



The Center of the Rebellion

A Greeting from the New Superintendent

Hello! I am Tammy Duchesne, the new Superintendent of Women's Rights National Historical Park. I wanted to reach out, say hi, and share with you my vision to elevate this gem of a National Park Service unit to a place of national and, hopefully one day, international prominence.

Why is Women's Rights National Historical Park important?

- In 1848, an estimated 300 people gathered in Seneca Falls, New York, to attend the first Women's Rights Convention. At this meeting the "Declaration of Sentiments" was read, which listed grievances against the laws that prevented women from having equal access to the rights granted to Caucasian men. At the end of the convention, 100 people made a public commitment to work together to improve women's quality of life.

What are the the park's resources?

- The park works diligently to preserve, protect, and interpret the Wesleyan Chapel and the Stanton, Hunt, and M'Clintock homes. The park's Visitor Center details the struggle for the right to vote. Park staff are energetic and excited to share this amazing story!

What are some of the things I want to accomplish as Superintendent?

- Make our facilities accessible to all visitors. Ironically, while Women's

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Women's Rights National Historical Park welcomed new Superintendent Tammy Duchesne in August, 2011.

We've Gone Social!

Check us out on our new social media sites. This fall we were busy setting up our Facebook, Twitter, and iPhone App. We are still working to make them better, but you can still give us a thumbs up! Use the QR codes below to link directly to our Facebook and Twitter pages. We'd love to read your comments.



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Look for this icon in the iTunes App store.

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Rights NHP is a park that stands for equal rights and privileges for all people, our Visitor Center is NOT handicap accessible. One of my top priorities is to make our Visitor Center (and later other facilities) physically and programmatically accessible to all visitors. We cannot educate or inspire future generations to fight for equality and champion justice if they cannot enter the building. We want all people to be able to enter our facility with dignity and pride.

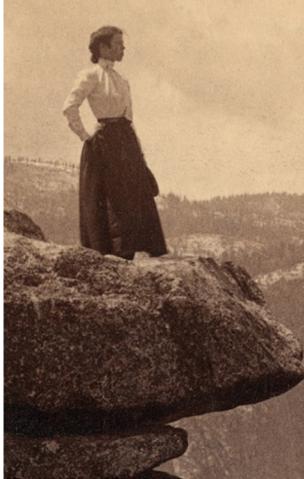
- Develop an “app,” virtual field trips, and pod casts so people who cannot come to the park in person can still learn about the park’s resources and the important events that occurred here. Our remote location and long winters deter many people from visiting.
- Develop an education and outreach program so we work with the local community and school systems and go into classrooms to interpret and educate.
- Improve our social media sites so people can learn about how we are continuing to improve and expand our programming.
- Strengthen our volunteer program and work with colleges to provide meaningful service learning and internship opportunities.
- Reach out to diverse communities and make content relevant to today’s youth, as they will be the NPS stewards in the next century.
- Improve the Visitor Center’s exhibits so they are more “kid-friendly,” fun, and interactive.
- Engage the local and academic community in events and dialogue.
- Work with partners to strengthen and educate not just about this park but the entire NPS system.

THANK YOU for allowing me to share my excitement and vision to enable all people to learn about and be inspired by our important story! Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,
Tammy Ann Duchesne

Winter Film Festival In Progress

Women’s Rights National Historical Park



Join Us For A Film

Fridays and Saturdays at 12 Noon in the Park Visitor Center, 136 Fall Street, Seneca Falls

<p>November 2011</p> <p>4 & 5 Mount Rainier National Park</p> <p>11 & 12 Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Stanton and Anthony</p> <p>18 & 19 August Saint-Gaudens: Master of American Sculpture</p> <p>25 & 26 National Park Animals for Kids</p> <p>December 2011</p> <p>2 & 3 Mount Rushmore, Crazy Horse and the Black Hills</p> <p>9 & 10 The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter</p> <p>16 & 17 Forgotten Ellis Island</p> <p>30 & 31 Theodore Roosevelt: Roughrider to Rushmore</p> <p>January 2012</p> <p>6 & 7 Founding Brothers</p> <p>13 & 14 Benjamin Franklin</p> <p>20 & 21 Thomas Jefferson</p> <p>27 & 28 George Washington’s First War</p>	<p>February 2012</p> <p>3 & 4 Martin Luther King: “I Have a Dream”</p> <p>10 & 11 Booker T. Washington: The Life and the Legacy</p> <p>17 & 18 The Tuskegee Airmen</p> <p>24 & 25 Voices of Civil Rights</p> <p>March 2012</p> <p>2 & 3 Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Stanton and Anthony</p> <p>9 & 10 One Woman, One Vote</p> <p>16 & 17 Iron-Jawed Angels</p> <p>23 & 24 Eleanor Roosevelt</p> <p>30 & 31 The Life and Times of Rosie the Riveter</p> <p>April 2012</p> <p>6 & 7 America’s National Parks</p> <p>13 & 14 The National Parks: America’s Best Idea</p> <p>20 & 21 Untold Stories from America’s National Parks</p> <p>27 & 28 This is America</p>
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This November the park began its first-ever Winter Film Festival, and so far it has been a big success.

