



League in Action

August 19, 2020

President's Message

LATE BREAKING NEWS (I always wanted to say that.)

Governor Northam is set to propose the use of drop boxes for this election at the Special Session of the General Assembly which began in August 18!

This, of course, is a huge priority for the League, especially in light of the problems with the Postal Service. We will be monitoring this Session, which is expected to last at least a week -or two...of face it, no one knows anymore.

Be prepared to see some Action Alerts coming as this legislation and others important to us come up.

Here are some links, if you wish to stream the Session.

http://virginia-senate.granicus.com/ViewPublisher.php?view_id=3

<https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+oth+MTG>

<https://virginiageneralassembly.gov/membersAndSession.php?secid=1&activesec=0#!hb=1&mainContentTabs=0>

As you read this newsletter you will see many opportunities for voter action – some require contact – some none. **Please sign up** as you are able.

One thing everyone can do is spread CORRECT information. We were astonished this week to learn that some well meaning people wanted to bundle ballots together for the elderly and sick and FedEx them to the registrar or carry them en masse. That is called “ballot harvesting” and is illegal in VA. I posted this on our Facebook page (**please like and follow** our social media pages so that you can share this information.)

Please consider posting to neighborhood listservs and Nextdoor, etc. It is another way to battle misinformation.

We have been getting this question way too many times. You are not allowed to pick up, or mail in, or drop off anyone else’s ballot in Virginia^{OBJ}. That is called “ballot harvesting” and it is against the law. Everyone must mail or return their own ballot.

We are hoping, that when satellite locations are approved, people will be able to drop their ballots there, however, unless the law is changed, you cannot touch anyone’s ballot but your own.

You cannot group together a bunch of friends ballots and put them in FedEx or anything else.

Highlights of the month:

Jackie Rivas making contact with the Virginia Hospital Center to assure that the medical staff will get proper voting information for 2020.

Debbie Churchman getting permission for our signs to be on bike paths, community centers and for 3000 fliers to go to students at the "grab and go meal program sponsored by Arlington County Schools.

21,000 postcards and counting.....

We will recognize EVERYONE when this is over for all the work they are doing. Boy, are we having a party!

Thanks for all you do.....

Joan

[Read LWV VA statement commending the Governor of Virginia on voter protection proposals](#)



Take Action: Honor the Legacy of Congressman Lewis

Last week, we celebrated the 55th anniversary of the signing of the original 1965 Voting Rights Act. With the passing of the voting and civil rights champion Congressman **John Lewis**, and the growing instances of voter suppression across the country, our fight for voter protection remains steadfast.

Contact your Senators to ask them to pass the “John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act” today.

Here is the link

Fight the attack on the Post Office

Here is the link to information

SPECIAL ELECTION UPDATE

We have more tasks... some require no contact, some a little contact and some more contact so that is how we ranked them!

For more information on any of these, contact us at LWVarlingtonva@gmail.com. The information is at my house – so email me to let me know when you want to pick up.

Contactless:

Calling Senior Residences – We have many covered and many not yet covered. We need someone to call them to be sure they have the proper materials and information. There is much confusion over early voting, dropping off ballots – and we need to be sure they have correct information.

Putting up yard signs along bike trails. We have received permission to put our yard signs on the bike trails!

[To sign up please click here](#)

No Contact

Pandemic Postcarding - We have hit 20,000 cards and counting!! [Contact Joan](#) to find out how you can postcard from home!

Some Contact:

Distribute fliers – We still need fliers in stores especially in Buckingham, Green Valley, and Cherrydale.

More Contact:

In person voter registration. We are now going to participate in “Census Palooza” with the Census 2020 people. On August 29, between 10 AM and 2 PM, they are setting up tables in Buckingham (Gates of Ballston) and Barcroft (near

Doctors Run Park.)

As with all of our other in-person programs, we will have full PPE.

Sign up here (And note we have a few spots for AFAC open in September still.)

Help Spread the Word!

We have prepared a social media outreach plan from now until the election to flood all forms of social media with information, facts and fun ways to participate in voting! **Please help us spread the message by "liking", "tagging", "retweeting" and "sharing" all posts, images and videos.** And if you yourself are active on social media, please always tag the Arlington league to increase traffic!

If you would like to get involved with our online/social media outreach please contact **Rachelle Walker** m.rachelle.walker@gmail.com. Thanks!

