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Flagler Museum Virtual Lecture Celebrates Centennial of 19th Amendment, Women's Suffrage Movement

Free lecture to be broadcast on August 18 at 3 p.m.

PALM BEACH, FL - In celebration of the centennial of the ratification of the United States' 19th Constitutional Amendment, the [Henry Morrison Flagler Museum](#) (1 Whitehall Way, Palm Beach) will be offering a virtual lecture for free to the public on August 18 at 3 p.m. titled "And Yet They Persisted: How American Women Won the Right to Vote." Guest speaker Dr. Johanna Neuman is the author of a new book of the same title, and will talk about the importance of the states in securing the right to vote for women, and shed light on why it took two centuries for most women in America to earn the right to vote.

The virtual lecture will broadcast live from the Flagler Museum via Facebook Live as well as Vimeo Livestream. A recording of the lecture will be available for viewing immediately following the hour-long lecture on the Museum's Livestream page. Visit the Museum's website at www.flaglERMuseum.us/programs/special-lectures for instructions to access the Livestream broadcast and recording. Facebook users who wish to watch via Facebook Live should "like" or "follow" the Flagler Museum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FlaglerMuseum in order to participate. Dr. Neuman will be answering questions posed by Facebook Live participants at the conclusion of her lecture.

About the book

And Yet They Persisted: How American Women Won the Right to Vote is a gripping story of female activism. Most historians begin the suffrage story in 1848, when Elizabeth Cady Stanton first stood in public at a women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y. and demanded the right to vote, and end the story on August 18, 1920, when Tennessee became the 36th state to ratify the 19th Amendment. *And Yet They Persisted* expands our understanding of that history, positioning its origins with the revolutionary fervor in the 1770s and its final triumph two centuries later, when African-American women in the South had to fight Jim Crow laws to win their constitutionally mandated right to vote.

For two centuries, in petitions and parades, with warring tactics and diverse motives, women fought for and won this precious badge of equal citizenship. They voted in the 1770s, launched petition drives in the 1830s, attended suffrage conventions in the 1850s, and strategized to win victories in the states beginning in the 1870s. They lobbied Congress in the 1910s to enact the 19th Amendment and galvanized public opinion around a Voting Rights Act in 1965. No one handed them victory. They won the vote, against all odds, when they convinced men that it was in male political interests to share power.

Copies of Dr. Neuman's book — including a limited quantity of editions signed by the author — and other tomes about the suffragist movement are available for purchase in the Museum Store as well as online at www.flaglERMuseum.us/museum-store. For the comfort of our visitors, the Museum Store has relocated into Whitehall's vast West Room for those who are interested in socially-distanced, touch-free shopping. Merchandise is on display, and Museum Store staff will assist shoppers with fulfillment and purchases. Credit cards only; cash will not be accepted until further notice. For those wishing to shop in person, the Museum Store is open during regular Museum hours.

About the speaker

Dr. Neuman is one of the nation's leading historians of women's suffrage. An award-winning author, her new book, *And Yet They Persisted: How American Women Won the Right to Vote*, traces the history of women's suffrage over two centuries, expanding our



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understanding of the depth of this movement and restoring African American women to the suffrage narrative. An earlier book, *Gilded Suffragists: The New York Socialites Who Fought for Women's Right to Vote*, documents the role of the celebrity endorsements in galvanizing social change. Choice Magazine, the review publication of the American Library Association, called the book "highly entertaining and gravely important ... a wonderfully written history [that] details the relentless efforts required to make lasting change." A former journalist, Dr. Neuman covered the White House, State Department and Congress for USA Today and the Los Angeles Times. During her career as a journalist, she received a Nieman Fellowship at Harvard University and served as president of the White House Correspondents' Association. After earning her Ph.D. in history, she became a scholar in residence at American University in Washington, D.C.

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The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the New York Herald as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring changing exhibitions and special programs. The Museum is located at One Whitehall Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480.

Admission is \$18 for adults, \$10 for youth ages 13-17, \$3 for children ages 6-12, and children under age 6 are free. Current Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, please call the Flagler Museum at (561) 655-2833 or visit www.flaglERMuseum.us.

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