The Festival, which runs nearly every Friday and Saturday from November through April, highlights films from other National Park Service sites as well as films on topics in women’s and African-American history. Recent film offerings include a documentary on Mount Rainier, a family film about the National Parks entitled *National Park Animals for Kids*, and the popular Ken Burns documentary *Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Stanton and Anthony*.

Dozens of filmgoers have expressed how much they enjoy seeing the variety of films. Visitors have also enjoyed the tasty popcorn generously donated by the Friends of Women’s Rights National Park, Inc. All of the Festival Films are

shown at 12:00 noon on Fridays and Saturdays through April in the Guntzel Theater, located on the first floor of the park’s Visitor Center. Information about the films can be found on our website (www.nps.gov/wori/planyourvisit/winter-film-festival-2011-2012.htm) or by calling (315) 568-0024.

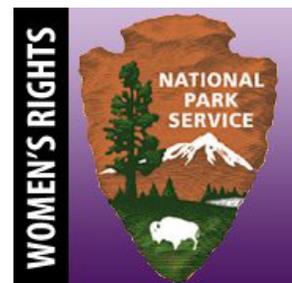
Whether you’re looking for something to do with a friend or simply trying to escape the winter doldrums, the WORI Winter Film Festival is a great way to spend the afternoon!

Use this QR code to view the film schedule.



Look For the Park’s Avatar

You’ll know you are on the park’s official Facebook and Twitter sites when you see the avatar on the right.



Stanton House Archeology Project Locates Missing Landscape Elements

Why do archeology at a National Park? In the case of Elizabeth Cady Stanton's home, what is buried underground is one of the last remaining sources of information about the look and use of the landscape that Stanton called "Grassmere."

Soon after the Stantons left Seneca Falls for New York City in 1862, the 2+ acre lot was divided into several parcels. Each developed separately through the 1970s.

When the National Park Service reunited the parcels in the late 1990s, documentary evidence had only revealed mention of a driveway, a flagpole, a variety of out-buildings, some apple and cherry trees, berry bushes, and flower gardens. No exact maps, descriptions, photographs, or illustrations of these elements of Stanton's landscape have ever been found.



Hartgen's Abigail Herlihy delivers Stanton archeology collection, November, 2011.



Hartgen staff uncover Stanton driveway, April, 2011. Two side walls of the circular well in the background.

Yet those same sources showed that the Stantons valued their home and landscape, which provided food, exercise, transportation, and political expression. Last year, New South Associates completed a geophysical survey of the entire Stanton lot, using ground penetrating radar, magnetometry, and electromagnetic conductivity to map underground anomalies.

Then Rensselaer-based Hartgen Archeological Associates excavated specific targets in an attempt to locate remnants of Stanton's landscape.

The project established that key elements of the Stanton landscape are intact underground, including the oval driveway that gave access to the front of the house from Washington Street, the foundation of the missing north wing, and a large privy. In addition, archeologists learned that the Stanton property had been extensively regraded, and was probably not the current flat expanse of lawn.

Finally, archeologists recovered pottery, nails, and other artifacts from the period of Stanton residency. These artifacts have been cleaned, analyzed, and added to the museum collection at Women's Rights NHP.

They will be used to give glimmers of information about activity in and around the Stanton yard and to guide future archeology and treatment of the Stanton landscape.



The Elizabeth Cady Stanton House, at 32 Washington Street, Seneca Falls, New York is one of four historic sites included in Women's Rights NHP.

Ranger News

This fall Park Rangers participated in a number of programs and special events, many of them in conjunction with local partners. Joining us in these ventures was Mary Kline, an interpretive specialist from Yosemite National Park who served as our Acting Chief of Interpretation from September through December.

On September 24, Rangers Andrea DeKoter and Meghan Barbay joined the staff of the Finger Lakes National Forest in a first-ever partnership to celebrate National Public Lands Day. They provided guided talks, arts and crafts demonstrations, and educational programs to more than 200 visitors at Caywood Point on the shore of beautiful Seneca Lake.



Queen's Castle at Fossenvue on Seneca Lake.

Caywood Point was once the site of Fossenvue, a summer camp frequented by suffragists such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony at the end of the 1800s. Today the only legacy that remains of their time is a building known as Queen's Castle, a small but stately structure dedicated to Stanton's cousin Elizabeth Smith Miller on her 77th birthday in 1899.

