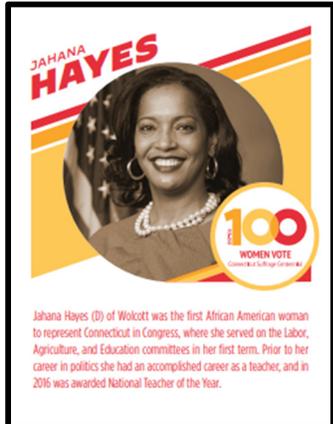
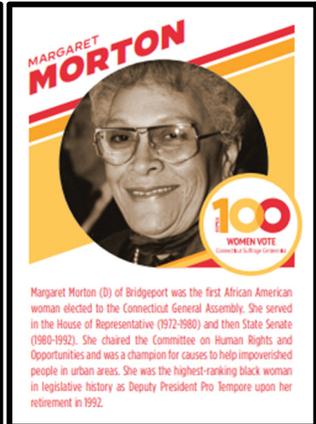
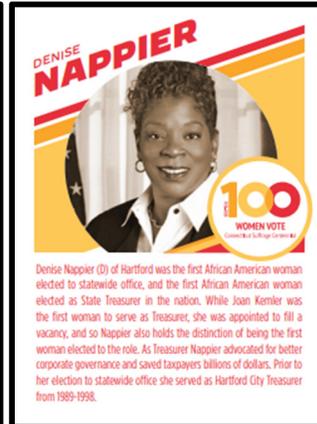
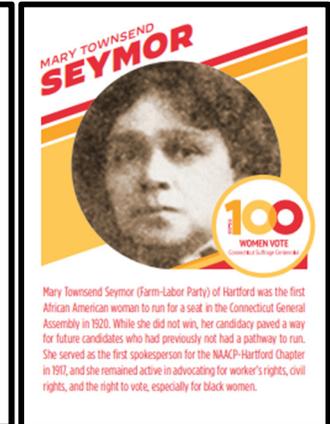


***** **FEBRUARY SUFFRAGE EVENTS** *****

In February we celebrate Black History Month, and we especially celebrate and uplift the efforts of Black women in the fight for suffrage. The history of women's suffrage is more complex than we often choose to remember, with racism as a strong undercurrent that prevented full realization of the 19th Amendment for ALL women until the 1960s. Now, in 2020, we must continue the fight to protect voting rights on all fronts.

Last week we released a report detailing 50 years of women candidates in the state of Connecticut along with "trading cards" to highlight some "first" women in elected office. This month we will be profiling the four African American women previewed below. Stay tuned to learn more about these trailblazing women!

 <p>JAHANA HAYES</p> <p>Jahana Hayes (D) of Wolcott was the first African American woman to represent Connecticut in Congress, where she served on the Labor, Agriculture, and Education committees in her first term. Prior to her career in politics she had an accomplished career as a teacher, and in 2016 was awarded National Teacher of the Year.</p>	 <p>MARGARET MORTON</p> <p>Margaret Morton (D) of Bridgeport was the first African American woman elected to the Connecticut General Assembly. She served in the House of Representatives (1972-1980) and then State Senate (1980-1992). She chaired the Committee on Human Rights and Opportunities and was a champion for causes to help impoverished people in urban areas. She was the highest-ranking black woman in legislative history as Deputy President Pro Tempore upon her retirement in 1992.</p>	 <p>DENISE NAPIER</p> <p>Denise Nappier (D) of Hartford was the first African American woman elected to statewide office, and the first African American woman elected as State Treasurer in the nation. While Joan Kemler was the first woman to serve as Treasurer, she was appointed to fill a vacancy, and so Nappier also holds the distinction of being the first woman elected to the role. As Treasurer Nappier advocated for better corporate governance and saved taxpayers billions of dollars. Prior to her election to statewide office she served as Hartford City Treasurer from 1989-1998.</p>	 <p>MARY TOWNSEND SEYMROR</p> <p>Mary Townsend Seymor (Farm-Labor Party) of Hartford was the first African American woman to run for a seat in the Connecticut General Assembly in 1920. While she did not win, her candidacy paved a way for future candidates who had previously not had a pathway to run. She served as the first spokesperson for the NAACP-Hartford Chapter in 1917, and she remained active in advocating for worker's rights, civil rights, and the right to vote, especially for black women.</p>
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Interested in learning more? <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SOTS/Education/WomenCandidates/50-Years-of-Women-Candidates-Report.pdf?la=en>



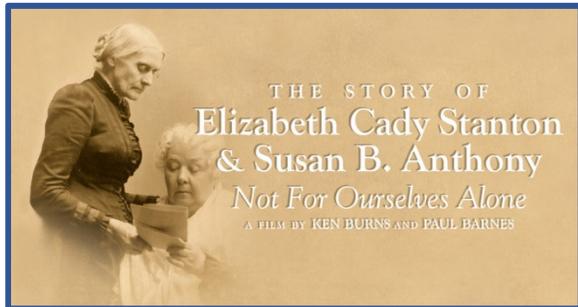
An Unfinished Revolution: Greenwich Historical Society Suffrage Exhibition

**Wednesday, February 5th- Sunday, September 6th
Greenwich Historical Society**

An Unfinished Revolution is a dynamic and timely look at the role Greenwich women played in the long fight to pass the 19th Amendment. A story of reformers, mavericks and iconoclasts, An Unfinished Revolution is told through original objects and photographs from the Greenwich Historical Society's collections. The exhibition also features striking protest banners, period clothing, letters and ephemera on loan from several museums, libraries and private collections, a testament to the generations of Connecticut women who defied convention to earn the vote.

