

WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

EIGHTH REPORT TO CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT

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INTRODUCTION



The Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission (WSCC) was created by Congress to mark the 100-year anniversary of women's right to vote in 2020 and to ensure that the untold stories of women's decades-long battle for the ballot are recognized and celebrated across the U.S. We are committed to telling an inclusive, diverse, and complete history of the fight for the vote, and we are proud to be leading the nationwide commemorations of this historic centennial.

On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment was certified into the U.S. Constitution, forever protecting American women's right to vote. As the centerpiece of our centennial commemorations, the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission worked with Congress to designate August 2020 as National Women's Suffrage Month. In the Senate, the commemorative resolution was led by Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), and garnered support by all 26 women of the U.S. Senate. In the House of Representatives, Congresswoman Debbie Lesko (R-AZ) and Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence (D-MI), co-chairs of the Bipartisan Women's Caucus, led the National Women's Suffrage Month resolution and secured its passage.

In recognition of the designation, the Commission and its partners will conduct month-long suffrage inspired programming to commemorate 100 years of the 19th Amendment and women's right to vote. The themes for the month--Educate, Activate, Celebrate, and Inspire--will amplify the important but under-recognized stories of the suffrage movement, ensuring that this history is remembered and celebrated for generations to come. In this report, we highlight the Commission's National Women's Suffrage Month programs and events.



**SUFFRAGIST AND NAWSA PRESIDENT
CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT**

NATIONAL WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE MONTH CALENDAR

EDUCATE	August 1-9
Suffrage Snapshots	Weekdays
Live from Nashville: Song Suffragettes	Mon Aug. 3
Herstory Time with Rebecca Roberts	Tue Aug. 4
Launch <i>And Nothing Less</i> Podcast	Wed Aug. 5
Launch <i>The Magic Sash</i> Podcast	Wed Aug. 5
Drive-In Thursdays	Thu Aug. 6
<i>One Woman, One Vote</i> Virtual Watch Party	Fri Aug. 7

ACTIVATE	August 10-16
Suffrage Snapshots	Weekdays
Live from Nashville: Song Suffragettes	Mon Aug. 10
Herstory Time with NASA Astronaut Dr. Jeanette J. Epps	Mon Aug. 10
Transcription Tuesday	Tue Aug. 11
New Episode <i>And Nothing Less</i> Podcast	Wed Aug. 12
New Episode <i>The Magic Sash</i> Podcast	Wed Aug. 12
Become a Trailblazer Webinar	Thu Aug. 13
Drive-In Thursdays	Thu Aug. 13

CELEBRATE	August 17-23
Suffrage Snapshots	Weekdays
Keynote with Secretary Clinton, Elaine Weiss, Dr. Hayden	Mon Aug. 17
Live from Nashville: Song Suffragettes	Mon Aug. 17
Tennessee Ratification Celebration	Tue Aug. 18
Keynote Address by Senator Marsha Blackburn	
Women Skydivers' Jump at Centennial Park	
Tennessee's Vote for Ratification Reenactment	
Herstory Time & Suffrage Tea with Mary Morgan Ketchel	
Suffrage Centennial Silver Dollar Release	Tue Aug. 18
Suffrage Centennial Silver Medal Release	Tue Aug. 18
New Episode <i>And Nothing Less</i> Podcast	Wed Aug. 19
New Episode <i>The Magic Sash</i> Podcast	Wed Aug. 19
Keynote with Arts Endowment Chair Mary Anne Carter	Thu Aug. 20
Drive-In Thursdays	Thu Aug. 20
19th Amendment: Women Vote USPS Stamp Release	Sat Aug. 22

INSPIRE	August 24-Sept. 2
Suffrage Snapshots	Mon-Wed Aug. 24-26
<i>Our Story</i> Art Installation at Union Station	Mon-Fri Aug. 24-28
Live from Nashville: Song Suffragettes	Mon Aug. 24
Herstory Time with Senator Kirsten Gillibrand	Tue Aug. 25
<i>Building the Movement</i> Art Exhibit	Tue Aug. 25
New Episode <i>And Nothing Less</i> Podcast	Wed Aug. 26
New Episode <i>The Magic Sash</i> Podcast	Wed Aug. 26
Forward Into Light	Wed Aug. 26
Drive-In Thursdays	Thu Aug. 27
U.S. Capitol Historical Society Symposium	Thu Aug. 27
WSCC E-Book Release	Fri Aug. 28
Herstory Time with former U.S. Treasurer Rosie Rios	Mon Aug. 31
<i>Ripples of Change</i> : Seneca Falls Statue Dedication	Wed Sept. 2