Ready for November? More ways to get the word out

Amharic poster

Mongolian poster

Spanish poster

Vietnamese poster

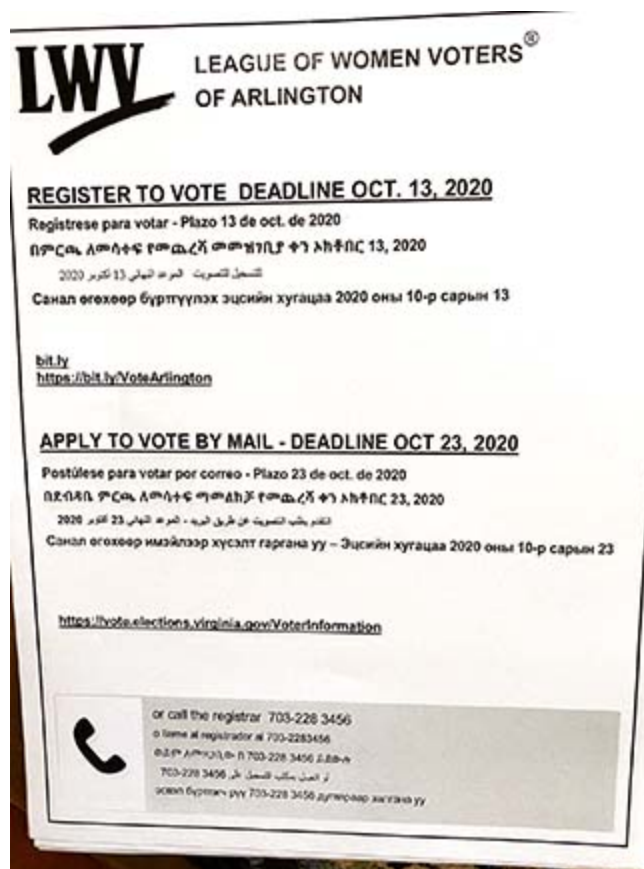
Arabic poster

English poster

Brennan Center Facts on Voter Fraud - Spread the Word!




Bags getting ready to go to schools in Arlington Grab and Go food program. 3000!



Voting Video to Share - wherever you share

voter registration video produced by some of our members

Posters Produced by Student Member Emily Wosje



REQUIRED VOTER IDS

ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ARE ACCEPTABLE IN VIRGINIA:

- Voter confirmation documents
- Virginia driver's license (even an expired one)
- Virginia DMV-issued photo ID
- United States passport
- Employer-issued photo ID
- Student ID issued by any community college or university located in the U.S.
- Other U.S. or Virginia government-issued photo ID
- Tribal enrollment or other tribal photo ID
- Virginia Voter Photo ID card
- A copy of a current utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document containing the name and address of the voter

MORE INFO: WWW.ELECTIONS.VIRGINIA.GOV



LWV LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF VIRGINIA

VOTE 411 UPCOMING ELECTION DATES VIRGINIA GENERAL

- Registration Deadline:
Oct. 13th
- Absentee Ballot Request Deadline:
Oct. 23rd
- Early Voting:
Sept. 18- Oct. 31st
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Nov. 3rd



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- for you to post to your sites and on Nextdoor and list serves

Temporary Job Opportunity: Voting registrar temporary jobs have posted

Arlington County's paid positions for this election are now posted online.

Arlington County is hiring for voting registration.

[**More information and apply here**](#)

Fall Workshop: A Time Increase your Political Skills, Leadership and League Skills

Joan Porte

First VP LWV VA

We move into fall and the zenith of the 2020 election season with the League of Women Voters of Virginia virtual Fall Workshop. We will start off with a reception on the evening of Sept 11, 2020. One of the many things lost to us by the COVID 19 pandemic is the ability to meet other League members, exchange ideas and talk strategy. Therefore, after a commemoration of the anniversary of the 2001 terrorist attacks, **we will kick off the Workshop with a virtual reception** which allows members to break into small meeting rooms to discuss how they are managing two issues during COVID 10. First, how you are handling virtual messaging for the 2020 election and how are you keeping your league visible during quarantine.

The formal part of Workshop begins at 9:00 A on Saturday, September 12, 2020. Morning speakers offer information two important issues related to the 2020 Election, getting people to the polls, and stopping the suppression of the votes.

After a break in which you will have the option to mingle with other members in virtual break room if you wish, we will continue with a **afternoon session where the focus will be on League management including a deep dive into position study and league leadership development.**

Don't miss this chance to connect with members from all over the Commonwealth

as you learn new ways to make your League more influential, effective, and efficient.

AGENDA

9 AM - 10 AM **How to Get Out the Vote** (GOTV) - **Maggie Bush**, LWV US

Break

10:05 AM - 11: 05 AM **How to Combat Voter Suppression** - **Andrea Miller**,
Poor People' Campaign of Virginia

11: 05 AM - 12:00 PM Break (the virtual meeting rooms will be open if you want to have informal discussions.)

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM - **Leadership Development** - **Kelly McFarland Stratman**
- LWV US

Break

1:05 - 2:05 PM - **Deep Dive into League Positions** - **Betsy Lawson** - LWV US

Timetable

Virtual Reception – 7 PM – 8:30 PM – Sept 11

Workshop – 9AM – 2 PM – Sept 12

Please RSVP here to get your Zoom link. (Links will be sent three times in the two days prior to the meeting.) \$20

Voter Registration Information in 8-13 Arlington Connection

Plan Ahead: The Election is Closer Than You Think

Local officials urge voting absentee.

By Shirley Ruhe
Arlington Connection

Many things in what we used to call "normal" life have changed, but the election is still only three months away. No things have changed here, too, as County election officials are urging voters to get ready now to vote absentee.

What to do?

The first step, regardless of whether you plan to vote in person or by mail, is to register to vote. The deadline to register to vote is October 15. If you are uncertain whether you are registered to vote you can check on the Virginia or Arlington election websites. It also makes sense to double check your registration.

After you have verified that you are registered to vote, choose whether you wish to vote in person or by mail. Your first stop for information on your registration status, an absentee ballot application, regulations and election law is the Virginia Department of Elections website, elections.virginia.gov. Questions can also be directed to the Arlington Office of Elections at oe@arlingtonva.us or 703-228-3406.

