 2016, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton became the first woman to be nominated by a major political party (Democratic) for the presidency of the United States.

Today, when Vice-President Kamala Harris says, "I am here because I stand on the shoulders," she is referring to Secretary Clinton and the other remarkable women who have campaigned for president in the past. These include publisher Victoria Woodhull in 1872 for the Women's Rights Party, lawyer Bella Lockwood in 1884 and 1888 for the National Equal Rights Party, Senator Margaret Chase Smith in 1964 for the Republican Party, and Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm in 1972 for the Democratic Party.

The full color booklet the NWHM published in 2016, **FIRST WOMAN**, uses the historic milestone of the Clinton nomination to recognize and commemorate women's rich political history in the United States in a lasting way. This unique and still-timely publication serves as an exciting record of the tenacious courage of women, past and present, and their determination to participate equally in the work of creating a more perfect union. **FIRST WOMAN** tells the grand story - the actions, personalities, strategies, the 72-year campaign to win women's right to vote, and the ongoing campaign for full equality and representation.


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