Working with Coline Jenkins, great-great-granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, this exhibition will explore the rich heritage and contribution Greenwich made to this landmark amendment.

Learn more: <https://votesforwomenct.com/calendar/greenwich-historical-society-suffrage-exhibition/>



**Avon Public Library Film Series:
Not for Ourselves Alone: The
Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton
& Susan B. Anthony**

**Wednesday, February 5th
1:30 - 4:30 pm
Avon Free Public Library**

A showing of the documentary “Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton & Susan B. Anthony” explores the movement for women's suffrage, focusing on Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony. (NR; 3 hrs.)

Learn more: <https://votesforwomenct.com/calendar/avon-public-library-film-series-not-for-ourselves-alone-the-story-of-elizabeth-cady-stanton-susan-b-anthony/>

League of Women Voters of Westport: Afternoon Tea

Sunday, February 9th

1:30 - 3:30 pm

Westport Women's Club

Join the Westport League of Women Voters to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters and the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote.

RSVP to: LWVWestportCT@yahoo.com

Learn more: <https://votesforwomenct.com/calendar/league-of-women-voters-of-westport-ct-afternoon-tea/>

I Now Pronounce You Lucy Stone

Sunday, February 16th

2:00 pm

The Garden House at Keeler Tavern Museum & History Center

I Now Pronounce You Lucy Stone, a one-woman performance by and with Judith Kalaora, founder and artistic director of History At Play. Lucy Stone was the first woman from Massachusetts to earn a college degree, a fierce abolitionist, and women's rights activist. Challenging discrimination is not easy, but Lucy Stone is never one to take the easy road. Even Susan B. Anthony credited Lucy Stone for her involvement in the tumultuous women's rights movement. The fight for suffrage is ferocious, so come along for the ride!

Free admission. Please [RSVP](#).

Learn more: <https://votesforwomenct.com/calendar/i-now-pronounce-you-lucy-stone/>



Sisterhood and its Discontents: Suffragists and Antisuffragists in the Age of Total War, 1914-1924

**Wednesday, February 19th
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Westport Museum for History and Culture**

In the years leading up to the Nineteenth Amendment, Addie Hunton (1866-1943), Eleanor Egan Franklin (1879-1925) and Helen S. Harmon-Brown represented the diversity of positions women brought to the issue of women's suffrage during a tumultuous decade.

Join us at the Westport Museum for History and Culture for a fascinating look at this topic. Through the parallel lives of these three women, this discussion with

Westport author Dr. Sharmistha Roy Chowdhury highlights the contestations of ideals and the forgotten politics of race and class in the campaign for the Nineteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution.

There is no charge for this event, however reservations are recommended. Register at <http://www.westporthistory.org> or call (203) 222-1424 x5. Light refreshments will be served.

Learn more: <https://votesforwomenct.com/calendar/sisterhood-and-its-discontents-suffragists-and-antisuffragists-in-the-age-of-total-war-1914-1924/>

From Seneca Falls to the 19th Amendment: Songs of the Woman Suffrage Movement

**Friday, February 21st
2:00 - 3:30 pm
Avon Senior Center**

The struggle for woman suffrage was an important and hard-fought step toward gender equality. Music was one of the significant tools used in the crusade for a woman's right to vote. Songs were composed to advance (and to oppose) the agenda that culminated in the 1920 ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. This program presents some of the most engaging and interesting songs of the movement, with historical commentary, in commemoration of the approaching centennial of a woman's right to vote. Music presented by Rick Spencer and Dawn Indermuehle.

This program runs for 70 minutes. Snow date: Friday, February 28 at 2:00 pm.

Learn more: <https://votesforwomenct.com/calendar/from-seneca-falls-to-the-19th-amendment-songs-of-the-woman-suffrage-movement/>



League of Women Voters Centennial Anniversary Gala

**Saturday, February 22nd
5:00 - 9:00 pm
Italian Center of Stamford**

The League of Women Voters of Connecticut celebrates the 100th anniversary of both the founding

of the League and women winning the right to vote. Keynote speaker will be Judge Nancy Gertner, former Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

5:00 - Check in and reception

6:00 - Dinner, award presentations, and keynote speaker.

Festive attire, please.

