

The Discovery Papers

Exploring the World Through Re-enactment, Research and Re-creation



Women’s Long Fight for Equality

In the early days of the founding of America, Founding Mother Abigail Adams, wife of John Adams, urged the men meeting to create the governing documents for the United States to “Remember the Ladies.” Women had worked and fought alongside the men in the settlement of the country and during the Revolutionary War.

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DINOSAURS DAY

Celebrate the large extinct reptiles who roamed for 180 million years!

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NATIONAL DOLL DAY

First Sunday in August
Time for play!

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CHRISTOPHER ROBIN

Birthday in 1920
Companion of Pooh



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
“I Have A Dream”
speech August 28,
1963



Schultüte
German cone - gift
on 1st day of school



Charlotte Bronte
Manuscript of Jane Eyre mailed to publisher on August 24, 1847, published eight weeks later.

Seneca Falls-July, 1848

Abolition-supporters Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton were not allowed to speak or act as delegates at an Anti-Slavery Convention in London because they were women. Their outrage led to their organizing the first national women's rights convention on July 19 and 20 in Seneca Falls, New York.

Stanton presented the "Declaration of Sentiments and Resolutions" stipulating that all men and women were created equal and should have equal rights in regards to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The Declaration had 18 charges for unequal treatment of women. These included marriage making women civilly dead, men monopolizing the well paying jobs and honorable positions in theology, medicine, and law, for example. Women were denied a thorough education with colleges being closed to them. Men have "endeavored, in every way,...to destroy her confidence in her own powers, to lessen her self-respect, and to make her willing to lead a dependent and abject life."

Among the resolutions was a call for women to be granted the right to vote. The greatest challenge to their efforts was to convince men to grant them the rights they sought. It was only by the vote of men that women would be given anything. Women were, for the most part, behold to the men in their life for everything. She and her children were the property of the man who was free to do as much or as little to and for them as he chose.



Lucretia Mott



Elizabeth Cady Stanton

After 72 years of struggle, American women were given the right to vote with the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920. Only one of the women who had participated in the Seneca Falls Convention had lived to cast her ballot - Charlotte Woodward.

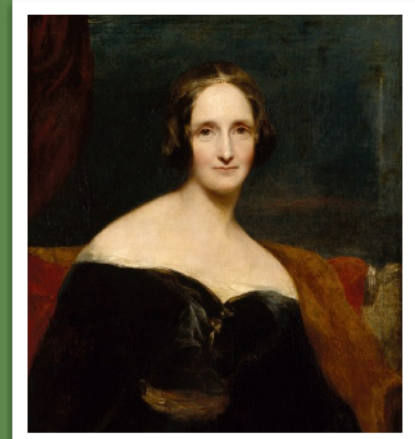
Suffragist and Women's Rights Activist Alice Paul and Crystal Eastman wrote the first version of the Equal Rights Amendment and it was introduced in Congress in December 1923. It was designed to guarantee legal rights for all American citizens regardless of sex. It would end legal distinctions between men and women in matters of divorce, property, employment and other matters.

Women still do not have equal rights...99 years and counting.

MARY WOLLSTONECRAFT SHELLEY - MOTHER OF SCIENCE FICTION

The daughter of two philosophers, Mary Shelley was an English novelist and editor of her husband's (Percy Bysshe Shelley) works. She was tutored on a wide range of subjects, by her father, receiving a remarkably advanced education for a girl at the time.

As part of a summer gathering at which the friends shared original ghost stories, Mary Shelley began Frankenstein; or The Modern Prometheus. It is considered one of the earliest works of science fiction, drawing from contemporary works and theories.





Adventures with Amelia

This has been a busy month for me! I attended the United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc. 73rd Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. I had such a fabulous time meeting doll lovers from all over the world, attending workshops, programs, workshops, and making tons of new friends. Next year, we travel to Washington state and I've started saving my money so I don't miss out on all the fun! It will be a true Journey of Discovery!

Westport Historical Society is kicking off some exciting new programs for us in the coming weeks. They are starting a museum school, a book club, and the Myrtle Hardcastle Detective Society will have its first gathering, to name just a few.

The 2022 doll exhibit continues along with the raffle for the fabulous Ellowyne doll donated by Rachel Hoffman and the Virtual Doll Convention.

