



ADD ONE/WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2010

***The Story of We the People Self-Guided Tour***

**Daily throughout March**

**FREE with museum admission**

This self-guided tour of the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, highlights defining moments in women's history. At the time when our Founders wrote the Constitution, women could not vote in a national election; yet today, less than 250 years later, women serve as governors, senators, Supreme Court justices, and presidential candidates. Visitors will learn about the struggles of generations of women to achieve these remarkable advances.

***Women of Power (School Group Package)***

**Must be booked in advance at 215.409.6800**

**\$14 per person**

During the *Women of Power* show, students will learn about extraordinary women throughout history, and the issues they faced while trying to secure equal rights. The show will explore the passing of the 19th Amendment and the new roles of women in society by examining the lives of courageous women who defied the norms of society and paved a path for future generations. Students will also discover how the struggle for women's rights impacted efforts for equality for all citizens.

The *Women of Power* school group package must be booked in advance, and includes the award-winning presentation "Freedom Rising"; the interactive *Women of Power* show; and an educational workshop concentrating on the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*. Please note: Dates for themed museum packages fill up quickly. Book your group early for the best selection of available dates.

Educators can also bring the *Women of Power* show to their schools through the Center's Traveling History and Civics Program. Details and prices are available at [www.constitutioncenter.org/thcp](http://www.constitutioncenter.org/thcp).

GlaxoSmithKline has generously provided funding to offer the National Constitution Center's Traveling History and Civics program for free to Philadelphia public school students in grades K-12.

***Dolley Madison: America's First Lady***

**Monday, March 8, 2010, 6:00 p.m.**

**FREE; reservations required at 215.409.6700**

A film screening of *Dolley Madison: America's First Lady* will be presented at the National Constitution Center on Monday, March 8, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., as part of National Women's History Month. The 90-minute portrait from PBS' American Experience explores the life and work of the woman who transformed the previously undefined role of the president's wife. Following the screening, the Center will host a short conversation with the film's executive producer Catherine Allan, producer and director Muffie Meyer, writer Ronald Blumer, and scholar Holly Shulman, director of the Dolley Madison Project at the University of Virginia.

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In addition to the special programming, visitors to the Center's main exhibition, *The Story of We the People*, will learn about defining moments in women's history. Representing two of the most significant eras in the history of women in our nation—women's suffrage and the women's rights movement of the 1970s—are a porcelain plate bearing the phrase "Votes for Women" and a button from the campaign to ratify an Equal Rights Amendment. Other artifacts that evoke landmark moments in the history of women in our nation include the judicial robe worn by retired Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and an audio segment of Sojourner Truth's speech to the Ohio Women's Rights Convention of 1851.

Guests can also learn about the impact of women through the "American National Tree," which highlights over 100 people who have helped shape the Constitution over the last 200 years. The Tree includes information about influential women such as Bella Abzug, a feminist member of House of Representatives; Myra Bradwell, a feminist denied the right to practice law; Mary Goddard, printer of the Declaration of Independence; Katharine Graham, *Washington Post* publisher who authorized the publication of the Pentagon Papers; Candy Lightner, Founder of Mothers Against Drunk Driving; Ellen McCormack, the Right-to-Life candidate in the 1980 presidential election; Patsy Mink, the first Asian-American elected to Congress; and others.

Additionally, the Center's world premiere exhibition, *Ancient Rome & America*, contains artifacts and artwork featuring female figures from ancient Rome and the impact classicism had on American women. Roman artifacts include busts and statues from the first century CE, in the style of members of the imperial family, including a statue of a Julio-Claudian princess and a bust of a Flavian woman. Rome's influence is also evident in letters exchanged between John and Abigail Adams, which contain several classical references, including the signature of Abigail as "Portia," wife of the Roman Senator Brutus; a 1773 portrait of Sarah Middleton, wife of future signer of the Constitution Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, portrayed as the ideal of an ancient Roman matron; and a replica of a 1775 portrait of Charleston planter Ralph Izard and his wife Alice, both influential connoisseurs of the ancient world, during their 1775 "Grand Tour" of Italy.

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The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, "Freedom Rising". The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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