

AAUW-St. Lawrence County Branch News & Notes for August 31, 2016

<http://stlawrence.aauw-nys.org/>



We're working on the fall membership meeting date, location and program now. Stay tuned for more as details are firmed up. If you haven't sent in your 2016-17 dues yet, please follow the instruction on our website: <http://stlawrence.aauw-nys.org/member.htm>. And of course this is perfect time to rejoin or become a new branch member!

As always, Student Members can join for free because all four county colleges & universities are C/U partners with AAUW! Use this handy online form: https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/join_esaf_member.asp

In the meantime, here's news about up-coming calendar dates and community events of interest:

September 5: Labor Day - #HonorWomensWork

NYS Primary DAY: September 13 (polls open Noon to 9 pm)

September 13 is the date to vote in State and Local Primaries from Noon to 9 pm. There are three primaries at the countywide level, all on the Republican side: 116 Assembly District, 118 Assembly District, and County Treasurer.



September 14: Native American Women's Equal Pay Day - On average, Native American women are paid just 59% of the dollar that men are paid.

September 17: Constitution Day

September 27: [National Voter Registration Day](#)

November 1: Latina Equal Pay Day - On average, Hispanic/Latina women are paid just 55% of the one dollar that men are paid.

November 8: General Election Day (polls open 6 am to 9 pm)

AAUW's Action Fund has produced a Voter Guide for the **NY 21** race for Congress. You can access it here: <https://tinyurl.com/j5q7o3n>



FREE READING & DISCUSSION PROGRAM FOR ADULTS ON "Votes for Women" OFFERED AT St. Lawrence County Historical Association

Canton: In a unique collaboration, the New York Council for the Humanities has joined forces with the St. Lawrence County Historical Association to offer "Votes for Women", a monthly reading and discussion series that runs from **September 10th thru December 17th**. "With its thematic focus, this reading and discussion program offers an unusual twist on the standard book group format by making time for thinking deeply about one idea, over time, from a variety of

perspectives,” says Sara Ogger, executive director of the Council.

At the St. Lawrence County Historical Association, participants will come together over the course of six sessions to discuss a variety of thematically linked texts with Dr. Melissane Parm Schrems, Associate Professor of History and Coordinator of Native American Studies at St. Lawrence University. Participants in “Votes for Women” will explore the history of the women’s suffrage movement in our state and nation and discuss women’s – and by extension, our society’s – past, present, and future. The readings in this series include both fiction and non-fiction accounts selected by Dr. Schrems.

The program is free and open to the public, although pre-registration is required. The discussion group will meet at the SLCHA on six Saturdays from September thru December 2016, from 2:00 to 3:30 pm. For more information about the series dates and acquiring books, please contact Bryan Thompson, coordinator, at 315/347-2178 or bryan@dekalbnyhistorian.org or the Historical Association at 315/386/8133 or info@slcha.org.

Something special happens when we talk about what we read with others in our community. The New York Council for the Humanities’ Adult Reading & Discussion programs are designed to foster active reading and thinking, incorporating texts that serve as catalysts for civic engagement and cultural understanding, as well as personal reflection. Adult Reading & Discussion programs are currently being held in communities across New York State. For more information about “Votes for Women” visit www.nyhumanities.org/discussion-groups/adults. The New York Council for the Humanities is a private, non-profit organization that helps all New Yorkers to lead vibrant intellectual lives by strengthening traditions of cultural literacy, critical inquiry, and civic participation. To find out more about the Council, visit www.nyhumanities.org. Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in this program do not necessarily represent those of either the Council or the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The St. Lawrence County Historical Association, located at 3 East Main Street, Canton, is a membership organization open to anyone interested in St. Lawrence County history. The St. Lawrence County Historical Association museum and archives are open Tuesday through Saturday noon to 4 p.m., Friday noon to 8 p.m. For more information, or to become a member, call the SLCHA at 315-386-8133, e-mail info@slcha.org or visit online at www.slcha.org. All SLCHA programs are made possible in part by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew Cuomo and the New York State Legislature.

Check out the exciting [Summer 2016 AAUW-NYS FOCUS](#), the state newsletter, packed with great information!

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