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Wearing Different Hats: Women at Work and Play in West Michigan

LEGACY 2010 Calendar of Events

The most up-to-date schedule of events can be found at <http://www.ggrwhc.org/legacy>

March 1 – August 31, 2010

Creating a Legacy: The Women of Grand Rapids

Exhibit: A look at the history of Grand Rapids focusing on the accomplishments of its female residents.
On view during regular library hours - Main Library, Grand Rapids History and Special Collections, 4th
floor, 111 Library St NE, GR

Sponsored by Grand Rapids Public Library

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Kristen Corrado, kcorrado@grpl.org, 616-988-5402 x5438

Monday, March 1

Photo Essays of the Week: Virtual History from the Grand Rapids Historical Commission Individuals Pushing the Arts: Emily Jewell Clark & Helen Castenholz

<http://www.historygrandrapids.org/explore.php?cat=1&essay=1>

<http://www.historygrandrapids.org/explore.php?cat=1&essay=28>

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Sponsored by Grand Rapids Historical Commission

Contact: Cindy Laug, laugc@gvsu.edu, 616-291-4293

Monday, March 1

The WGVU Morning Show with Shelley Irwin: The Week in Women's History Focus on the Ford Series with GVSU's Cindy Laug

Host Shelley Irwin and guests from the GGRWHC will survey the week's programming, with emphasis
on Thursday evening at the Ford Museum. See calendar under March 4th.

10:30 am, WGVU 88.5 FM

Sponsored by WGVU & Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council

Contact: Shelley Irwin, irwinsh@gvsu.edu, 616-304-3565

Tuesday, March 2

The 50 Most Influential Women in West Michigan

in a special supplement to the March 1, 2010 issue of the Grand Rapids Business Journal.

A luncheon celebration of the achievements of 50 female business and civic leaders, to be profiled in the March 1 issue of the *Grand Rapids Business Journal*. Keynote address by the president of the University of Michigan, Mary Sue Coleman.

11:00 am - 1:30 pm, J.W. Marriott Grand Rapids, 235 Louis Campau NW

Sponsored by Grand Rapids Business Journal

Cost: \$79

Contact: Jocelyn Burkett, jburkett@geminipub.com, 616-459-3222

Tuesday, March 2

One of Ours: How Grand Rapids' Elizabeth Eaglesfield Shifts National Legal History

Celebrate women's achievements in the law and learn how the nineteenth-century story of a daring local woman changes the emerging portrait of our nation's earliest women attorneys.

Speaker: Jo Ellyn Clarey, Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council, and remarks by WLAM leaders

5:30 pm network and mingle; 6:00 pm dinner & program, Thomas M. Cooley Law School, Rm 529, 111 Commerce Avenue SW

Sponsored by Women Lawyers Association of Michigan (WLAM) Cooley, Grand Rapids Student Chapter

Cost: \$15 reservations required; \$7.50 students.

Contact: Amanda Narvaes, narvaesa@cooley.edu, WLAM-GR@cooley.edu, 616-334-6546

Wednesday, March 3

**Glance at the Past: A Historical Moment from the Grand Rapids Historical Commission
*Madeline La Framboise, Fur Trader on the Grand River, 1800***

8:30 am and 5:30 pm, WYCE 88.1 FM

Using <http://www.archive.org/index.php>, type *glance at the past* in the search box; or using <http://www.grcmc.org/radio/>, scroll down checking for *Glance at the Past* by Wednesday dates.

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Contact: Matt Jarrells, matt@wyce.org, 616-459-4788 x112

Thursday, March 4

Thursdays at the Ford: A Series on Women's History

The Heritage of Etta Smith Wilson, Ambitious Newswoman and Passionate Ornithologist

Descended from nineteenth-century missionaries and Odawa medicine women, Wilson grew in Grand Rapids into a renowned journalist and uniquely accomplished "bird-woman."

