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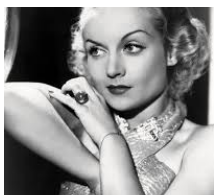
An original oil painting by Roberta Avidor depicting Hoosier suffragists and the Propylaeum is on display at the Prop..



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Carole Lombard Topic for Prop day

Tamara Castleman will present her program on the life and times of Carole Lombard at Prop Day on March 18 at noon.



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Coming Events

Find all events at the Propylaeum here or by visiting www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents.



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Tickets are on sale now for the 2020 May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Dinner and Event on March 19, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Award recipients are Deborah Hearn Smith and Vi Simpson.

The May Wright Sewall Leadership Award is given to women who exude the spirit of the award's namesake. Sewall set the bar for civic engagement and leadership in Indiana.

Above photo: General Officers of the National Council of Women. Left to right: Rachel Foster Avery, May Wright Sewall, Isabella Charles Davis, Frances E. Bagley, and unidentified. Library of Congress Prints and Photos Division.

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Historic Propylaeum brings women and organizations together to learn, connect, and grow promoting individual and community development.

IMPACT STATEMENT

The Indianapolis Propylaeum is a rich part of the history of Indianapolis women. It has always focused on providing a platform for women to express cultural and intellectual ideas and a continuing opportunity to enhance our community in every time period since 1888.

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President's Letter

The Prop has much to celebrate during Women's History Month! Our long legacy of being the place where women's history was made tops the list. No other organization, created and funded by women, has continuously owned and maintained property for over 130 years. Our mission of connecting and celebrating women is timeless; although the topics and viewpoints may change, what remains constant is the support we give to women by providing programming and a place for organizations to meet. I encourage you to reflect on the history-making women in your life and take a moment of appreciation for their accomplishments.



Note from the Executive Director

Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month and the Propylaeum will be hosting programs for everyone throughout the month. Learn about Carole Lombard at Prop Day on March 18, attend the May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Dinner honoring Deborah Hearn Smith and Vi Simpson on March 19. If you would like something more interactive dress as a suffragist and join Prop members and friends marching in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Don't miss the play "Digging in Their Heels" by Sally Perkins and be sure to be at the Prop for the national *Her Flag* program on March 19.

All month Chef Suzanne will have black raspberry crème brûlée on the menu in the Café.

Invite your friends and celebrate Women's History Month at the Prop.

Liz Ellis



April Fun Friday at the IMA

Fun Friday in April will once again be a trip to the Indianapolis Museum of Art at Newfields for the Fashion Arts Society luncheon. On Tuesday, April 28 April Callahan and Cassidy Zachary, hosts of the podcast *Dressed* will be taping the episode *Downtown By Design: The Fashion and Art of Stephen Sprouse*.

Each month Prop members and guests take a "field trip" to an interesting location or exhibit followed by lunch.

For more information about the event discover newfields.org/calendar/hats-10-years. If you'd like to attend, please contact Cathy Michel at clmichel52@att.net.



Judith Thomas at April Prop Day

Wednesday, April 15 Judith Thomas, President of the Madame Walker Legacy Center will speak at the Prop Day Luncheon and Program.

The Madame Walker Legacy Center has undergone extensive renovations. The grand opening of the renovated facility will be on June 8, 2020.

Tickets for Prop Day at www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents or 317-638-7881 x3.



Parade Opportunities for Suffragists

Opportunities available for individuals to dress as a suffragist and march in parades including:

- **St. Patrick's Day Parade**
Friday, March 13, 10 a.m.
- **IPL 500 Festival Parade**
Saturday, May 23, 11:30 a.m.

A limited number of spots are available for marching. Please reserve your spot. Go to Eventbrite.com and search Suffrage Parade.

MARILYN K. GLICK WOMEN'S ENRICHMENT SERIES

Allison Barber

President and Chief Operating Officer of the Indiana Fever



April 16, 2020
5:00 P.M.