If you choose to vote in person, you could vote on Election Day, Nov. 3 between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. at your regular polling place. A better choice is to vote early at your Registrar's office in the Business Government Center at 2100 Courthouse Blvd. beginning 40 days before the election, Sept. 16. Additional earlier early voting sites have been requested but will need approval from the County Board, voting on Election Day is likely to involve lines.

If you wish to vote by mail you can request an absentee ballot application at the election website or pick up an absentee ballot application at county facilities. It is now easier to vote absentee. Any voter can vote absentee without any reason, replacing the former requirement that a voter had some reason from an approved list. This new rule went into effect July 1.

Ballots must be requested by Oct. 15, but don't wait, request a ballot now you want to vote by mail. If you are voting for the first time, you must submit a copy of a valid ID with your ballot or your initial application. Send your ballot application to the registrar's office in the Business Government Center by mail, fax or email attachment. Don't wait until October if you are not to.

Among several issues this year according to Christine Richford, Chairman of the Arlington Electoral Board, is that a number of street council locations are currently closed due to COVID, and the facilities that do have applications risk not quickly and must be monitored for equipment.

Once your application for a ballot has been received, ballots will be mailed out the



A poster widely distributed across Arlington urging voters to vote absentee in the upcoming November 3 election.



Forms in Arabic for the Hispanic community and in Mongolian urging voters to vote absentee.

week of Sept. 14. When you receive your ballot, mark the ballot. Under state law the ballot must be placed inside an envelope, and the envelope must be signed by the voter and a witness. There have been allegations in the requirement for a witness, and a case is before the Circuit Court in Richmond to review the witness requirement.

Before the ballot immediately on you don't let your ballot into and forget to mail it and to avoid a last minute rush of ballots for the election workers. The ballot may be mailed or dropped off at the Registrar's Office at the Business Center.

There has been a request by the registrar to assist sites but the County Board must approve them. There are currently no drop sites that will allow voters to drop by and submit the ballot without involving the post office.

One change to absentee voting this year is allowing a mail to vote to be counted up to the Friday after the election if a law

neighborhood. The deadline is Oct. 15. They wish their hand in a vote and ask if they can bring a non-partisan form.

In addition, the League is putting 2,400 forms as well as spreading posters at the high end of the road along on August 15, which is the last week of the school testing program. There are those are expected to be in Mongolian, Spanish, Arabic and Arabic, in addition, they are holding a week of some registration events the Arlington Board of Education Center in September in people want them for their hand distribution.

The work they are also doing "handbook" materials which have recently included 1,000 pamphlets to unregistered voters in Arlington and 10,000 pamphlets through the state the time. "I got 1,000 voters on Tuesday and by Wednesday I was out of voters. People were saying I need more," we're trying to keep up with demand." The last batch was distributed to unregistered voters in Texas.

Rich Ruhe, who is working through the United Church of Christ's faith and community 2020 campaign to increase voter participation by persons of color says they received 1,000 pamphlets and plan to send out 2,000 and distribute the rest to other churches. "We just printed them, we'll give out the first round this weekend." This group will also send out a weekly newsletter to encourage early voting in Texas.

Partners were they are lucky to have Paul the "Maverick" who has built a 10 column spreadsheet with information on every precinct, who is responsible for it and the status.

Behind every precinct will have every opportunity to vote whether absentee by mail, in person early voting or Election Day. But there are so many issues for you the point out with the expected large absentee voting, there will be numerous challenges. The next areas through they have a high speed vote centers the envelope will have to be opened, and you have to look at the certification on the envelope and smooth the ballot so they will go through the scanner. In addition, the polling places in Arlington's 14 precincts are still required to be open by law on Election Day, which presents staffing and safety issues.

But Ruhe has, a previous update to the Central City area, requires updates. "The precinct will be open for some time with poll workers and voter ballots. It should be business as usual." But he stresses the overall theme. "You can minimize the struggle of voter frustration by voting ahead."

There has been some voter confusion due to go filed and ballot applications received by some voters last week from the County for voter information, which is not affiliated with the Arlington County Office of Voter Registration and Elections. If you received one of these and live in Arlington, it does serve as a valid request for a ballot and there is no need to make one again. While all Virginia locations are reporting voters on their forms, the vote provided in Arlington voters appear correct. Confused? Ruhe will be with the Arlington County Office of Voter Registration & Elections for processing.

www.aconnectionva.com/newsroom

Read Shirley Ruhe's write-up and interview with Joan here

Committees

Aug 19 – 7 PM – **Election Integrity** – contact **Lisa Koteen Gerchick**,
lkoteengerchick@gmail.com

Aug 24 – 7PM – **Housing** – contact **Carol Brooke**,
changetheclimate555@gmail.com



Centennial Corner – Mid-August 2020

Centennial Corner is a regular feature of the League in Action e-newsletter to celebrate three centennial anniversaries in 2020: the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the creation of the League of Women Voters, and the naming of our county as Arlington County. Centennial Corner will:

Highlight important moments and leaders in these three histories;
List upcoming events relevant to the anniversaries; and
Flag suggestions for additional reading and other resources.

The Arlington League's Centennial Committee is proud to produce this feature and would welcome your feedback and suggestions for future content. Please send ideas to **Seema Jain** (seema.kakad@gmail.com).

After Suffrage: Getting Women to the Polls

When the 19th Amendment was ratified, a big question loomed: Would women vote? Evidence suggests that close to half of all eligible women did – at least in the presidential elections after suffrage. Despite being disenfranchised based on their race in many states, Black women also turned out at impressive levels. Nevertheless, for the first 50 years after ratification, women were less likely to vote than men. Today, women are more likely to vote than men.

