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Suffragettes Arrive in West Linn

WEST LINN, Ore., June 06, 2019 – This year marks the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment which gives women in the U.S. the right to vote. Before 1920, women in this country were ruled by a government they had no voice in choosing. The suffrage movement spanned 72 years beginning with the first women’s right convention in Seneca Falls, NY and culminating in the nation's capitol with the infamous Silent Sentinels protesting outside the White House during President Wilson’s 2nd term as President.

To honor a few of the women throughout this period in history, The West Linn Historical Society along with West Linn artist Elizabeth Rocchia, developed an exhibit that will be available to view in several West Linn Parks beginning Sunday June 14th. The exhibit consists of lifesize artistic depictions of a few of the leading women of the 1919 suffrage movement.

The current schedule for the exhibit is:
June 14: 9am - 4pm Willamette Park along the Centennial Path
June 21: 9am - 4pm Mary S Young Park along the trail in the woods
June 28: 9am - 4pm Field’s Bridge Park along the river path
July 5 : 9am - 4pm McLean Park and House throughout the grounds

“We are hoping that the displays will engage the public and encourage them to find out more about the influential individuals involved in the women’s rights movement of the last century”, said West Linn Historical Society co-president, Beth Smolens. “These displays could even provide a fun backdrop for a quick selfie with a suffragette.”

This project is a part of the History Without Walls campaign of the West Linn Historical Society late in 2015 which creates historical enrichment programs that are fun, educational and accessible throughout the West Linn community.

Details about this project and future events from the West Linn Historical Society are available at www.westlinnhistory.org.

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About the West Linn Historical Society - Founded in 2014, the West Linn Historical Society’s mission is to provide education to the community about the cultural heritage of West Linn and the surrounding area. The organization engages in research, interpretation, celebration and preservation of our collective histories. Within the framework of our slogan “History without Walls” the Historical Society, without a physical museum, strives to bring history to the community.

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