

Video for the Women's Reception on Friday, August 25, 1995

Celebrations and commemorations of the Diamond Anniversary of women's suffrage are occurring throughout the country, in cities large and small. From marches and historical reenactments to rallies and monument dedications, women and men across America are gathering together to thank the suffragists for their efforts and to remind America that the achievement of equity between the sexes remains a priority.

The Nation's Capital has become a prominent stage for the events marking this milestone in women's history. The events celebrating the suffrage anniversary reflect the many aspects of the long struggle to achieve the vote. These activities include exhibits of historical documents and memorabilia, public parades, a rally, and an exhibit at the Woodrow Wilson House commemorating the role of President Wilson in the enfranchisement of American women. These events seek to highlight on a national level not only the past accomplishments of women, but to also recognize the important roles that women are currently playing in American society and the work that they will continue to do in the future.

On Friday, August 25th, the Postmaster General of the United States and the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of Women in the Arts are hosting a reception at the National Museum of Women in the Arts at 6:00 pm. This is an invitation only reception and approximately 600 people are expected to attend. Among the attendees will be political leaders and Clinton appointees, women members of Congress, prominent business people, and key activists celebrating the work of the suffragist pioneers who blazed the trail for all women. The event is scheduled for the last weekend in August to coincide with the actual anniversary date of the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment and its final certification on August 26, 1920. The reception is taking place on the night before the Postal Service issues a commemorative stamp honoring Women's Suffrage.

Women suffrage leaders were brilliant strategists who manipulated an intricate political system to achieve their goals. But their political skills are rarely recognized and too seldom imitated. The symposium's panels, performance, and computer demonstrations will honor suffrage leaders by examining their strategies and learning from their political experience and wisdom.

National Museum of American History
National Museum of Women in the Arts and the
75th Anniversary of Woman Suffrage Task Force present

Visions of Equality: Past and Future

Exploring how woman suffrage strategies apply to women's quest for equality in the 21st century

August 25, 1995 ★ 9 a.m.–5:15 p.m.

National Museum of American History

Carmichael Auditorium ★ 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W.,
Washington, D.C. ★ Smithsonian Institution

8:45–9:15 a.m.

Welcoming Remarks

9:15–10 a.m.

Keynote Address

Ellen DuBois, leading authority on woman suffrage

10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Strategies of Woman Suffrage

12:30–2 p.m.

Lunch on your own

2–4:15 p.m.

Strategies for Women's Equality in the 21st Century

4:30–5:15 p.m.

"The Yellow Rose of Suffrage— A Dramatic Portrait"

Jane Cox as suffrage leader Carrie Chapman Catt

9:30–12:30 p.m.

Organizing Women for the 21st Century

2–5 p.m.

Demonstrations of computer technology,
"Information Age" Theater

The symposium, demonstrations, and performance are free and open to the public. Reservations are encouraged: call 202-357-2008 or 202-357-1210 by August 20. ★ For deaf or hard-of-hearing visitors, sign language and oral interpreters are available upon two weeks' advance request. Please call 202-357-4184 (voice); 202-786-1563 (TTY). Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ★ For further information, call Smithsonian Visitor Information: 202-357-2700 (voice); 202-357-1729 (TTY), daily, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. *Printed on recycled paper.*

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