Presenters: Cindy Laug and Connie Ingham, Grand Valley State University

7:00 pm, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, 303 Pearl NW

Sponsored by Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, Grand Rapids Historical Society, Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council, & Grand Rapids Historical Commission

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Diana Barrett, d Barrett@yahoo.com, 616-443-7503

Friday, March 5

The Resilient Tradition of Grand Rapids Women in Elective Politics

A 45-minute program by Jo Ellyn Clarey on the long and fascinating history of Grand Rapids women running for public office. Originally presented for the Progressive Women's Alliance in March 2005.

2:00 pm, GRTV/Cable Channel 25; repeated on March 15 and 27.

Sponsored by Progressive Women's Alliance & GRTV

Contact: Kellie Ashcroft, kellie@grcmc.org, 616-459-4788, ext 105

Melissa Anderson, mjapwa@gmail.com, 616-498-8829

Saturday, March 6

Legacy Landmarks: Walking with Women Who Left Their Mark on Grand Rapids

Marcella Beck of the Grand Rapids Public Library's local history department will introduce a new self-guided tour to downtown sites significant in Grand Rapids women's history, after which the hardy will walk the route. The map and brochure will remain available at the downtown GRPL branch.

10:00 am - coffee and pastry; 10:30 am- program on brochure; 11:30a.m - guided walking tour

Grand Rapids Public Library, Main Library, Vander Veen Center, 4th floor, 111 Library St NE

Sponsored by Grand Rapids Public Library, Grand Rapids Historical Commission, Grand Rapids Historical Society, & Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Kristen Corrado, kcorrado@grpl.org, 616-988-5402 x5438

Saturday, March 6

Grand Rapids on the Road to Women's Suffrage

In honor of the 90th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment in 2010, an airing of the 75-minute 1999 re-enactment of the national suffrage convention held in Grand Rapids (with Susan B. Anthony) at St. Cecilia Music Society in 1899.

8:00 pm, GRTV/Cable Channel 25; repeated on March 15 and 28.

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Contact: Kellie Ashcroft, kellie@grcmc.org, 616-459-4788, ext 105

Sunday, March 7

**Photo Essays of the Week: Virtual History from the Grand Rapids Historical Commission
Historical Working Women in Grand Rapids: Helen Meade & Woman's Committee of WWI**

<http://www.historygrandrapids.org/explore.php?cat=10&essay=32>

<http://www.historygrandrapids.org/explore.php?cat=12&essay=7>

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Monday, March 8

**The WGUV Morning Show with Shelley Irwin: The Week in Women's History
Focus on the Ford Series with GRPL's Marcella Beck**

Host Shelley Irwin and guests from the GGRWHC will survey the week's programming, with emphasis on Thursday evening at the Ford Museum. See calendar under March 11th.

10:30 am, WGUV 88.5 FM

Sponsored by WGUV & Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council

Contact: Shelley Irwin, irwinsh@gvsu.edu, 616-304-3565

Wednesday, March 10

**Glance at the Past: A Historical Moment from the Grand Rapids Historical Commission
*Hattie Beverly, First African American Teacher in the Grand Rapids Public Schools, 1899***

8:30 am and 5:30 pm, WYCE 88.1 FM

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Wednesday, March 10

Author Visit: Maryann Lesert

GRCC English professor and author of *Base Ten* will discuss her novel about a woman scientist seeking balance in her life.

7:00 pm, Grand Rapids Public Library Auditorium, 111 Library St NE

Sponsored by Grand Rapids Public Library

Free and open to the public.

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Thursday, March 11

Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities Book Discussion

Catherine Frerichs will read from her book, *Desires of the Heart: A Daughter Remembers Her Missionary Parents*. Conversation will center on gender roles, vocation, religion, and encountering the "other."

