

# ARIZONA WOMENS HERITAGE TRAIL

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## News Updates February - March 2012

### **Woman Suffrage Centennial Forums scheduled in five Arizona communities during 2012! First one in Prescott, March 9 Next Phoenix, March 23!**

AWHT has scheduled five forums in Arizona in celebration of the woman suffrage centennial in 2012 also! After years of struggle, Arizona won the right to vote in 2012, shortly after Arizona gained statehood on February 14, 2012. In the fall of 1912, an initiative was introduced in the House Chamber, for woman suffrage.

With a substantial victory, women's voting privileges were granted by the voters on November 05, 1912. Success had been obtained, through dedication, commitment, strategic political planning and execution, and many hours of hard work and travel throughout the state. A summary of the Arizona Suffrage Movement is included in this news update and also can be found in the Resources Section. Facts for the summary are from a book written by Heidi Osselaer, AWHT scholar, entitled "*Winning their Place: Arizona Women in Politics: 1883 - 1950.*" [Download Suffrage Summary](#)

### **CHECK YOUR SCHEDULES! COME TO THE FORUM IN YOUR AREA!**

The first two dates of the woman suffrage centennial forums are on March 9, Prescott College, in Prescott, and March 23, at the capitol museum in Phoenix at 4:00 PM. **All forums are free.** [Download flier.](#)

The forums will consist of a short play highlighting some of the suffragist leaders, and outlining the pro and con arguments that were expressed loud and clear during the entire suffrage movement. There will be ample time for questions and discussion following the play presentation. Audience participation will be encouraged.

Later forums beginning in the fall of 2012 will be held in Flagstaff, Tucson and Yuma. Those dates and locations are listed on the AWHT calendar. Please click on About AWHT and Calendar. Come and join us for the historic woman suffrage event in your location. Commemorative programs will be distributed and video taping of the play in Phoenix. We gratefully acknowledge the **Arizona Humanities Council and Arizona Public Service** for their financial support, making these events possible.

### **Arizona Statehood Birthday**

Among many statehood centennial festivities, AWHT attended the statehood day centennial celebration on the capitol green February 14, 2012. The entire capitol grounds were covered with display tables, musicians, and other colorful entertainment and public educational-educational opportunities. Photos below of AWHT Historian Mary Melcher, Ph.D., and Heidi Osselaer, AWHT scholar and Recording Secretary of the Executive Committee.



*AWHT Historian Dr. Mary Melcher at the Statehood Centennial Day, February 14, 2012*



*AWHT scholar and Executive Committee Secretary Dr. Heidi Osselaer at the Statehood Centennial Day, February 14, 2012*

AWHT proved very popular during this day of celebration with many people stopping by to collect regional driving and walking tour brochures. Also on the table was an exciting display showing some remarkable historic women on the Trail, who made major contributions to the development of Arizona communities and Arizona. The display was made by AWHT Executive Committee member, and former founding Chair, Judy Register. Judy is a key member on the AWHT speaker's bureau, and presents power point presentations primarily in the Phoenix metropolitan area. For more information about obtaining a speaker for your organization, please contact AWHT for scheduling.

#### **Website Expansion**

Salt River Project (SRP) continues to support AWHT website expansion for 2012. Check out the new additions by clicking on the icon Search the Trail. Other additions will be added soon!

#### **Coming Soon!** AWHT Honor Roll and Sponsor a Woman listings

Opportunities to joining the AWHT team and donate toward website maintenance and expansion, choose a woman listed on the Trail, and sponsor her. Sponsorship may be joint contributions from organizations, or individuals. Credit for sponsorship will be listed by highlighting the sponsored woman on the trail and then the Names of donor(s) or organizations(S) listed with linkage to pertinent websites if desired. Donations for sponsorship of each woman are 500.00, the minimum cost of adding each to the website.

Or you may honor some woman or man, who has made an impact in your life, by donating 100.00. This honor roll will include a donor's statement of 75 words or so explanation of why this person should be so honored. It may be a teacher, your mother or father, grandmother, friend, someone who has made your life better in some way, or who has guided you with much needed advice, serving as a role model. Each of us has experienced, in some manner, comments or guidance from person(s) who have made a major impact on our lives. Share the story of this remarkable person! Another example is for organizations to honor a retiring officer or volunteer who has made a major impact on their organization.

Since 2007, we have partnered with the ASU Foundation to support our mission. Your gift will benefit Arizona Women's Heritage Trail and may be considered a charitable contribution. Please consult with your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of charitable contributions. All funds will be deposited with the ASU Foundation for a New American University, a separate, non-profit organization that exists to benefit ASU.

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