

## Calendar of West Virginia's 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration

February 6, 2020  
Thursday

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Carter G. Woodson Lecture -- Marshall University Memorial Student Center (Shawkey Room)**  
Dr. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, chair of the History Department at Harvard University and president of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, will deliver the annual Carter G. Woodson Lecture. The association was founded by Woodson in 1915. Her address will cover the national black history theme: "African Americans and the Vote." Sponsored by Drinko Academy and The Dr. Carter G. Woodson Lyceum, with support from the Women's and Gender Studies Program and Intercultural Affairs.  
Contact: Sara Payne Scarbro, Associate Vice President for External Engagement, Marshall University Research Corporation, sara.payne@marshall.edu, 304-969-2889

February 14, 2020  
Friday

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM

**Black History & Culture Month and Women of Distinction Luncheon With a Special Susan B. Anthony Birthday Celebration -- 305 Washington Avenue in Clarksburg, WV**  
In observance of Black Culture Month, the Progressive Women's Association of Harrison County Women of Distinction Luncheon will honor 10 African American Women from Harrison County. Keynote speaker will be Marjorie Fuller. Reservations are \$10 and required by calling (304) 624-6881.  
Contact: Rosalyn Queen, spanishqueen86@aol.com

February 17, 2020  
Monday

All Day

**2020 Celebration of WV Ratification of the 19th Amendment -- State Capitol Complex**  
More than 30 organizations will be setup in the rotunda to provide educational information related to Women's Suffrage.  
Contact (for event and reserving tables): Julie C. Palas, J.D., Executive Director, West Virginia Women's Commission, 304-558-9027 (office) or 558-6073 (direct line); Mobile: 304-356-0625; julie.c.palas@wv.gov

All Day

**Begins: Proclamations from all County Commissions**  
Ends March 10.  
Contact: Jonathon Adler (jonathan@wvaco.org) and Kathy Yates (kathy@wvaco.org)

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March 2, 2020  
Monday

All Day

**Begins: County Commission Proclamations for "March as 19th Amendment Centennial Celebration Month"**  
Presentations to be made to county commissions by bi-partisan group. This will be led by local leaders for the democratic and republican parties.

March 6, 2020  
Friday

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Opening night: Women of Appalachia: Invitational Exhibition -- WVU Downtown Campus Library**  
The Women of Appalachia Project is curated by Poet Laureate Kari Gunter-Seymour (Ohio University). This exhibit includes work selected by Gunter-Seymour from the 10th anniversary exhibit including Andi Stern, Barbara Fisher, Cheryl Harshman, Emalea Rupe, Kari Gunter-Seymour, Kathy Guest, Lacy Davis, Robin McClintock, Teresa Sager, Wendy Minor and Whitney Folsom. The exhibit will end March 28.  
Contact: Sally Brown Deskins, Exhibits & Programs Coordinator, West Virginia University Libraries, sbdeskins@mail.wvu.edu

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

**2020 Schmidlapp Distinguished Lectureship in Women's Studies -- Brad D. Smith Foundation Hall**  
Joan Quigley, author of Just Another Southern Town: Mary Church Terrell and the Struggle for Racial Justice in the Nation's Capital. Free and open to the public.  
Contact: Dr. Laura Michele Diener, diener@marshall.edu

March 10, 2020  
Tuesday

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

**Festival of Ideas Lecture Series: Lilly Ledbetter -- WVU Mountainlair Ballrooms**  
Lilly Ledbetter will talk about how she became the center of the historic discrimination case that inspired the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Restoration Act--her fight for equal rights in the workplace, and how her determination became a victory for the nation. Book signing to follow.  
The Festival of Ideas lecture series spans the academic year and brings a diverse group of news-makers, public figures and thought leaders—along with WVU's own academic superstars—to engage the campus community in important issues of the day.  
Contact: Dr. Lisa DeFrank-Cole, WVU Leadership Studies Program and Harriet E. Lyon Professor of Women's and

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Tuesday

Gender Studies, [lisa.defrank-cole@mail.wvu.edu](mailto:lisa.defrank-cole@mail.wvu.edu)

March 21, 2020  
Saturday

All Day

WV Women's Suffrage Symposium -- WV Culture Center

April 4, 2020  
Saturday

All Day

**Special Presentation at the WV Libertarian Party State Nominating Convention**

Presentation about Tonie Nathan, the first woman to receive an electoral vote in the 1972 Presidential Election. She passed away a few years ago. This event is meant to honor her legacy and the legacy of expanding voter rights.

Contact: David Valente, Libertarian Party of West Virginia Chair, [davidtvalente@gmail.com](mailto:davidtvalente@gmail.com)

April 5, 2020  
Sunday

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

**EqualiTea Party -- E. Moore Hall, WVU Campus**

Co-Hosted by Morgantown NOW, WVU Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Peer Advocates Student Group. The event is open to the public and will feature suffragist trivia and a historical interpreter. Tickets are \$5 each.

Contact: Bekah Aranda, WVWV of Morgantown Coalition Co-chair, [aranda05@yahoo.com](mailto:aranda05@yahoo.com)

April 7, 2020  
Tuesday

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**4th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals Oral Argument Session -- Marshall University, Joan C. Edwards Playhouse**

4th Circuit Federal Court of Appeals Oral Argument Session.