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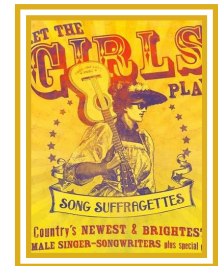
Suffrage Snapshots

Each day during National Women's Suffrage Month, the WSCC will share a "snapshot" of suffrage history with our signature whiteboard animation videos. The series will tell the story of women's fight for the vote in quick and engaging one-minute history lessons, with topics ranging from the 1848 Woman's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls to the 1913 Suffrage Parade in Washington, D.C.



Live from Nashville: Song Suffragettes

The WSCC has partnered with the Nashville based all-female singer-songwriter collective, Song Suffragettes, to host livestreamed weekly performances every Monday in August in celebration of the centennial. Music holds an important place in the history of women's fight for the vote -- like in all social movements, music helped to inspire and unify the suffragists who were dedicated to expanding American democracy. And these activists not only secured the passage and ratification of the 19th Amendment, they also broke barriers and opened up new opportunities for women for generations to come -- women like the Song Suffragettes. It is a privilege to join with women in country music to honor the sacrifice and courage of the suffragists. Headliners of the series include Lindsay Ell, Maddie & Tae, Ashley McBryde, and Runaway June.



Herstory Time

The Herstory Time digital storytelling series will bring the history of women's fight for the vote to families and little learners across the country. Featuring WSCC Commissioners, Members of Congress, American Library Association librarians, and suffrage history leaders reading children's suffrage history books, Herstory Time is a moment for the whole family to enjoy the stories of the 19th Amendment. On August 4, historian Rebecca Boggs Robert will join the WSCC for a Herstory Time reading of *Founding Mothers: Remembering the Ladies*, written by Rebecca's mother, pioneering journalist Cokie Roberts. On August 10, NASA Astronaut Dr. Jeanette J. Epps will read the biographies of Katherine Johnson and Mae Jemison from the book *Little Leaders: Bold Women in Black History*. On August 18, Mary Morgan Ketchel, daughter of U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn, will join the WSCC to read her new children's suffrage history book, *Camilla Can Vote*. On August 25, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand and her colleagues will come together to read the Senator's book, *Bold & Brave: Ten Heroes Who Won Women the Right to Vote*. And on August 31, former U.S. Treasurer Rosie Rios will join the WSCC for our final Herstory Time episode.



And Nothing Less Podcast

Hosted by Rosario Dawson and Retta, the WSCC, podcast leader PRX, and the National Park Service have created a narrative-style suffrage history podcast for adults entitled "And Nothing Less: The Untold Stories of Women's Fight for the Vote." The podcast, named in honor of the iconic quote from Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, "men their rights and nothing more; women their rights and nothing less," is a seven-part series that educates listeners about this critical movement for change and inspires Americans towards leadership and civic engagement. The podcast launched on August 5, 2020, and will air weekly through September 16, 2020.



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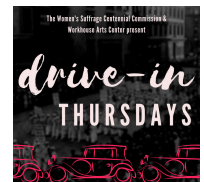
The Magic Sash Podcast

Hosted by gold-medal gymnast and advocate Aly Raisman and created in partnership with podcast leaders PRX and Gen-Z Media, the WSCC will launch the historical fiction podcast, "The Magic Sash," on August 5, 2020. Featuring an 11-year-old girl and boy who voyage back in time via a magic suffragist's sash, children of all ages will join our protagonists in this seven-part series as they experience suffrage milestones and meet iconic heroes of the movement first-hand.



