



MARCH, 2021

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH IN THE COMMONWEALTH

This compilation is not comprehensive and there are many other Women's History Month programs and events happening in the Commonwealth during March. Stay up to date on resources for women in Virginia by signing up for the newsletter at women.virginia.gov/contact-us

BOARD MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Virginia Council on Women Meeting

The Virginia Council on Women will convene for their second meeting of the calendar year. During this meeting, Council members will receive updates from representatives of the administration and discuss issues that are affecting women in the Commonwealth.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

DISCUSSIONS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

12:00 P.M.

Seeking a Gubernatorial Appointment to a Statewide Board or Commission

Gubernatorial appointments are an ongoing process, with approximately 900 appointments being made throughout the year. Join this informational session to learn more about the process for appointments and how you can apply to serve on a statewide Board or Commission.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

12:00 P.M.

Virginians & Their Histories | Virtual Panel Discussion

Join us for a panel discussion on *Virginians and Their Histories*, a groundbreaking work of scholarship from historian and author Brent Tarter, a retired editor at the Library of Virginia. Published by the University of Virginia Press in collaboration with the Library of Virginia, the book presents a fresh, new interpretive narrative that incorporates the experiences of all residents of Virginia from the earliest times to the first decades of the 21st century. Tarter will discuss how the book reflects recent, groundbreaking scholarship and fresh perspectives on Virginia history with Virginia Commonwealth University history professors Sarah Meacham and Brian J. Daugherty. The book is available at the Virginia Shop. For more information, contact Emma Ito at emma.ito@lva.virginia.gov or 804.692.3726.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Library of Virginia

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 4:55 P.M. - 6:10 P.M. &

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 4:55 P.M. - 6:10 P.M.

Ratification: The Virginia Story, Hosted in partnership with Teaching American History

When the Constitutional Convention ended in September 1787, a widespread period of public debate over the merits of the plan began. This debate took place out of doors – in churches, taverns and newspapers, by both proponents and opponents – and indoors – in state conventions held in each of the 13 states. The new constitution could not take effect until at least nine states ratified the plan - with state delegates casting a single up or down vote. Over the ratification winter of 1787-88 each state conducted individual state ratification conventions until the magic number was achieved. What happened in Virginia?

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Virginia Museum of History and Culture

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 2021

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

Virtual Women's Summit | Stand Up & Speak Out: Women Using Their Voices to Create Change

The Virginia Council on Women and the Virginia Tech Women's Alliance are hosting a virtual Women's Summit that will include keynote remarks from Dr. Janice Underwood, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer to the Governor.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Virginia Council on Women, Virginia Tech Women's Alliance

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

3:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M.

Incorporating Women's History into K-12 Education

Join Rachel Murphy-Weast, Digital Outreach Educator, as she shares how she created three HistoryConnects programs commemorating the women's suffrage centennial using artifacts from the Virginia Museum of History & Culture.

The program will begin with a data-driven overview of how women's history is notably absent from state social studies standards. Then, educators will learn how a limited number of primary sources were adapted for a variety of audiences. Special attention will be paid to creating developmentally appropriate lessons via movement activities for elementary students and cross-curricular elements for secondary students. Educators are encouraged to participate in the chat box during this interactive look at teaching women's history. Though this focuses on VDOE state standards, private school and homeschool educators are welcome to join.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Virginia Museum of History and Culture

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17, 2021

5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Women in Public Service | Uplifting As We Climb

Women have been stepping into leadership roles in public service for years; this panel conversation provides an opportunity to hear from some Virginia women in public service who work to enhance civic engagement and can speak to the importance of opening doors for other women.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

12:00 P.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Women's Equal Pay Day Roundtable Discussion on Income Inequity

Join the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Chief Workforce Advisor to the Governor for a special discussion about pay equity for women and other important factors like paid leave.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 2021

6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Women's History Month Conversation with the Curators | Library of Virginia Virtual Gallery Tour Premiere

Join the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth and the Library of Virginia for the premiere of the library's virtual gallery tour followed by a special conversation with curators highlighting Women in Virginia History and the We Demand: Women's Suffrage exhibit.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31, 2021

5:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

Trans Day of Visibility Leadership Panel

Join the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth for a panel conversation on Trans Day of Visibility during Women's History Month by celebrating the accomplishments of Trans women and highlighting Trans leaders and entrepreneurs in Virginia.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth

MORE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Movie Mythbusting: Ruby Bridges

Join us for a Women's History Month viewing of Ruby Bridges. Watch the film in advance, whenever or however works best for you, and then log into an interactive Zoom presentation where special guests from the Moton Museum will join us to chat about Barbara Johns and Virginia's school integration story. Feel free to fill out the optional worksheet (emailed out day of the event) to get a sneak peek of our discussion, or just join us on Tuesday, March 2nd at 7:00 ready to learn!

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Virginia Museum of History and Culture

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021

10:00 A.M.

HistoryConnects Student Webinar | Suffrage Starter Pack

Can people support different ways of achieving the same goal? This program looks at how women in the twentieth century had varying perspectives about gaining suffrage. Students will explore the Equal Suffrage League of Virginia through primary sources like broadsides and photographs. They will leave with a better understanding of why women's suffrage was important, and who benefited from the 19th amendment.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Virginia Museum of History and Culture

TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021

7:00 P.M.

Movie Mythbusting: Elizabeth: The Golden Age

Join us for a Women's History Month viewing of Elizabeth. Watch the film in advance, whenever or however works best for you, and then log into an interactive Zoom presentation where the VMHC education team will mythbust what's true, what's not, and show some connections to our collection. Feel free to fill out the optional worksheet (emailed out day of the event) to get a sneak peek of our discussion, or just join us on Tuesday, March 16th at 7:00 ready to learn!

