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Women's Equality Day

Dear NWA Community,

As we step into August, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for Women's Equality Day, a day to honor the incredible strides women have made towards equality and to acknowledge the work that still lies ahead. This month's newsletter is packed with important updates, inspiring stories, and opportunities for you to get involved and make a difference.

As we continue to honor the right to vote and its profound significance in moving equality forward, I invite you to join us in our upcoming Women's Equality Day webinar. This event promises to be a highlight as we unite to commemorate our past, celebrate our present, and envision a future where equality is fully realized.

In solidarity,
Jill Kracov Zinckgraf
Interim Executive Director, NWA

**ALL WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY MERCH
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We are thrilled to share our **Women's Equality Day Celebration Kit**, designed to honor the remarkable journey of women's suffrage and democracy.

Everything you need for an educational, entertaining, and successful Women's Equality Day program in one convenient kit. This kit makes it easy to present an informative one-hour program at your school, workplace, community group, or civic organization meeting.

This comprehensive kit includes:

- Women's Equality Day poster (18"x24")
- Living the Legacy poster (red, white, blue) (18"x24")
- Women's Equality Day banner (34"x11")
- Women's Equality Day bookmarks (25 pack)
- Women's Equality Day balloons (red and blue) (12 pack)
- Votes for Women balloons (gold and purple) (12 pack)
- Women's Equality Day electronic logo
- How Women Won the Vote PowerPoint link (9-15 minutes)
- Celebrating the Women's Suffrage Centennial Magazine published 2021 (20 copies)
- 2024 Women's History Magazine published 2024 (20 copies)



This kit is a perfect way to celebrate and educate about the vital contributions of women in history.

Join us in commemorating Women's Equality Day and continuing the fight for equality and democracy!

PURCHASE YOUR WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY MERCHANDISE **HERE**.

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY CELEBRATION

join us!

AUGUST 26TH

7:00PM EDT & 7:00PM PDT



Join Us for a Special Women's Equality Day Webinar!

We are excited to invite you to the National Women's History Alliance (NWHHA) Women's

Equality Day Webinar on Monday, August 26th, 2024. This virtual event will celebrate the progress we've made in women's rights and highlight the ongoing efforts needed to achieve full equality.

Event Details:

- Date: Monday, August 26th, 2024
- Time: 7:00 PM PDT and 7:00 PM EDT (Choose the time that works best for you)
- Register Here:
[7:00PM EDT](#)
[7:00PM PDT](#)

What to Expect:

- **Celebration of Women's Equality Day:** Reflections on the progress made in women's rights.
- **Announcement of 2025 Theme:** We are excited to unveil the 2025 Women's History theme, which will be accompanied by informative hand-outs and an engaging discussion on how we can collectively advance the goals of this theme.
- **Continuing to Pass the Torch - The Power of Women's History :** Join us for an inspiring segment on the power of women's history and our ongoing efforts to "Pass the Torch." This part of the webinar will highlight the importance of preserving and promoting women's stories and include a compelling pitch on why you should join us in this vital mission. Discover how you can be part of our journey to ensure women's contributions are recognized and celebrated.

The National Women's History Alliance (NWHHA) has been a leader in promoting women's history and advancing gender equality since its founding in 1980. NWHHA was instrumental in establishing March as National Women's History Month, ensuring that the achievements and contributions of women are recognized and celebrated nationwide.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the significant strides we've made and how you can be part of this vital work. Together, we can honor the legacy of those who fought for equality and pave the way for future generations.

NOTABLE HERSTORICAL facts in the month of August

August 18, 1920: Ratification of the 19th Amendment

On this day, the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote. This monumental achievement was the culmination of decades of activism and advocacy by suffragists who fought tirelessly for women's rights. The ratification of the 19th Amendment marked a significant victory in the struggle for gender equality, paving the way for women to participate fully in the democratic process.



(1913) Head of suffrage parade in Washington, D.C., Mar. 3. Washington D.C, 1913. March 3. [Photograph]
Retrieved from the Library of Congress, <https://www.loc.gov/item/97500042/>.

August 26, 1971: Establishment of Women's Equality Day

Women's Equality Day was established on August 26, 1971, to commemorate the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment. Initiated by Congresswoman Bella Abzug, this day serves as a reminder of the progress made in achieving gender equality and the ongoing efforts needed to secure equal rights for all women. It is a day to celebrate the achievements of women and reflect on the work that remains to be done.

IDA B. WELLS **A TRAIL BLAZER FOR JUSTICE & EQUALITY**



Ida B. Wells (1862-1931) was a pioneering journalist, educator, and early leader in the civil rights movement. Born into slavery in Mississippi, she became one of the most prominent African American activists of her time. Wells was a fierce advocate for women's suffrage and co-founder of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Her investigative journalism was groundbreaking, particularly her work exposing the horrors of lynching in the United States. Through her writing and speeches, Wells brought national and international attention to the systemic racism and violence faced by African Americans. Despite facing significant personal risk, she remained steadfast in her commitment to justice and equality.

Ida B. Wells' legacy continues to inspire activists and journalists today. Her courage, dedication, and relentless pursuit of truth and justice serve as a powerful

reminder of the importance of standing up against injustice and fighting for the rights of all people.