9:30-11:00 am, Kent District Library, Cascade Branch, 2870 Jack Smith Avenue SE

Sponsored by Grand Rapids Area Council for the Humanities

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Kelly Gest, grhuman@gvsu.edu, 616-774-1776

Thursday, March 11

Thursdays at the Ford: A Series on Women's History

Bonnets and Business: Women and Work in Grand Rapids, 1890-1930

Marcella Beck and Ruth Van Stee (Grand Rapids Public Library, GR History and Special Collections) will share surprising information about the economic role of turn-of-the-century women entrepreneurs and employees.

7:00 pm, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, 303 Pearl NW

Sponsored by Grand Rapids Historical Society, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council, & Grand Rapids Historical Commission

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Ruth VanStee, ravanstee@aol.com, localhis@grpl.org, 616-988-5402 x5497, 616-745-9657

Saturday, March 13

Growing Older, Becoming Wiser

Explore with other women in a workshop setting the possibilities for the third stage of life—when we reap the wisdom from our past experience and learn to embrace the wise woman within.

9:30-12:30 pm, Briarlane Apartments' Club House, 450 Briar Lane NE

Sponsored by Circle of Cronos

Cost: \$15 or two for \$25; Tickets: Irene Walker, renewwalker@att.net, 616-285-7995

Contact: Johanna Sizick, jsizick5771@esagelink.com, 616-475-5771 or Janis Tzortzinis, janistz@hotmail.com, 616-791-9186

Sunday, March 14

**Photo Essays of the Week: Virtual History from the Grand Rapids Historical Commission
*Women in the History of Opera in Grand Rapids***

<http://www.historygrandrapids.org/explore.php?cat=14&essay=15>

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Contact: Gilbert R. Davis, davisg@gvsu.edu, 616-452-9324

Monday, March 15

**The WGUV Morning Show with Shelley Irwin: The Week in Women's History
*Focus on the Ford Series with blues historian Kim D. Rush***

Host Shelley Irwin and guests from the GGRWHC will survey the week's programming, with emphasis on Thursday evening at the Ford Museum. See calendar under March 18th.

10:30 am, WGUV 88.5 FM

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Saturday, March 15

Grand Rapids on the Road to Women's Suffrage

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6:00 pm, GRTV/Cable Channel 25; repeated on March 28.

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Monday, March 15

The Resilient Tradition of Grand Rapids Women in Elective Politics

A 45-minute program by Jo Ellyn Clarey on the long and fascinating history of Grand Rapids women running for public office. Originally presented for the Progressive Women's Alliance in March 2005.

7:15 pm, GRTV/Cable Channel 25; repeated on March 27.

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Tuesday, March 16

Sisters, Schoolgirls and Sleuths: The Secrets of Girl Detectives

Grand Valley State University librarian Patricia Bravender will discuss Golden Age girls mystery series, published from the 1930s through the 1960s, and will bring books from her extensive collection of Nancy Drew, Dana Girls, Judy Bolton and Trixie Belden novels.

7:00 pm, Grand Rapids Public Library, Vander Veen Center, 4th floor, 111 Library St NE

Sponsored by Grand Rapids Public Library

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Kristen Corrado, kcorrado@grpl.org, 616-988-5402 x5438

Wednesday, March 17

Glance at the Past: A Historical Moment from the Grand Rapids Historical Commission *Dolores Smith Hruby, Composer of Choral Music: Filling the Gap Post-Vatican II*

8:30 am and 5:30 pm, WYCE 88.1 FM

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Contact: Matt Jarrells, matt@wyce.org, 616-459-4788 x112

Wednesday, March 17

Huntington Pillar Awards Luncheon

Honoring West Michigan employers who empower women in the workplace.

11:45 am – 1:30 pm, Amway Hotel, Ambassador Ballroom, 227 Pearl Street NW

Sponsored by Women's Resource Center

Cost: \$50

Contact: Lydia Michael, lmichael@grwrc.org, 616-458-5443

Wednesday, March 17

A Tribute to Margaret Sanger & Forum on Women's Reproductive Health Care

Panelists will address the legal, political, policy, and on-the-street aspects of reproductive health issues for women in the context of the current health care debate--however it is being defined in March.

