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“Every woman has rights as a human being first, which belong to no sex, and ought to be as freely conceded to her as if she were a man.”

—Isabella Beecher Hooker

On August 18th, 1920, the United States Constitution was amended to declare that the right to vote may not be denied on the basis of sex – a landmark decision that effectively enfranchised millions of women across the nation. One hundred years later, Connecticut is coming together to celebrate the passage of the 19th Amendment and the great strides that American women have taken for themselves in the years since.

Secretary of the State, Denise Merrill, First Lady of the State, Annie Lamont, and Lieutenant Governor, Susan Bysiewicz, have formed the Connecticut Suffrage Commission to celebrate and contextualize this milestone and have launched a new website to promote centennial events and share resources statewide. Visit votesforwomenct.com to stay connected and receive updates and to submit your programs and exhibitions to the events calendar.

CT Humanities is serving on the commission to help connect the initiative to the state's cultural community and to provide funding for the state's humanities project ideas. Early funded Suffrage Centennial projects include the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame's [traveling banner exhibit](#) (which you can borrow for free over the coming year), six months of programming in Avon via Avon Free Public Library's collaborative [Deeds Not Words](#) project, exhibition planning grants at Greenwich Historical Society and the Fairfield Museum, and a behind-the-scenes data management grant to Mystic Seaport and the [Connecticut Digital Archives](#) project.

Read on for more and contact CTH with your Suffrage Centennial grant ideas.

Sincerely,

Scott Wands, Manager, Grants & Programs



Breaking Barriers in History

Connecticut History Day is a program for students in grades 6-12 that encourages exploration of local, state, national, and world history. Students conduct extensive research using libraries, archives, museums, and oral history interviews. They analyze and interpret their findings, draw conclusions about their topic's significance in history, and create final projects that demonstrate their work.

These projects can be entered into a series of competitions, from the local to the national level, where professional historians and educators evaluate them.

Connecticut History Day is one of 58 affiliate programs of the highly regarded National History Day. The theme for this year is Breaking Barriers in History.

Resources for students and educators can be found at historydayct.org.



Digital Humanities Resources

Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame's Connecticut Women's Heritage trail is where women's stories are being recovered, retold, and reinterpreted to educate and inspire new generations of women and girls. You can also download our ConnTours app to follow a tour of the Connecticut Women's Heritage sites. In addition, the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame provides an award-winning lesson plan module called Votes for Women.

Formed in collaboration with the Connecticut State Department of Education, our Teach It program provides activities and grade-specific content meant to help educators incorporate Connecticut history into their classrooms. Teach It has resources on Connecticut Women and the Women's Suffrage Movement and other barrier-breaking events and people in our state's history.

Information about Connecticut suffragists can also be found at connecticuthistory.org.



Upcoming Events

CT Humanities granted funds to *From Corsets to Suffrage: Victorian Women Trailblazers* at the Lockwood-Mathews Mansion Museum. The exhibit, which runs through November 3, features objects, images, suffrage pageantry, accessories, and period costumes to illustrate the activities and contributions of women in securing the right to vote locally, regionally, and nationally.

The Association for the Study of Connecticut History will be holding a full day conference on November 2 at CCSU. *Suffrage and the History of Women's Rights in Connecticut* is ideal for teachers of all levels, independent historians, and other interested folks. For more information and to register, visit asch-cthistory.org.

Visit our website for more event listings and info on including your events.



Reminder: 2019 Connecticut Book Awards

Connecticut's finest authors will be honored at the 2019 Connecticut Book Awards ceremony on Sunday, October 20th from 3:00 to 5:30 p.m. at the Hartford Public Library.

Author and WTNH news anchor, Ann Nyberg, will emcee and Philip Caputo, award-winning journalist, co-winner of a Pulitzer Prize, and author of many works of fiction and nonfiction, will provide the keynote address.

Categories are Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, Young Readers (Fiction, Nonfiction, Picture Book) and a special Spirit of Connecticut category in honor of longtime CT Humanities director, Bruce Fraser. A list of finalists can be found here.

For more information and to purchase your tickets, visit CTCenterfortheBook.org.

Upcoming Grants Deadlines

Upcoming Quick Grants deadlines are October 4, 2019 and December 6, 2019.



The deadline for Project Planning, Project Implementation, and Capacity Building Grants is November 1, 2019.

Visit CTHumanities.org for more information.

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