Why did it take years for women's voting rates to catch up to (and now exceed) men's? Scholars have offered some theories. For one, voter-mobilizing organizations led and populated by men – such as political parties and unions – had a big head start. They had massive resources and many decades of experience getting male voters to the polls. As political scientists Christina Wolbrecht and Kevin Corder note, “gender differences in organizational capacity had consequences for the representation of women's interests after suffrage.” The League of Women Voters, for example, had “virtually no experience with GOTV, and their energies were divided by the work of studying, recommending, and advocating on behalf of policy proposals.” What's more, women's organizations had to undertake “a long-term effort to overcome social norms that discouraged participation,” battling “a federal structure that not only did not facilitate but also often discouraged voting,” according to Wolbrecht and Corder.

Federalism turned out to be a critical part of the story. “National averages obscure that women's turnout varied considerably across states in 1920,” Wolbrecht and Corder found. This variation was the product of two forces: electoral competition (which incentivized parties to mobilize women to vote) and restrictive laws (which kept women, particularly Black women, from the polls). In Virginia, which had restrictive laws and little electoral competition, just 5% of

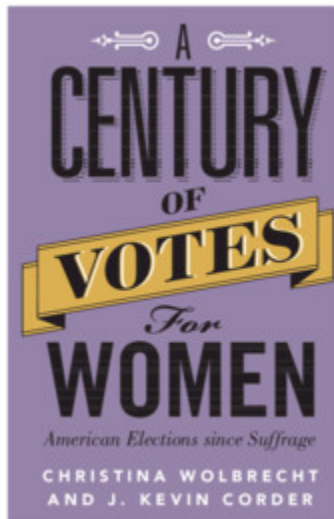
women voted. In Kentucky, which had few restrictions and a lot of competition, 50% did, according to the study. The authors note that the turnout gap between Virginia women and Kentucky women far exceeded any state's male-female turnout gap in 1920. Thus, the scholars conclude that **"whether women voted after suffrage appears to be more a function of where they lived and their state and local electoral institutions than of their gender alone."**

Largely due to Jim Crow laws, the racial gap in women's voting was an issue in the decades after suffrage. According to Wolbrecht and Corder, a Black newspaper in Chicago reported in 1920 "that those seeking to mobilize black women as voters had faced murder, kidnap, and threatened lynching [and] signed threats of arson against homes and businesses." Nevertheless, Black women faced down structures of oppression. In Richmond, for example, fully 13% of Black women registered in 1920 (compared to 27% of White women), according to a study by historian Suzanne Lebsock. Black women's voting surged with the civil rights efforts of the 1950s and 1960s. **Black women now have higher voter turnout rates than any other race-gender group, according to Census data from the 2012 election.**

Fully incorporating women as voters was an intensive process, led by the League, civil rights organizations, and other civil society groups. **Reaching gender parity in voting took more than half a century.** And, as we know, the cause of voter engagement is never done.

This contribution is adapted from Christina Wolbrecht and J. Kevin Corder, "Turning Rights Into Ballots: The Uneven Integration of Women Into Electoral Politics After Suffrage," PS: Political Science & Politics, 53(3), 2020, 478-483. The book-length version of their article is Wolbrecht and Corder, [A Century of Votes for](#)

[Women](#) (Cambridge University Press, 2020). The **Lebsock** study is "Woman Suffrage and White Supremacy: A Virginia Case Study," In [Visible Women: New Essays on American Activism](#), ed. **Nancy A. Hewitt** and **Suzanne Lebsock** (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1993), 61-100.

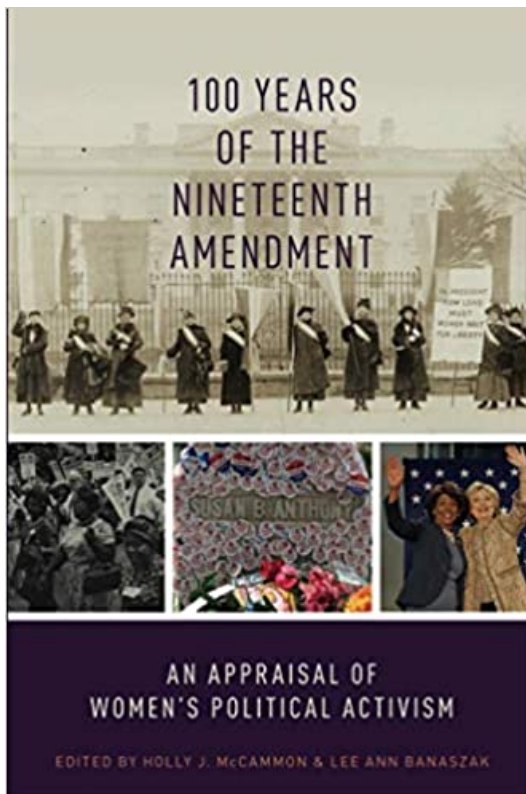


LWV-Arlington's Krysta Nicole Jones Records Suffrage Minute on Start TV



See **Krysta's** spotlight on **Fannie Barrier Williams** [here](#)