Drive-In Movie Thursdays

The WSCC and the Workhouse Arts Center, the historic site where the suffragists were imprisoned for picketing the White House in 1917, have partnered together to present Drive-In Thursdays: Bold Women in History Film Series. Every Thursday throughout August at the Workhouse Arts Center Drive-In, we'll present a film featuring fearless women throughout history, including *Harriet*, *A League of Their Own*, and *Suffragette*.



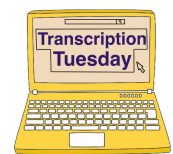
One Woman, One Vote Virtual Watch Party

On August 7, 2020, the WSCC will host a nationwide watch party of the PBS documentary *One Woman, One Vote* in partnership with the nonprofit One Woman One Vote 2020 Festival. *One Woman, One Vote* documents the struggle that culminated in the passing of the 19th Amendment and the 70-year fight for women's suffrage. The special 25th anniversary version of the documentary features an introduction by Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.



Transcription Tuesday

The WSCC is sponsoring Transcription Tuesday for learners of all ages to work together to transcribe the Library of Congress's collection, "Organizing for Women's Suffrage: The NAWSA Records." The collection draws from the larger NAWSA collection at the Library of Congress and includes 45,487 individual documents available for transcribing.



Become a Trailblazer Webinar

The National Votes for Women Trail, a project led by the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites in partnership with the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission, will place historic markers at suffrage history sites in all 50 states across the U.S. We're sitting down with the National Votes for Women Trail on Thursday, August 13, 2020 for a virtual brown bag lunch to learn about the Trail's plans to place historic markers at suffrage sites and to encourage viewers to get involved.



Keynote Conversation: Women's Fight for the Vote

On August 17, 2020, the Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission and Twitter will present a live virtual event commemorating 100 years of the 19th Amendment and women's right to vote. The event, titled "Women's Fight for the Vote: Celebrating 100 Years of the 19th Amendment," will feature a conversation between Elaine Weiss, award-winning author of *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*, and former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. The discussion between Secretary Clinton and Ms. Weiss will be moderated by Dr. Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress and both the first woman and first African American to lead the national library of the United States.



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Tennessee Ratification Celebration

On August 18, 1920, Tennessee became the 36th and final state needed to ratify the 19th Amendment into the U.S. Constitution. 100 years later, the WSCC is celebrating this critical milestone of American democracy with a full day of virtual events and commemorations in honor of the state that sealed the deal on suffrage. Senator Marsha Blackburn (R-TN) will deliver a virtual keynote address with the WSCC to kick-off the day long virtual celebration. Then, at Centennial Park in Nashville, Tennessee, the entire 11 person, all-female Highlight Pro Skydiving Team will safely but boldly take to the skies with brightly colored smoke, streamers and flags displaying women's suffrage themes of "Equality Can't Wait," "Votes for Women," "Shall Not be Denied," and more. Next, the Tennessee State Capitol will live-stream a reenactment of Tennessee's final vote for ratification. And to end the day of events, Mary Morgan Ketchel will join the WSCC for a special Herstory Time and Suffrage Tea. Ketchel will be reading *Camilla Can Vote: Celebrating the Centennial of Women's Right to Vote*, which she co-authored with her mother, Senator Marsha Blackburn.



Suffrage Centennial Silver Dollar

In partnership with the WSCC and the Smithsonian Institution, the US Mint will release the Women's Suffrage Centennial Silver Dollar for sale on August 18, 2020. The 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial Silver Dollar is authorized by Public Law 116-71 to commemorate the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Surcharges of \$10 per coin sold are authorized to be paid to the Smithsonian Institution's American Women's History Initiative for research and the creation of diverse exhibits and programs that highlight the history and impact of women in the United States.



Suffrage Centennial Silver Medal

In partnership with the WSCC, the United States Mint will release the 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial Silver Medal for sale on August 18, 2020. Developed in conjunction with the 2020 Women's Suffrage Centennial Silver Dollar, this limited edition 99.9% silver medal will accompany the silver dollar celebrating the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The silver medal will only be available in the Women's Suffrage Centennial Proof Silver Dollar and Medal Set, with a limited production of 10,000 sets. The medal will be available in bronze in 2021.