Learn more: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/100th-anniversary-gala-tickets-81978470813>

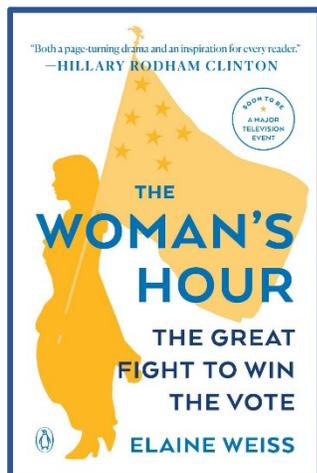
An Afternoon with Alice Paul

Sunday, February 23rd

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm

The Scott House

As part of the Votes for Women: Ridgefield Celebrates the 19th Amendment series taking place in Ridgefield throughout 2020, come meet and talk with Alice Paul as portrayed by Dr. Darla Shaw. Learn about Paul's early involvement with the Suffragettes in London, her organization of the Women's March in Washington, DC during the term of Woodrow Wilson, and being chained to the fences in front of the White House to make a statement for the women's right to vote. Hear about Paul's impact on women today and her eternal quest for the Equal Rights Amendment.



Book Discussion: The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote by Elaine Weiss

Tuesday, February 25th

10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Keeler Tavern Museum and History Center

As part of the Votes for Women: Ridgefield Celebrates the 19th Amendment series taking place in Ridgefield throughout 2020, there will be a series of book discussions of Elaine Weiss' book *The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the Vote*, which has been hailed as a "riveting, nail-biting political thriller" with powerful parallels to today's political environment. In addition, the author will give a lecture about the book at the Library on Sunday, April 19 at 2 p.m.

This program is supported in part by CT Humanities. Copies of the *The Woman's Hour* are available for loan at the Library, courtesy of the Friends of the Ridgefield Library.

Learn more: <https://votesforwomenct.com/calendar/book-discussion-the-womans-hour-the-great-fight-to-win-the-vote-by-elaine-weiss/>



Meet Isabella Beecher Hooker: One of Connecticut's Suffragists

Wednesday, February 26th

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Avon Free Public Library

Tempest-Tossed is the first full biography of the passionate, fascinating youngest daughter of the "Fabulous Beecher" family—one of America's most high-powered families of the nineteenth century. Older sister Harriet Beecher Stowe was the author of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. Brother Henry Ward Beecher was one of America's most influential ministers, and sister Catherine Beecher

wrote pivotal works on women's rights and educational reform. And then there was Isabella Beecher Hooker—"a curiously modern nineteenth-century figure." She was a leader in the suffrage movement, and a mover and shaker in Hartford's storied Nook Farm neighborhood and salon. But there is more to the story—to Isabella's character—than that

Click here to learn more about Connecticut Suffragists: <https://votesforwomenct.com/ct-suffragettes/>

Westport's Suffragists: Our Neighbors, Our Crusaders Exhibit

Wednesday, February 26th to Wednesday, May 13th

The Westport Library

The names and contributions of Westport women central to the "Votes for Women" campaign and ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920 remain nearly forgotten. Learn about the Westport suffragists who helped change the course of history for American women for generations to come. Part of "Our Vote, Our Future," the Library's WestportREADS 2020 centennial celebration.

Learn more: <https://votesforwomenct.com/calendar/westports-suffragists-our-neighbors-our-crusaders-exhibit/>

Model Drawing at Westport Museum

Wednesday, February 26th

6:30 - 8:00 pm

Westport Museum for History and Culture

Join us at the Westport Museum for History and Culture on Wed., Feb. 26, from 6:30 to 8pm as you enjoy an evening at sketching a live model in period costume and enjoy a drink on us! Hear a brief introduction about the costume being worn by our model and then have time to sketch or paint.

An easel and stool for each attendee and limited drawing materials will be provided, all other materials are to be brought with the participants.

A flat fee of \$5 per participant. Please register online at <http://www.westporthistory.org> to reserve your spot or call (203) 222-1424 x5

Learn more: <https://votesforwomenct.com/calendar/model-drawing-at-westport-museum/>

The Movement was a Great "Mosaic": Connecticut Women and the Stories from the Suffrage Campaign

Saturday, February 29th

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Wilton Historical Society

Dr. Marino's presentation explores the history of the suffrage movement in Connecticut by highlighting the stories of several key women who contributed to the campaign in different ways. It includes colorful narratives from their biographies and backgrounds as well as their tactics and reform efforts to promote women's right to vote and other causes beyond to improve the lives of women and children in the United States.

In addition to recognizing the Suffrage movement, the event will also serve to celebrate the founding of the League of Women Voters on February 14, 1920 plus the establishment of the Wilton branch 40 years ago. The presentation will be followed by a reception.

All are welcome. Please register: info@wiltonhistorical.org or call 203-762-7257

Learn more: <https://votesforwomenct.com/calendar/the-movement-was-a-great-mosaic-connecticut-women-and-the-stories-from-the-suffrage-campaign/>

In honor of the 19th Amendment Centennial, the Connecticut Bar Association is hosting a statewide, 11-month long scavenger hunt.

Ongoing: CT Bar Association Scavenger Hunt!

The scavenger hunt will identify and highlight eleven different historical sites across the state related to the suffrage movement and the passage of the 19th Amendment.

Learn more: <https://www.ctbar.org/events-education/19th-amendment-centennial-scavenger-hunt>

Do you have a suffrage-related event you would like to see highlighted?

Submit it to our event calendar:

<https://votesforwomenct.com/event-submit/>