Tickets available at www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents

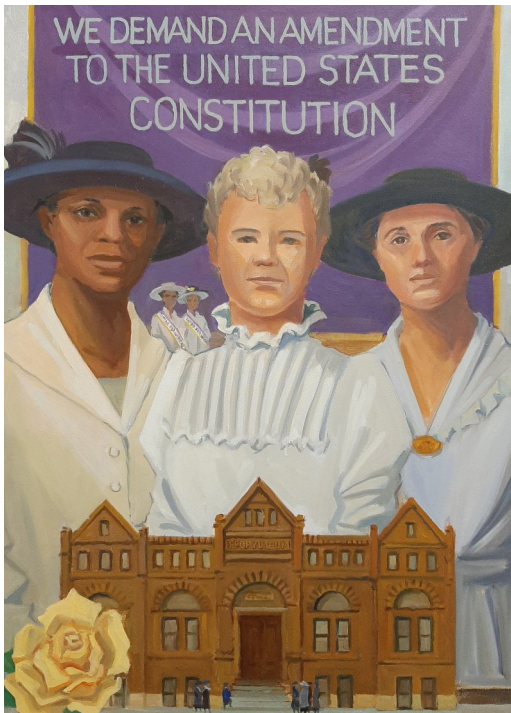
Votes for Women Sash Available

The Indianapolis Propylaeum has readily available a stock of "Votes for Women" sashes. The sashes include a hand-sewn purple and yellow ribbon highlighting the words "Votes for Women" down the center. Sashes are available for \$20 in the Propylaeum offices. Please contact LaurieAnne Perez if you are interested at l.wickens@thepropylaeum.org or 317-638-7881 x4.



Left to right: Nancy Van Arsdall discusses her book "The Thousandth Telling" at Pages at the Prop on Feb. 27, 2020. Erin Kelley with the League of Women Voters of Indianapolis and Dr. Nadia Brown who presented "Sisters in the Statehouse" on Feb. 25, 2020. Angela White moderates a discussion with Jennifer Pope Baker at the Marilyn K. Glick Women's Enrichment Series on Feb. 20, 2020.

Suffrage Artwork on Display



On your next trip to the Propylaeum, be sure to see this beautiful oil painting on display. Local artist Roberta Avidor created this piece of art to commemorate the suffrage centennial. Avidor, who has been to the Prop many times, created the piece as part of the

Hoosier Women Artists 2020 competition with the Indiana Women's Suffrage Centennial Commission.

The women represented are three who were very active in the Indiana suffrage movement: Carrie Barnes, May Wright Sewell, and Eleanor Barker. At the bottom of the piece is the original Propylaeum and a yellow rose which was a symbol of the movement.

Avidor was born in Indianapolis, moved to Michigan at a young age, attended art school in New York City

before moving to the Minneapolis/St. Paul area of Minnesota. Avidor has recently come full circle by returning to Indianapolis.

"My paintings celebrate the city and the places where people gather. My deep interest in urban design and dynamics fuel my desire to portray this vitality. I like to focus on the positive elements that connect us all."

Hop to the Prop Easter Egg Hunt

The Propylaeum will host the annual Hop to The Prop Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 11 at 11 a.m.

The hunt includes over 400 Easter eggs and children are divided into groups by age. The Easter Bunny is also on-site for photos.

The Outreach Committee, spearheaded by Joanne Solomon, hosts the event.

If you would like to donate candy or money to buy candy for the Easter eggs, if you would like to volunteer to help fill Easter eggs, or participate the day of the event, please reach out to Joanne at jsjgsolo@aol.com or 317-257-4737.

THE INDIANAPOLIS PROPYLAEUM IS PROUD TO ANNOUNCE

Deborah Hearn Smith AND Vi Simpson

AS THE 2019 MAY WRIGHT SEWALL LEADERSHIP
AWARD RECIPIENTS



MARCH 19, 2020 5:30 P.M.

Please join us in celebrating Deborah Hearn Smith and Vi Simpson
at our May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Dinner



Digging in Their Heels



An Energized, Eye-Opening Story
of Women's Battle for the Vote

At the Propylaeum Carriage House

March 13 7:00 P.M.

March 14 2:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.