Panelists: Kary Moss, Executive Director, ACLU of Michigan, Sarah Scranton, Executive Director, Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan, State Senator Gretchen Whitmer (23rd District), Gayla Jewell, Grand Rapids Medical Education and Research Center

5:00 pm-social time/wine ticket bar; 5:30 pm-program; Women's City Club, Lower level auditorium, 254 E Fulton

Sponsored by Progressive Women's Alliance

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Melissa Anderson, mjapwa@gmail.com, 616-498-8829

Thursday, March 18

Anna Karen Van Deventer: "A Dash of Taste"

Van Deventer will share experiences about everyday life as she "whips" up goodies at a WCC luncheon/program. She loves history, is a purveyor of fine antiques, and restores century-old homes.

10:30 am, Women's City Club, 254 E Fulton

Sponsored by Women's City Club

Cost: \$17, prepay by March 15.

Contact: Carol Dodge, dodger@voyager.net, 616- 459-3321

Thursday, March 18

Thursdays at the Ford: A Series on Women's History

Giving Up the Blues for Gospel: The Story of Women Blues Singers in Grand Rapids

Hard to find in Grand Rapids, our women blues singers since the 1950s have nevertheless made a colorful group. Uncover the blues scene with Kim D. Rush from the Grand Rapids Historical Society.

7:00 pm, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, 303 Pearl NW

Sponsored by Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, Grand Rapids Historical Society, & Grand Rapids Historical Commission

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Diana Barrett, d Barrett@yahoo.com, 616-443-7503

Friday, March 19

When Did 'Feminism' Become the New F-Word?

Tracing the changing fortunes of the word 'feminism': its early days in the nineteenth century, its heyday in the 1970s, and perceptions of it in the twenty-first century.

Speaker: Rosemary Erickson Johnsen of Governors State University

7:30 pm, Women's City Club, Lower level auditorium, 254 E Fulton

Sponsored by American Association of University Women

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Mary Jane Keeler, mirubi@aol.com, 616-453-2240

Saturday, March 20

The Rocking Chair Experience III: Sojourner Truth's Legacy

Meet descendants of Sojourner Truth as they share her life story and the impact her life still has on us today. (Artifacts displayed.)

12:30 pm, The Social Exchange Room, 1956 Eastern

Sponsored by National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Club, Inc.

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Maggie Hankins, aybiyoyo@aol.com, 616-243-2963

Sunday, March 21

Photo Essays of the Week: Virtual History from the Grand Rapids Historical Commission *Ethnicity and Women at Work: Thelma Estelle Garnet & Etta Smith Wilson*

<http://www.historygrandrapids.org/explore.php?cat=2&essay=27>

<http://www.historygrandrapids.org/explore.php?cat=10&essay=43>

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Contact: Jennifer Morrison, jen@mi-stories.com, 616-248-2706

Monday, March 22

The WGUV Morning Show with Shelley Irwin: The Week in Women's History *Focus on the Ford Series with GRHC's Diana Barrett*

Host Shelley Irwin and guests from the GGRWHC will survey the week's programming, with emphasis on Thursday evening at the Ford Museum. See calendar under March 25th.

10:30 am, WGUV 88.5 FM

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Tuesday, March 23

Continuing a Legacy: GVSU Women's Center Tea Party

The centuries-old tradition of tea parties was used as a venue for women to share discussions of literature, politics and reform.

3:00-4:30 pm, GVSU Grand River Room/Kirkhof Center, 1201 KC, Allendale

Sponsored by Grand Valley State University Women's Center

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Jo Ann Wassenaar, womenctr@gvsu.edu, wassenaj@gvsu.edu, 616-331-2748

Tuesday, March 23

Women Who Changed America

This one-women show brings to life women who changed America. Marie Papciak introduces you to a woman Civil War soldier and an abolitionist.