HONOR A SUFFRAGIST

The National Women's History Alliance is excited to present the "Honor a Suffragist Kit," an invaluable resource designed to commemorate and celebrate the courageous efforts of suffragists who fought tirelessly for women's right to vote.

This toolkit serves as an educational tool for schools, community groups, and individuals to learn more about the suffrage movement in the United States.

This toolkit aims to engage local communities in the national effort to research and recognize local suffragists, expanding the historical record and celebrating the vital role these individuals played in the fight for women's civil rights.

Join us in this meaningful project to honor the heroes of the suffrage movement and to inspire future generations with their stories of resilience and determination.

Download **Honor A Suffragist Kit** [HERE](#).

Download **Women's Equality Day** brochure [HERE](#).



Women Win the Vote

THE SUFFRAGE SASH

by Martha Wheelock, NWA Board of Director's President

The Suffrage Sash was innovative branding for the cause of Women's Right to Vote. From 1912, women made and wore the Suffrage Sash. Created from fine fabric of Silk or Satin to give it a lustrous look, the sash was a unifying symbol for their fight for equality. The uniform colors, like a great badge of determination and hope, across their bosoms, united diverse groups, carried their message, and gave suffragists courage for their demand.

“Purple is the color of loyalty, constancy to purpose, unswerving steadfastness to a cause. White, the emblem of purity, symbolizes the quality of our purpose; and gold, the color of light and life, is as the torch that guides our purpose, pure and unswerving” (The Suffragist [1, 2]). Those aligned with their cause also wore sashes.

“[At the debates] in the Capitol...the elevator man was proudly wearing a purple, white and gold sash, [as well as] a number of the men in the men’s gallery...” (The Suffragist, January 16, 1915 [2]).

Sources

1. Source: "The Suffrage Sash: Symbol of Women's Right to Vote," National Women's History Alliance. Accessed July 2024.
2. Source: "The Colors of the Suffrage Sash," The Suffragist, January 16, 1915.

PURCHASE YOUR SASH!

Support the cause and celebrate women's history with NWA's beautiful thick satin sash, emblazoned with "WOMEN WIN THE VOTE" in the white panel.

Designed for convenience, it easily closes with Velcro, allowing you to proudly wear it at dinner parties, classes, or while registering voters.

Wear your sash from right shoulder to left hip as a symbol of the suffrage story.

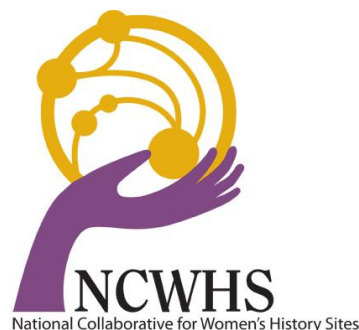
This sash makes a GREAT GIFT for friends, sisters, daughters, granddaughters, sons, and yourself! Measures 4" x 78".

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PARTNER SPOTLIGHT

NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE OF WOMEN'S HISTORY SITES



The National Collaborative for Women's History Sites (NCWHS) has launched their third decade of activism with a strategic plan focused on advocating for more women's history in the news, more women's stories at historic sites, and more sites that honor women.

Here are three current projects that your contributions will support:

Clara Barton National Historic Site

The future of the first women’s historic site in the National Park system, the Clara Barton National Historic Site in Glen Echo, Maryland, was at risk. NCWHS took action, leading a series of online discussions this summer with historians, the National Park Service, and

other stakeholders to reimagine the future of this significant site. As part of this collaborative effort, we provided recommendations on themes that will enhance the National Park Service's interpretation. The site renovations and new frameworks will bring Clara Barton's story to life.

Telling Women's Stories: A Toolkit for Historic Sites & Museums

Do you know a small museum that needs resources for telling a more inclusive story? NCWHS is excited to announce our new online toolkit designed to help staff and volunteers at historic sites and museums uncover and share the stories of women. The toolkit includes research tips, successful case studies, and more. Find the Toolkit on the NCWHS website and share this valuable resource.

National Votes for Women Trail

The National Votes for Women Trail (NVWT) keeps growing! We now have more than 2,400 sites in the online database (www.nvwt.org), along with accompanying lesson plans and videos. Soon, we will launch a series of podcasts about the Trail in ten different states, exploring the rich diversity of the suffrage movement across the country.

Learn more about these initiatives. Join us in supporting the future of women's history and ensuring that women's stories are told and remembered.

Learn more at the **NCWHS**.



Did you know that your support is crucial to the success of the National Women's History Alliance?



Here's why we need volunteers, donors, and supporters like you:

Volunteers: Your time and skills help us organize events, conduct research, and spread awareness about women's history. Volunteers are the backbone of our initiatives, allowing us to reach more people and have a greater impact.

Donors: Financial contributions provide the resources necessary to create educational programs, maintain digital archives, and support community projects. Your donations ensure that the stories of women's achievements and struggles are preserved and shared for generations to come.

Supporters: Attending our events, sharing our message on social media, and participating in our campaigns helps amplify our mission. Every voice added to our cause strengthens our ability to advocate for more women's stories in the news and at historic sites.

Join Us! Visit our **website** for more information on how you can make a difference. Together, we can continue to honor the past, celebrate the present, and shape the future of women's history.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the National Women's History Alliance.



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