Books That Have Come Across Our Desk



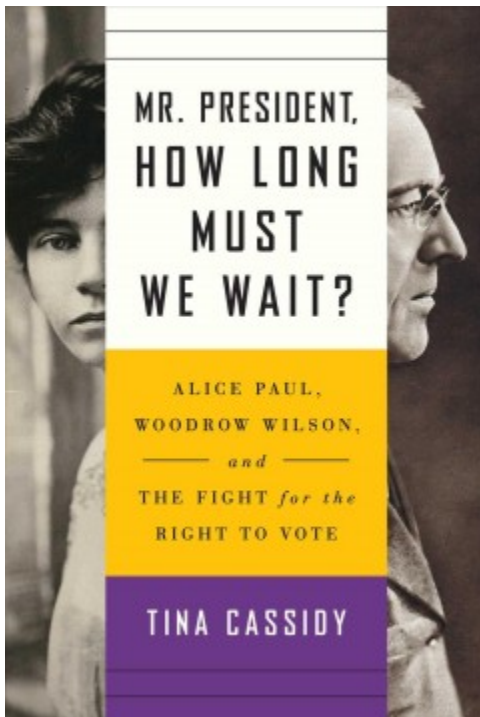
100 Years of the Nineteenth Amendment,

edited by Holly J.
McCammon and Lee Ann
Banaszak.

From the book
description: "The
volume looks back at
the decades since
women won the right to
vote to analyze the
changes, developments,
and even continuities in
women's roles in the
broad political sphere.
...[Although] women
have made substantial
strides in the political
realm—voting at higher
rates than men and
gaining prominent
leadership roles—

barriers to gender equality remain.

Women continue to be underrepresented in political office and to confront gender bias in a myriad of political settings...[S]everal chapters discuss the failure of the Nineteenth Amendment to provide full political rights and representation to African American, Latina, and poorer women. The work also considers women's extra-institutional activism in a wide variety of settings, including in the feminist, civil rights, environmental, and far-right movements."

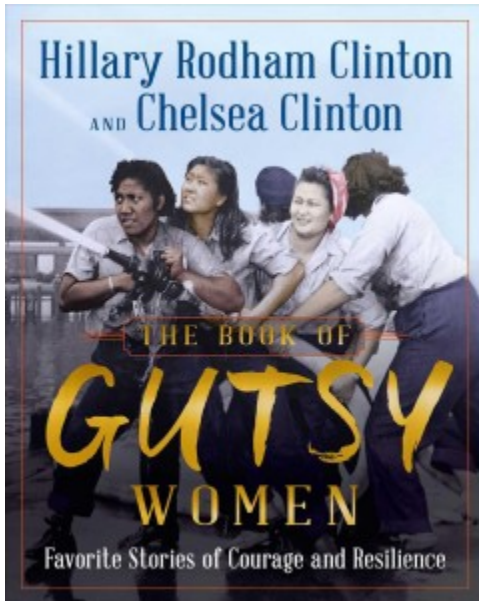


Mr. President, how long must we wait? : Alice Paul, Woodrow Wilson, and the fight for the right to vote
by Tina Cassidy

"The author of Jackie After O examines the complex relationship between suffragist leader Alice Paul and President Woodrow Wilson, revealing the life-risking measures that Paul and her supporters endured to gain voting rights for

American women.”

(Courtesy Hoover Public
Library, AL)



*The book of gutsy
women : Favorite
Stories of Courage
and Resilience*

by Hillary Rodham
Clinton and Chelsea
Clinton

The authors “share the
stories of the gutsy
women who have
inspired them -- women
with the courage to
stand up to the status
quo, ask hard questions,
and get the job done.
Ensuring the rights of
women and girls
remains a big piece of
the

unfinished business of the twenty-first century. While there's a lot of work to do,
we know that throughout history and around the globe women have overcome the

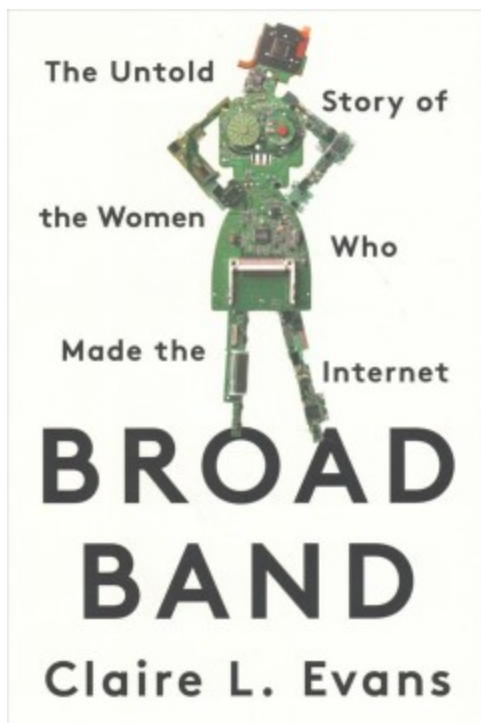
toughest resistance imaginable to win victories that have made progress possible for all of us. The book features Dorothy Height, Edie Windsor, Diana Nyad, Rachel Carson, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, Mary Beard, Wangari Maathai, Harriet Tubman, and Malala Yousafzai.” (Courtesy Hoover Public Library, AL)



*Suffrage : women's
long battle for the
vote*

by Ellen Carol DuBois

“Published to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, a high-energy chronicle of the movement for women’s voting rights shares bold portraits of its devoted leaders and activists. By the author of *Feminism and Suffrage*.” (Courtesy Hoover Public Library, AL)