Keynote Conversation: Creativity & Persistence

The fight for the vote went beyond lobbying politicians with letter writing campaigns. Suffragists of the early 20th century transformed the controversial and polarizing idea of women's suffrage to appeal to the masses. How did they do it? On Thursday, August 20, National Endowment for the Arts Chairman Mary Anne Carter will join the WSCC for a keynote conversation to share the art, merchandise, publications, artifacts, tactics, and methods that the suffragists used to advertise and popularize the campaign for the vote. WSCC Commissioner Marjorie Dannenfelser will provide a special introduction.



19th Amendment: Women Vote USPS Stamp Release

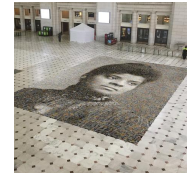
The U.S. Postal Service is commemorating the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution with a centennial stamp inspired by historic photographs and featuring a stylized illustration of suffragists marching with purple, white, and gold banners. The stamp will be released for sale by the USPS on August 22, 2020.



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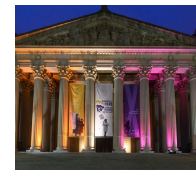
Our Story: Faces of Suffrage, Portraits of Change

From August 24 - 28, a mosaic of suffragist Ida B. Wells will be displayed in the Main Hall of Union Station in Washington, D.C. The mosaic will be assembled from thousands of historical photos of suffragists, with each image telling its own story about the fight for women's right to vote.



Forward Into Light Celebration

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment and women's constitutional right to vote, buildings and landmarks across the country will light up in purple and gold on August 26, 2020 as part of the Commission's nationwide Forward Into Light campaign, named in honor of the historic suffrage slogan, "Forward through the Darkness, Forward into Light." Governors, mayors, cities, towns, businesses, nonprofits, and the Commission's federal partners, including the Library of Congress, National Archives, and Kennedy Center, are committing to the Forward Into Light campaign to celebrate this milestone of American democracy in the official suffrage colors of purple and gold.



Building the Movement: The First Lady's Art Project

First Lady Melania Trump's suffrage centennial exhibit, *Building the Movement: America's Youth Celebrate 100 Years of Women's Suffrage*, will launch on August 25, 2020 and showcase artwork by young Americans depicting this historic milestone alongside images of women's suffrage parades, marches, and gatherings that took place at or around the White House. The WSCC is proud to work alongside the Office of the White House Curator and the Office of the First Lady as the official host of the digital *Building the Movement* exhibit.



U.S. Capitol Historical Society Symposium

The WSCC, U.S. Capitol Historical Society, and Kluge Center at the Library of Congress have joined together for a six-part suffrage symposium, launching August 27. Each Thursday for six weeks, the symposium will feature a virtual panel discussion between the country's leading suffrage scholars as they explore the impact of the 19th Amendment on women's political participation in the U.S.



WSCC E-Book Launch

For the Commission's online article series, "The Suff Buffs: Your Not So Average Herstory Series," the WSCC brought together leading suffrage authors and historians to create an unparalleled anthology of suffrage literature. On August 28, those articles will be published together as a free, one-of-a-kind E-Book on Amazon Kindle entitled *On Their Shoulders: The Radical Stories of Women's Fight for the Vote*.



Ripples of Change: Seneca Falls Statue Dedication

To conclude National Women's Suffrage Month, the WSCC will announce the dedication of a commemorative centennial statue, *Ripples of Change*. The statue will feature four women who fought for equality in the 1800s, and will be placed in People's Park in partnership with the Town of Seneca Falls, inspiring visitors to the birthplace of the women's suffrage movement for the next 100 years.



CONCLUSION

The Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission was honored to work with the U.S. Congress to designate August 2020 as National Women's Suffrage Month. The 100-year anniversary of women securing the constitutional right to vote is an opportunity for celebration and national reflection, and the WSCC is proud to lead a nationwide dialogue about suffrage history and its legacy. Together with our partners at museums, institutions, and historic sites across the country, the Commission will work throughout the month to inspire and educate Americans during this once-in-a-lifetime milestone of American democracy. National Women's Suffrage Month is our country's opportunity to incorporate the pivotal yet lesser-known stories of American progress into the grand fabric of our collective narrative, and the Commission is privileged to do our part in the centennial year to uplift this history for all Americans.

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