



November is Indigenous Peoples Heritage Month

During National Native American Heritage Month, we celebrate Indigenous peoples past and present and rededicate ourselves to honoring Tribal sovereignty, promoting Tribal self-determination, and upholding the United States' solemn trust and treaty responsibilities to Tribal Nations. When the Europeans landed in what would become the United States there were at least 50 million indigenous people; by the end of the 20th Century there were fewer than 4 million.

In every aspect of American life Indigenous women as teachers and scholars, scientists and doctors, writers and artists, business leaders and elected officials, heroes in uniform, and so much more, have made immeasurable contributions to our country's progress.

In celebration, this month we are recognizing eight women from different indigenous nations who have who continue to defend their sovereignty, self-government, self-determination, and the homelands of Tribal Nations.



Legend for above Native Americans - #1-4

Image #1: Susan LaFlesche Picotte Omaha tribe (1865-1915) - First Native American to hold a medical degree in the United States

Image #2: Lyda Conley Wyandot (1868-1946) - First Native America attorney to argue a case before the US Supreme Court

Image #3: Zitkala-sa Dakota (1876-1938) - Activist for women and Native American Civil Rights, led Pan-Indian movement to unite all American tribes.

Image #4: Mary Golda Ross Cherokee (1908 - 2008) - First Native American aerospace engineer



Legend for above Native Americans - #5-8

Image #5: Elizabeth Peratrovich Tlingit Nation (1911-1958) - Alaska native who is responsible for getting the 1945 anti-discrimination act passed.

Image #6: Deb Haaland Laguna Pueblo Tribe (b. 1960) - First Native American Cabinet Secretary- Department of the Interior

Image #7: Sharice Davids Ho-chunk People (b. 1980) - First Native American Woman Elected to Congress (2018)

Image #8: Jasilyn Charger Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe (b.1996) - Land defender, water protector, community organizer, advocate for Native American and LGBTQ rights, and youth founder of the Dakota Access Pipeline Protests.

2023 NWA Theme

Throughout 2023, the NWA will encourage the 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, news, and social media. This timely theme honors women in every community who have devoted their lives and talents to producing art and news, pursuing truth, and reflecting society decade after decade. Our story-telling sisters in the media are essential to make our collective history visible; together, we can know the story's landscape.



2023 NWA Magazine Nominations

To nominate a woman for consideration focus on a moment or experience in her life that is unique, powerful and inspirational : send 250 words or less and an image to: nwhp1980@gmail.com

Due to the thousands of nominations we receive only 10-15 will be selected for the magazine. All nominations will be listed on our website.

This would be a good project for a youth group in your community or as a history assignment for students. Over the holidays you could interview women family members and friends. Help us shine a light on the remarkable storytellers in our lives.

An Invitation to Become a 2023 NWHHA Partner

Join us as a 2023 Partner and help us continue to bring together organizations, institutions, and individuals who are working to write women back into history. Our work brings to the forefront the remarkable story tellers who help ensure that the narrative be all inclusive and shine a light on the often invisible.

For information about benefits and how to become a 2023 NWHHA Partner go **[HERE](#)**.



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WHY HIRE A PERFORMER LINK:

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