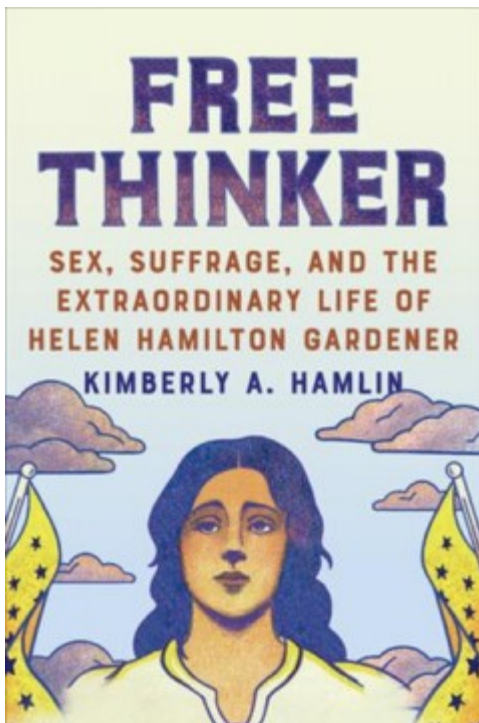


*Broad band : the
untold story of the
women who made
the Internet*

by Claire Lisa Evans

The YACHT lead singer and VICE reporter celebrates the lesser-known contributions of women to the history of technology, sharing brief profiles of such boundary-breaking innovators as Ada Lovelace, Grace Hopper, Elizabeth "Jake" Feinler and Stacy Horn.

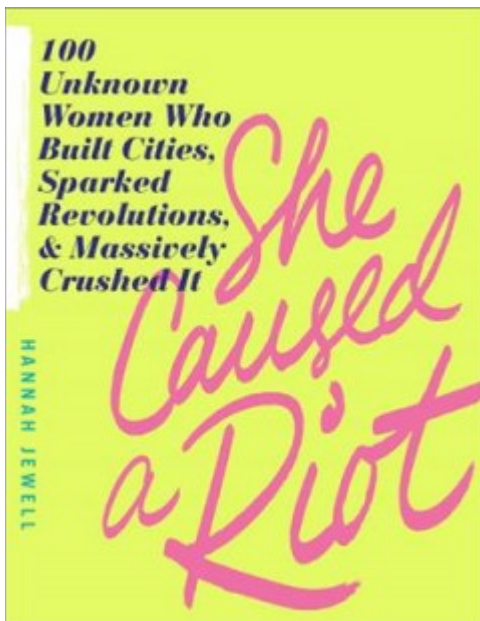
(Courtesy Hoover Public Library, AL)



*Free thinker : sex,
suffrage, and the
extraordinary life of
Helen Hamilton
Gardener*

by Kimberly A Hamlin

“Describes the life of the author, suffragist and civil servant who pretended to be married to her lover, openly opposed sexist piety, debunked “science” that claimed women’s brains were inferior and worked tirelessly for the Nineteenth Amendment.” (Courtesy Hoover Public Library, AL)

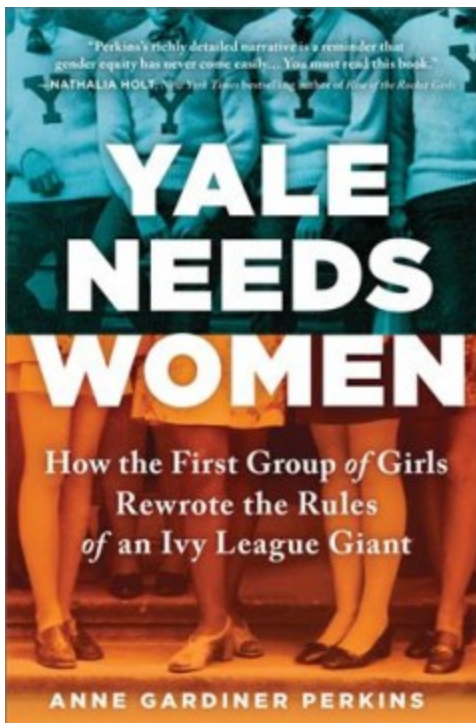


She caused a riot :
100 unknown women
who built cities,
sparked revolutions,
and massively
crushed it

by Hannah Jewell

A look at 100 mostly obscure women from history offers brief portraits of women who span centuries and the globe. The women featured include leaders from ancient history, warriors with impressive kill counts, scientific geniuses, writers, suffragettes, fun-loving vixens, Nazi fighters, and revolutionaries.

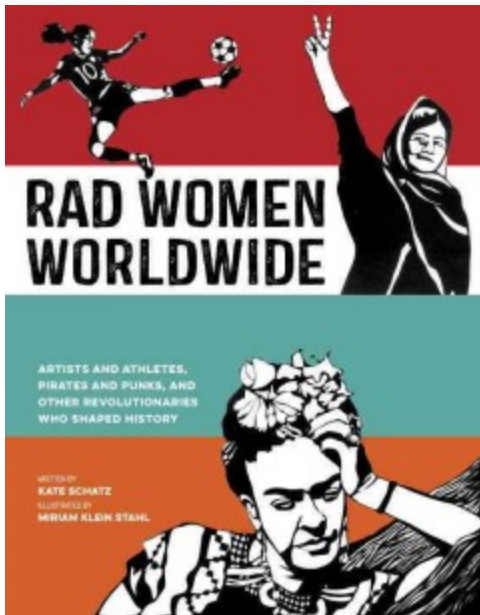
They all share a fierce determination to succeed and an unwillingness to accept limitations. And yet, their stories have been largely ignored by history. (Courtesy Hoover Public Library, AL)