Contact: Simon Perry Center for Constitutional Democracy, 304-696-2801 or [patricia.proctor@marshall.edu](mailto:patricia.proctor@marshall.edu)

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April 18, 2020  
Saturday

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**Talk on Voting Rights and Suppression by Professor Atiba Ellis Hosted by WVWV of Morgantown and WVU Libraries -- WVU Downtown Library, Milano Reading Room**  
A talk by Professor Atiba Ellis on the history voting rights and voter suppression, hosted by WVU Libraries and WVWV - Morgantown.  
Contact: Bekah Aranda, WVWV of Morgantown Coalition Co-chair, aranda05@yahoo.com

June 11, 2020  
Thursday

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

**Her Flag presentation -- Culture Center**  
Savannah Schroll Guz of Weirton has been selected to represent the state of West Virginia in the Her Flag project, which celebrates the original 36 states that ratified the 19th Amendment, giving women the right to vote. The project is in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the amendment's ratification, which is in 2020. For Guz, her work will be the 34th stripe in the 18-by-26-foot flag and contain portraits of four figures instrumental in the amendment's ratification: Dr. Harriet Brown, Lenna Lowe Yost, the Hon. Jesse A. Bloch and Ada Enid Haldeman Ford. Guz will meet up with Oklahoma-based artist Marilyn Artus, project originator, on June 11, 2020, in Charleston, where Artus will sew the 312-inch stripe onto the larger flag.  
More information on the project can be found at [herflag.com](http://herflag.com).

June 17, 2020  
Wednesday

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**Play - Inalienable Rights: West Virginia's women battle for the vote. -- Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences, Charleston**  
An original play by Dan Kehde based on the history of the suffrage movement and West Virginia's unique role in ratification.  
Time of the play is tbd. It will be held in the Walker Theater at the Clay Center for the Arts and Sciences, in Charleston.  
Contact: Renate Pore, [renatepore@gmail.com](mailto:renatepore@gmail.com)

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June 20, 2020  
Saturday

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### **West Virginia Day Program & West Virginia & Regional History Center Exhibition opening -- Milano Reading Room in WVU's Wise Library**

The West Virginia and Regional History Center and WVU Libraries host a program each year on West Virginia Day (June 20) devoted to a theme that is often dedicated to an important anniversary. In 2020 the program will be devoted to Women's Suffrage and Women's history in West Virginia generally. The program has two main components – a speakers forum which offers presentations by one to several speakers. Following the forum there is an opening of an exhibit devoted to the theme. Among other things, the exhibit will feature items from the papers of Lenna Lowe Yost.

Contact: John A. Cuthbert, Director, West Virginia and Regional History Center, [jcuthber@wvu.edu](mailto:jcuthber@wvu.edu).

August 7, 2020  
Friday

All Day

### **19th Amendment Centennial Gala Hosted by the WV Press Association -- Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV**

An event to be hosted by the WV Press Association to commemorate the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. More details to come.  
Contact: Betsy DeBord, WV Press Association Assistant Executive Director, [bdebord@wvpress.org](mailto:bdebord@wvpress.org)

August 18, 2020  
Tuesday

All Day

### **Marshall University: Week of Welcome begins -- Memorial Student Center Plaza**

Tabling, event promotion, voter registration, other activities for Marshall Freshman students.

Contact: Leah Tolliver, Marshall University Director of the Women Center, Student Affairs, [tolliver@marshall.edu](mailto:tolliver@marshall.edu)

August 22, 2020  
Saturday

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

### **The Mother of Us All – Opera with Reception -- WV Culture Center**

The Mother of Us All opera premiered in 1947 and details the life of Susan B. Anthony. Text is by Gertrude Stein and music is by Virgil Thompson. A reception and discussion of the context of the work by Dr. Mary Beth Beller (Marshall

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University), Dr. Vicki Stroeher (Marshall University), and Dr. Robert Wallace (West Virginia State University), will take place ahead of the opera at 5 p.m. in the Culture Center Great Hall. The opera will begin at 7 p.m.  
Contact: Susan Marrash-Minnerly, srkmminnerly@gmail.com

August 26, 2020  
Wednesday

All Day

**Women's Equality Day**

All Day

**Women's Suffrage March -- Beginning at the Marshall University Memorial Student Center Plaza**  
In partnership with the League of Women Voters of the Huntington Area and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. More details to come.  
Contact: Wendy Thomas, wxthomas@frontier.com, or the Marshall University Women's & Gender Center, 304-696-3338.

September 11, 2020  
Friday

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

**Opening reception: Undeclared: Canvassing the Politics of Voter Suppression since Women's Suffrage: An Exhibit by WVU Libraries -- Downtown Campus Library, 1549 University Ave, Morgantown**  
"Undeclared: Canvas(s)ing the Politics of Voter Suppression since Women's Suffrage" will open at the Downtown Campus Library on Sept. 11. It will address the political process with special attention to efforts to suppress the votes of women and minorities since 1920.  
Contact: Sally Brown Deskins, WVU Libraries, Curator, sbdeskins@mail.wvu.edu

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**Robert C. Byrd Forum on Civic Responsibility: Congress to Campus Program -- Frances Booth Experimental Theatre (pending confirmation)**  
This event will feature two female former members of

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Congress. More details to be announced.  
Contact: Dr. Montserrat Miller, The John Deaver Drinko  
Academy, Marshall University Executive Director,  
304-696-2739

October 10, 2020  
Saturday

All Day

Eastern Panhandle NOW in the Apple Butter Festival parade  
-- Berkeley Springs, WV  
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