\$15 General Admission

\$10 Student



For Tickets visit

www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents



MARCH PROP DAY

Carole Lombard

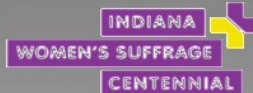
PRESENTATION BY TAMARA CASTLEMAN

MARCH 18 2020 | NOON

1410 N. DELAWARE ST. INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46202

Lunch and discussion of the 1930s American
actress Carole Lombard
\$25 Members, \$30 Non-Members

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
THEPROPYLAEUM.ORG/UPCOMINGEVENTS



COME CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY
AND SEE THE SEWING OF THE
INDIANA STRIPE ONTO HER FLAG

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH, 10:30AM
THE INDIANAPOLIS PROPYLAEUM
1410 N DELAWARE ST #2
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46202

FEATURING INDIANA ARTIST BONNIE FILLENWARTH



March Prop Day

Enjoy Prop Day Lunch and program featuring Tamara Castleman discussing the exciting and tragically short life of 1930s movie star Carole Lombard. At the time of her death at age 33, Lombard was the highest paid actress in Hollywood. She was married to the wildly famous Clark Gable, and was known for her energy and performances in off-beat roles.



Whether she's writing, teaching adult formation at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, tutoring children, or speaking in front of a group, Tamara Castleman loves to share stories. Tamara holds a Bachelor of Arts with a double major in Telecommunications and Religious Studies from Indiana University/Bloomington and a Masters in Education from Endicott College. Tamara has spent most of her career writing, editing, and raising children. In her free time she loves long lunches with friends, watching movies, reading good books, and playing with her three dogs, but by far her greatest joys and biggest blessings are her husband and two daughters.

Join us for lunch at noon, followed by the program. Tickets at www.thepropylaeum.org/upcomingevents or l.wickens@thepropylaeum.org or 317-638-7881 x4.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH DESSERT

Black Raspberry Creme Brulee



\$5.00
Only at the Cafe at the Prop



CALENDAR

March

- 10: Board of Directors Meeting. 11:30 a.m.
- 11: Valiant Women of the Vote. Impact 100 March lunch and learn. RSVP impact100indy.org. 11:30 a.m.
- 12: Fun Friday (Thursday) Harrison Center for the Arts 11 a.m.
- 13-14: Play *Digging in Their Heels* by Sally Perkins. Carriage House. 3 Shows.
- 16: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 18: Prop Day Luncheon and Program. "Life of Carole Lombard." Tamara Castleman. Noon.
- 19: "HER Flag." Art project presentation. 10:30 a.m.
- 19: May Wright Sewall Leadership Award Dinner. 5:30 p.m.
- 24: Book Group. *Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng. Noon

April

- 1: Indiana Commission for Women Monthly Meeting. Open to public. Noon.
- 11: Hop to the Prop Easter Egg Hunt. 11 a.m.
- 12: Easter Brunch. 11 a.m.
- 14: Board of Directors Meeting. 11:30 a.m.
- 15: Prop Day Luncheon and Program. Judith B. Thomas, Pres. Madame Walker Legacy Center
- 14: Women's Enrichment Series Featuring Allison Barber. 5 p.m.
- 20: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 23: Indiana Suffrage Centennial Commission Meeting. Open to public. 9:30 a.m.
- 28: Book Group. *The Woman Who Smashed Codes* by Jason Fagone. Noon.
- 28: Fun Friday. IMA at Newfields Fashion Arts Society Luncheon. 11 a.m.

May

- 8: Fun Friday. TBD
- 10: Mother's Day Brunch. 11 a.m.
- 18: Investment Group. 10 a.m.
- 20: Prop Day Luncheon and Program. Annual Meeting. 11 a.m.
- 21: LWV Indy and Prop lecture—*Guard the Gains Well: Hoosier Workingwomen's Activism* by Vivian Deno. 6:30 p.m.
- 26: Book Group. *We Fed an Island* by Jose Andres. Noon.

Membership

Active memberships contribute to the culture and social life of the organization. Dues are partially tax deductible and members may carry a monthly account, receive a 30% facility rental discount for private events held at the Propylaeum, receive special event pricing for Propylaeum events, and enjoy member benefits through Columbia Club reciprocity. Visit thepropylaeum.org for more information.

March Birthdays

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| 1 | Cathy Michel | 25 | Janice Radford |
| 6 | Sharon Reynolds | 31 | Grace Long |
| 20 | Shirley Roberts | 31 | Danielle Reed |
| 23 | Linda Carlen | | |

* We love to honor our members. Please let us know if you have a coming birthday or if we missed your birthday.