*Yale needs women :
how the first group of
girls rewrote the
rules of an Ivy
League giant*

by Anne Gardiner
Perkins

"The first woman editor-in-chief of the Yale Daily News celebrates the first class of women admitted to Yale in 1969, sharing compelling insights into the Ivy League exclusion of women who were eventually accepted as an incentive for male students." (Courtesy Hoover Public Library, AL)

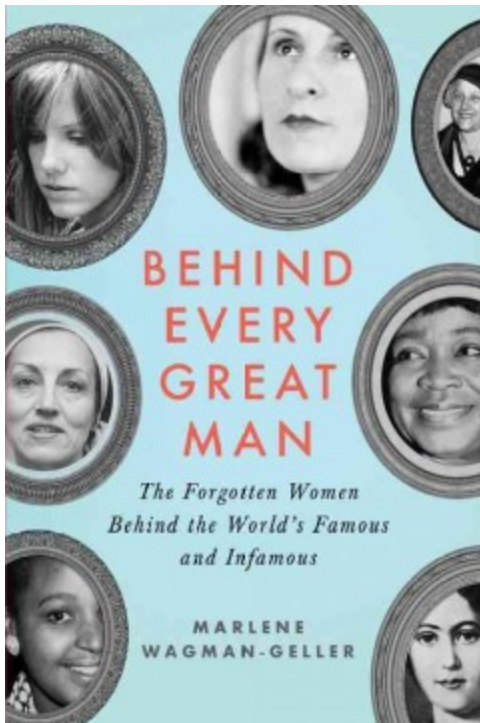


*Rad women
worldwide : artists
and athletes, pirates
and punks, and other
revolutionaries who
shaped history*

by Kate Schatz

“From the author and illustrator of the New York Times best-selling book *Rad American Women A-Z*, comes a bold new collection of 40 biographical profiles, each accompanied by a striking illustrated portrait, showcasing extraordinary women from around the world,

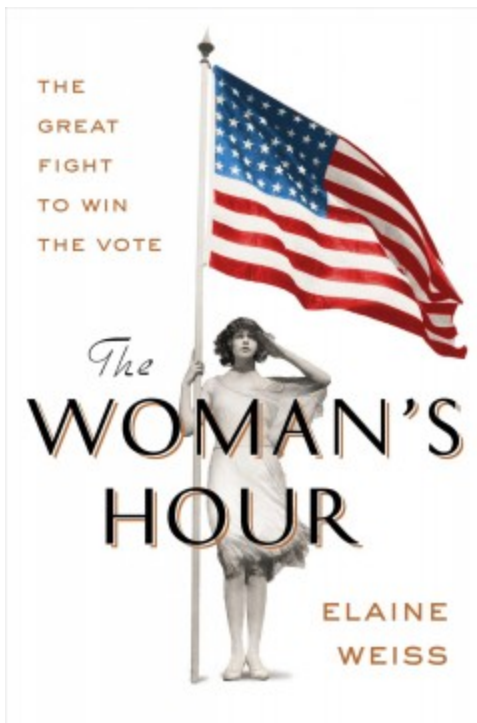
including Hatshepsut, Malala Yousafzi, Ann Bancroft and many more.” (Courtesy Hoover Public Library, AL)



Behind every great man : the forgotten women behind the world's famous and infamous

by Marlene Wagman-Geller

“Details the lives of forty women who stood behind their famous husbands and supported them, including such figures as Gandhi, Einstein, Picasso, and Malcolm X.” (Courtesy Hoover Public Library, AL)



*The woman's hour :
the great fight to win
the vote*

by Elaine F. Weiss

"An uplifting account of the 1920 ratification of the constitutional amendment that granted voting rights to women traces the culmination of seven decades of legal battles and cites the pivotal contributions of famous suffragists and political leaders." (Courtesy Hoover Public Library, AL)

Major Events to Watch For

- **8/22 – 8/23 – Women's Rights National Historical Park in Seneca Falls, NY. "Equality Weekend-Seneca Falls".** Also on Facebook and YouTube is the taping of their annual Convention Day event, including [women suffrage skydivers](#). That event will be livestreamed on facebook [here](#). They are also planning a "[Ratification Race](#)", as part of a [larger partnership with the National Park Foundation](#).
- **8/26 – Unveiling of the "[Women's Rights Pioneers Monument](#)"** on

Central Park's Library Walk, (New York City) The 3 statues are of **Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sojourner Truth, and Susan B. Anthony**. The unveiling will be accompanied by *Talking Statues* monologues, voiced by famous actresses taking the roles of these women.

- **8/26 – [Turning Point Suffragist Memorial](#)** (Lorton, VA) Videos and commentary will be launched, celebrating the women's suffrage movement and the memorial itself. The memorial is under construction, with a live dedication postponed until spring 2021.
- **8/26 – "[Forward into Light](#)" project of the federal Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission**. Buildings and landmarks across the country will light up in purple and gold to honor the suffrage centennial.
- **"[Look Up to Her](#)"** (Mt. Rushmore, SD) Images of 14 female leaders of the suffrage and civil rights movements will be projected on each side of the 4 presidents for 2 weeks, starting on or about August 18.
- The [2020 Women Vote stamp](#) can now be [pre-ordered](#), although the usual launch ceremonies will be delayed until 2021.