Outfits for Lia/Myrtle are available at the Westport Historical Society. Dolls and Peony, the cat, are too. Some outfits reflect my alter ego Myrtle, others are more "me" (Amelia Peabody, that is). Halloween and Holiday outfits are in the works so be sure to check out the gift shop for the latest wardrobe and accessories!

A Tale As Old As Time...

Doll Exhibit at

Westport Historical Society

Extended to

September 24, 2022



Here I am wearing my Myrtle school dress with my schultute. It's my first day at the new museum school at the Westport Historical Society. Here I can learn in an engaging and innovative environment, researching the past, preparing for my future, developing my creativity and life skills.

RESEARCH

Checking out the Rest of the Story . . .

Here you will find information on books to engage you further with the stories highlighted in this issue.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton: An American Life by Lori D. Ginzberg

You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton by Jean Fritz

Lucretia Mott's Heresy: Abolition and Women's Rights in Nineteenth-Century America by Carol Faulkner

Lucretia Mott: Friend of Justice by Ken Knapp Sawyer

Women Win the Vote: 19 for the 19th Amendment by Nancy B. Kennedy and Katy Dockrill

Bold and Brave: Ten Heroes Who Won Women the Right to Vote by Kirsten Gillibrand

The Brontes: Children of the Moors by Mick Manning

The Bronte Sisters: The Brief Lives of Charlotte, Emily, and Anne by Catherine Reef

I Have a Dream (Book and CD) by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Kadir Nelson

Talkin' About Bessie: The Story of Aviator Elizabeth Coleman by Nikki Grimes

Fly High! The Story of Bessie Coleman by Louise Borden and Mary Kay Kroeger

Goodbye Christopher Robin: A.A. Milne and the Making of Winnie-the-Pooh. by Ann Thwaite

The Enchanted Prince: A Childhood Memoir by Christopher Milne

She Made a Monster: How Mary Shelley Created Frankenstein by Lynn Fulton

The Lady and Her Monsters A Tale of Dissections, Real-Life Dr. Frankensteins, and the Creation of Mary Shelley's Masterpiece by Roseanne Montillo

Diana - Remembering the Princess: Reflections on Her Life, twenty-five years on from her death by Ken Wharfe and Rose Coward

Diana, Princess of Wales by Joanne Mattern

Helping to tell the Story - History's Companions



Diana, Princess of Wales

The Ashton-Drake Galleries

18 1/2 inches Porcelain



Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Gotz

18 inches



Charlotte Bronte

Madame Alexander/2006 UFDC Dallas

11 inches



Bessie Coleman First African American Aviator

Girls Explore Aviator Series 2004

11.5 inches



Christopher Robin with Winnie-the-Pooh

R. John Wright

12 inches and 5 1/4 inches

Felt



Lucretia Mott

Refurbished Doll

HistoryWearz

Petticoat Profiles - Inspiring Women

Diana Frances Spencer

In remembrance of the 25th anniversary of her death, in this issue we honor the late, Diana, Princess of Wales. The beloved People's Princess died from her injuries in a car crash on August 31, 1997, at the age of 36. She was the first wife of Charles, the Prince of Wales and the mother of Princes William and Harry.

Throughout her brief life on the world stage Diana reached out to persons of all walks of life, loving and comforting those in need and championing humanitarian causes. She shook hands with AIDS patients, changing how those afflicted were viewed.

Diana is recognized for demystifying and modernizing the British Royal Family. Through the efforts of the British Prime Minister and the appeals of individuals around the world, she was honored with a unique state funeral viewed by millions.



Elizabeth Coleman

The first African-American woman and the first Native American to earn a pilot's license was Elizabeth (Bessie) Coleman. There being no flight training opportunities for female persons of color in America, she saved her money and went to France for flight school. She earned her license in June 1921.

Queen Bess became a high-profile pilot in airshows in the United States in the 1920s. Vowing to "amount to something" she was known as a skilled and daring pilot, promoting aviation and combating racism.

She died in a plane crash at the age of 34 in 1926. She remains an inspiration for her pioneering role in aviation and to women who dream of amounting to something.



Re-creation Happenings....

Check out all the exciting activities in the works for

Time Travelers of All Ages

The Myrtle Hardcastle Detective Society

at the Westport Historical Society

cordially invites you to a

Halloween Gathering

in honor of the publication of

"In Myrtle Peril"

the fourth Myrtle Hardcastle Mystery.

Treats and Activities

NEW outfits for the Myrtle doll

Meet author Elizabeth C. Bunce

Details and RSVP in the September issue.





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