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Virginia Museum of History and Culture

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

10:00 A.M.

HistoryConnects Student Webinar | Sign of the Times: Activism in the Suffrage Movement

Join the VMHC for our upcoming free webinar, Sign of the Times: Activism in the Suffrage Movement! (Recommended for Middle School Students: 7th Grade/US History II)

How did Suffragists convince Congress to ratify the 19th amendment? This program tracks and examines the rhetorical techniques used by Virginia women in the fight to gain women's suffrage. Students will use primary sources from the VMHC's collection to see how tone and word choice intensified during the Suffrage Movement. By exploring how to craft an argument, students will learn how writing influenced social activism.

Registration details can be found [here](#).

Cost: Free | Online

Event Host: Virginia Museum of History and Culture

VIRGINIA COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

EVENTS THROUGHOUT MARCH

Women's Center at Virginia Tech

The Women's Month calendar spotlights contributions and accomplishments of the past and present and envision a future of possibilities. The month's theme, Trailblazers: Women Making History, recognizes the women who led movements, broke down barriers, and began dismantling systems of oppression. We celebrate those who have and those who continue to blaze trails of opportunity and advancement for all who identify as woman and girl.

Learn more [here](#).

EVENTS THROUGHOUT MARCH

James Farmer Multicultural Center at University of Mary Washington

In August 1920, the United States Congress ratified the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, prohibiting the government from denying the voting rights of citizens strictly based on their gender. This was the first of many more steps to granting all women the right to vote—a right for which the fight continues into our current age. As we celebrate 100 years of women’s right to vote, we will examine stories of victories and triumphs, as well as those stories that have been forgotten or largely untold. Join the James Farmer Multicultural Center, the Department of Women’s and Gender Studies, and UMW student organizations as we celebrate the resilient, victorious generations of women who have paved the way for us today.

Learn more [here](#).

*CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE, COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY FOR ADDITIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMMING IN YOUR AREA.

MUSEUM AND OTHER SPECIAL EXHIBITS

ONGOING

Unfinished Business – Library of Virginia Exhibit

Extending the right to vote to women in 1920 was a milestone in American history. But much work remained to ensure that all citizens had a fair and equal voice in governing the country and shaping its policies. Unfinished Business, a series of panel displays near the Exhibition Gallery, explores the fundamental question of citizenship through obstacles that limited suffrage to some Americans, including the Equal Rights Amendment (first introduced in 1923), extending citizenship to America’s indigenous peoples, eliminating the poll tax and literacy tests, and the continuing advocacy for restoration of rights to felons.

Learn more [here](#).

ONGOING

We Demand: Women's Suffrage in Virginia – Library of Virginia Exhibit

The story of Virginia's suffragists and their contributions to the fight for woman suffrage is little known. We Demand: Women's Suffrage in Virginia reveals how women created two statewide organizations to win the right to vote. Virginia suffragists were a remarkable group of talented and dedicated women who have largely been forgotten. They were artists and writers, business and professional women, and educators and reformers who marched in parades, rallied at the state capitol, spoke to crowds on street corners, staffed booths at state and county fairs, lobbied legislators and congressmen, picketed the White House, and even went to jail. At the centenary of woman suffrage, these remarkable women are at last recognized for their important achievements and contributions.

Learn more [here](#).

ONGOING

Agents of Change: Female Activism in Virginia from Women's Suffrage to Today

From the Virginia Museum of History and Culture

Organized in conjunction with the statewide Women's Suffrage Centennial, this exhibition celebrates a century of women's social and political activism in the Commonwealth. Agents of Change highlights the efforts and impact of a selection of female change-makers who created positive change in their communities, the Commonwealth, and the nation. These change-makers created new models of female empowerment and new opportunities for women—ultimately fostering a more inclusive and equal society.

Learn more [here](#).

ONGOING

Girlhood (It's complicated)

From the National Museum of American History, a Smithsonian Institution

Spanning a timeframe of more than 200 years and showcasing over 200 objects, this exhibition examines the ways American girls have spoken up, challenged expectations and been on the frontlines of change. Girlhood (It's complicated) commemorates the anniversary of woman suffrage by exploring the concept of girlhood in the United States, but also how girls changed history in five areas: politics, education, work, health, and fashion. (Smithsonian Institution, National Museum of American History)

Learn more [here](#).

ONGOING

Women's History at America's National Parks

From the National Park Service

More than 100 years after the milestone passage of the 19th Amendment legally protecting women's right to vote, women continue to be trailblazers, pioneers, innovators, and leaders in their fields. Explore women's history in national parks and places in communities across the country and learn how women are leaders in stewardship and conservation of America's natural and cultural treasures today.

Learn more [here](#).

ONGOING

Rosa Parks: In Her Own Words

From the Library of Congress

This Library of Congress exhibition is the first major exhibition to showcase the Rosa Parks Collection, which came to the Library in 2014. The collection includes thousands of pages of Parks' personal correspondence, letters from presidents, her writings from the time of the Montgomery Bus Boycott and about 2,500 photographs, as well as her Presidential Medal of Freedom and Congressional Gold Medal.

Learn more [here](#).

ONGOING

Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote

From the National Archives

Women in the U.S. first attained the right to vote 100 years ago. The National Archives invites you to browse the wealth of records and information documenting the women's rights movement in the US, including photographs, documents, audiovisual recordings, educational resources, exhibits, articles, blog posts, lectures and events.

Learn more [here](#).