- **Aug 26, 7 pm: Suffrage at 100 (Women & Politics Institute, American U).** Dr. **Stacie Taranto** and Dr. **Leandra Zarnow**, co-editors of the new book, [Suffrage at 100: Women in American Politics Since 1920](#) will discuss women's engagement in electoral politics over the past one hundred years. Details and registration [here](#).
- **Sept 2, 6 pm: How Black Women Broke Barriers (Women & Politics Institute, American U).** Dr. **Martha S. Jones**, of John Hopkins University, will discuss her forthcoming book, [Vanguard: How Black Women Broke Barriers, Won the Vote, and Insisted on Equality for All](#), "the epic history of African American women's pursuit of political power -- and how it transformed America." Details and registration [here](#).
- **Sept 9, 6 pm: [She Votes!](#) (Women & Politics Institute, American U.** Award-winning journalists **Lynn Sherr** and **Ellen Goodman**, co-hosts of the [She Votes! Our Battle for the Ballot](#) podcast, will discuss the complex history of the women's suffrage movement, and its enduring significance during their tenure reporting on women's rights and social change issues. Details and registration [here](#).

Museum Exhibits

Virginia has its own suffrage history. Although racism resulted in the General Assembly's defeat of all suffrage efforts, there were women and men suffragists, Black and White, working towards that goal for years. Fortunately, recognition of their efforts is on display in various places around the state.

There are several museums in our wider region with relevant exhibits. Some are available to visit now, and others plan to do so before too long.

Virginia museums are operating under varying social distancing rules, so check before you go:

- [Virginia Museum of History and Culture](#) (Richmond) *Open*
- [Lucy Burns Museum](#) (Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton) *Open*
- [Brandywine River Museum of Art](#) (Chadds Ford, PA) *Open thru 9/27/20*
- [Library of Virginia](#) (Richmond) *Currently open to researchers only*
- [Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center](#) A partial travelling exhibit from the Library of Virginia is currently there.

There are many online exhibits as well, including those from museums that do plan to re-open at some point.

- National Archives. ["Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote"](#)
- National Women's History Museum. ["Crusade for the Vote."](#)
- Alice Paul Institute. ["For Democracy: Celebrating 100 Years of the 19th Amendment."](#)
- Library of Congress. ["Shall Not Be Denied."](#)
- Carol Simon Levin, [Remembering the Ladies](#). The author has made available a free electronic version of this book, which profiles 69 women who fought for women's political inclusion and participation. Ensuring the rights and opportunities of women and girls remains a big piece of the

unfinished business of the twenty-first century.

Panels, Videos, and Podcasts Goodies

(and these are just a few)

- **Streaming now!** "[The Vote](#)," PBS's two-part, four-hour documentary on the struggle for the 19th Amendment. The website has lots of supplementary film clips and learning materials, as well.
- "[She Votes](#)" - an 8 part audio documentary, starting on 7/22.
- "[After the March](#)", which tells the story of Alice Paul's 1917 imprisonment.
- "[One Woman One Vote](#)" **Virtual Film Festival**. A variety of suffrage and feminist films are available for free through 11/3/20.
- "[Carrie Chapman Catt: Warrior for Women](#)". A film produced by Friends of Iowa PBS and showing on PBS stations in our area.
- The WSCC has partnered with Nashville's all-female singer-songwriter collective, Song Suffragettes, to host weekly **livestreamed** performances every Monday in August at 6pm(CT)/7pm(ET) in celebration of the centennial. The series will be available for free via the [Song Suffragettes' YouTube channel](#).
- And in order to have some memorabilia to commemorate women winning the vote, a wonderful catalogue of suffrage-related products is now available that pulls together the offerings from many different organizations in [one place](#).

Looking Ahead

In fact, many organizations are looking at August 2020 as the beginning of the

centennial year. And, there's even a centennial angle to 2022, which is the 100th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the constitutionality of the 19th Amendment.

It's Arlington's Centennial, Too

The County has launched a [webpage](#) to showcase news of the County's "naming centennial" and associated events. Be sure to sign up for email updates.

Meanwhile, check out this "[story map](#)" from 1920, courtesy of the Arlington Historical Society.

Resources

Twitter users are getting ready to share thoughts and information on the suffrage centennial. Here are some accounts to follow. (We will add more as we learn of them.)

@WomenVote100	@DailySuffragist	@WomensVote100
@SuffCentennials	@2020centennial	@Suff_Postcards
@CentOfSuffrage	AlicePaulInstit	@100thSuffrageDC
@INSuffrage100	@Suffragist	

US Mint Releases Women's Suffrage Coins to Honor Centennial



From the US Mint: The United States Mint's 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial Silver Dollar celebrates the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment's ratification with a distinctive silver dollar coin marking a signature achievement in our Nation's history. By giving millions of women citizens the right to vote, it profoundly changed our Nation by moving it closer to its promise of inclusion and equality. These inspirational designs not only pay homage to the Amendment's adoption, they also honor the many pioneers, activists, and foot soldiers in the movement who fought bravely and tenaciously for decades to make it a reality.

[Read the press release here](#)

[Visit the catalog order page here](#)

Look for next newsletter September 2

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