Rangers were also on hand as one of our partners, the National Women's Hall of Fame, celebrated its 23rd induction

ceremony on September 30 and October 1. A number of the inductees, including Senator Barbara Mikulski (D – MD), joined Ranger Jamie Wolfe for a tour of the Wesleyan Chapel. The Hall and the Park also hosted Penny Colman, author of *Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony: A Friendship that Changed the World*, for a talk and book signing.



Left to right: Jamie Wolfe, Meghan Barbay, U.S. Senator Barbara Mikulski, and Mary Kline. Photo taken during VIP tour for the National Women's Hall of Fame inductees and their guests.



Author Penny Colman is joined by Coline Jenkins, Elizabeth Cady Stanton's great great granddaughter, to sign books for visitors

November 12 marked Elizabeth Cady Stanton's 196th birthday. In honor of the occasion, the Friends of Women's Rights NHP provided cupcakes while the park offered a special screening of the Ken Burns film *Not for Ourselves Alone: The Story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony*.

The Friends of the park also helped park staff make Seneca Falls' annual "It's a

Wonderful Life" weekend memorable for the hundreds of visitors who came to enjoy reminiscing about a beloved Christmas film and the town that may have inspired it. Park Friends and volunteers John and Kathy Pross and Helen Kirker served up award-winning chili as part of the Ma Bailey's Chili Cook-Off. Park Rangers contributed their skills as members of a precision snow-shoveling doo-dah band, warding off imaginary snow as they marched in the parade with local fire, police, and school-aged children to much applause.



Left to right: Kathy Pross and Helen Kirker, members of the Friends of Women's Rights NP, Inc., served chili to visitors during the "It's a Wonderful Life" weekend.



Left to right: Meghan Barbay, Vivien Rose, Andrea DeKoter, Mary Kline, and Tammy Duchesne. Photo taken of the park's doo dah precision snow shoveling band during the "It's A Wonderful Life" Parade.

We look forward to offering special programs in February as part of Black History Month, March as part of Women's History Month, and continuing our Winter Film Festival. Be sure to follow our activities on Facebook and Twitter to learn more about the great things we are doing!

Why *The Center of the Rebellion*?

Elizabeth Cady Stanton lived at 32 Washington Street in Seneca Falls for 15 years with her husband and growing family. She wrote many letters to friends and family inviting them to her home, which she called “the center of the rebellion.” With our newsletter, we invite you, also, to Seneca Falls.



Elizabeth Cady Stanton with her daughter Harriot in 1856.



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Greening our Facilities and Other Maintenance Projects

The National Park Service is committed to promoting green facilities that meet the highest standards of environmental protection. As part of that commitment, maintenance has worked to install new energy efficient lighting throughout the park's Visitor Center.

New LED lights will soon be installed along the walkway behind the Visitor Center to ensure the safety and security of both staff and visitors.

Maintenance has also taken up the task of installing three automated external defibrillators, commonly known as AEDs, and taking the training required to use



John Teachout, Maintenance Worker, adjusts the new lighting in the park's Visitor Center. All the old can-type fixtures were replaced with slimmer fluorescent units.

this equipment. Two will be installed at the Visitor Center, with the remaining one stationed at the maintenance shop. These devices have proven to be highly effective when used by first responders to treat cardiac arrest. We hope we never have to use it, but in the event of an emergency we will be prepared to save a life.

Our other current project is working to restore the exterior back French doors of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton House. The doors suffered some water damage but have now been reconstructed. We are now letting the doors acclimate to stop warping and must let the glazing

dry before painting them. Once the glaze is dry, we will re-install them and complete the wood graining on the interior of the doors to match the trim.



Guy Hock, Chief of Maintenance, reglazes the glass panels of the newly repaired French doors.

Though it still doesn't feel like winter, our staff is busy preparing snow removal equipment. We maintain five properties that are bound by heavily-used sidewalks in both Seneca Falls and Waterloo which need to be kept clear of snow and ice for the safety of all our staff, visitors and local pedestrians. The maintenance staff has been busy working to ensure the health and safety of park staff and visitors.

Our staff wishes everyone a safe, healthy, and happy new year!

Happy Birthday Lucretia Mott!



Lucretia Coffin Mott
Born January 3, 1793. Died November 11, 1880.



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Park Staff Begin Recruiting Volunteers

Have you ever thought about volunteering? Go to <http://www.nps.gov/wori/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm> for available volunteer/intern opportunities. Openings are available in the museum, archives, library, maintenance, and administrative areas. Join our current volunteers in visitor services. The park needs you! Call John Stoudt at 315.568.0024 for more information.

A huge welcome goes out to two new volunteers, Stephanie Freese and Joanne Morello. Thank you for signing up to help us with our mission. We appreciate long-time Volunteer-In -Parks Harlene Gilbert, Dorothy Dickieson, and Helen Kirker (right).



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We Need You!

Apply now for our Volunteers in Parks Program

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