7:00 pm, Lowell Township Hall, 2910 Alden Nash Avenue SE, Lowell

Sponsored by Lowell Area Historical Museum

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Pat Allchin, pallchin@lowellmuseum.org, 616-897-7688

Wednesday, March 24

**Glance at the Past: A Historical Moment from the Grand Rapids Historical Commission
Mabel Balyeat, A New Deal for Books: Starting the Kent District Library during the Great Depression**

8:30 am and 5:30 pm, WYCE 88.1 FM

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Wednesday, March 24

Sojourner Truth in Michigan

Visiting from Cornell University, Professor Margaret Washington will discuss her new book, *Sojourner Truth's America*, an in-depth account of an amazing activist.

7:00 pm, Grand Rapids Public Library Auditorium, 111 Library St NE

Sponsored by Grand Rapids Public Library

Free and open to the public.

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Thursday, March 25

Get a Clue with Nancy Drew

Nancy Drew has been solving cases since the 1930s. How has she changed through the years? Games, activities and crafts for ages 8 and up.

5:30 pm, Grand Rapids Public Library Auditorium, 111 Library St NE

Sponsored by Grand Rapids Public Library

Free and open to the public.

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Thursday, March 25

Thursdays at the Ford: A Series on Women's History

Grand Rapids' Most Famous Courtesan: Georgie Young

Beginning with business success in the "oldest profession," a young nineteenth-century Grand Rapids woman metamorphosed into property owner, philanthropist, author, and actress.

Speaker: Diana E. Barrett, Grand Rapids Historical Commission

7:00 pm, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, 303 Pearl NW

Sponsored by Grand Rapids Historical Commission, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Museum, Grand Rapids Historical Society, & Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council

Free and open to the public.

Contact: Jo Ellyn Clarey, joellynclarey@yahoo.com, 616-443-4946

Saturday, March 27

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8:00 pm, GRTV/Cable Channel 25

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Sunday, March 28

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In honor of the 90th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment in 2010, an airing of the 75-minute 1999 re-enactment of the national suffrage convention held in Grand Rapids (with Susan B. Anthony) at St. Cecilia Music Society in 1899.

4:00 pm, GRTV/Cable Channel 25

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Sunday, March 28

**Photo Essays of the Week: Virtual History from the Grand Rapids Historical Commission
Women in Science and Service: Mary Hefferan & Camp Blodgett's Babies Welfare Guild**

<http://www.historygrandrapids.org/explore.php?cat=1&essay=12>

<http://www.historygrandrapids.org/explore.php?cat=12&essay=42>

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Sponsored by Grand Rapids Historical Commission

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Monday, March 29

**The WGVU Morning Show with Shelley Irwin: The Week in Women's History
The Legacy 2010 Finale with GGRWHC's Jo Ellyn Clarey**

Host Shelley Irwin and guests from the GGRWHC will survey the week's programming, with emphasis on the Legacy finale Wednesday at the Women's City Club. See calendar under March 31st.

10:30 am, WGVU 88.5 FM

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Tuesday, March 30

A League of Their Own

Doris "Little Cookie" Cook and Rosemary "Stevie" Stevenson will share their experiences on the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League

5:00 pm Social, 6:00 pm Dinner, 7:30pm Program, Women's City Club, 254 E Fulton

Sponsored by Women's City Club

Cost: \$28 - must be prepaid

Contact: Carol Dodge, dodger@voyager.net, 616- 459-3321

Wednesday, March 31

Glance at the Past: A Historical Moment from the Grand Rapids Historical Commission

The Grand Rapids Chicks, Women in Baseball

8:30 am and 5:30 pm, WYCE 88.1 FM

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Wednesday, March 31

Legacy 2010 Finale

Climbing the Hill: 150 Years of Women Physicians in Grand Rapids

WGUV's Shelley Irwin will host a reception welcoming Dr. Marsha D. Rappley to the Grand Rapids community. The dean of the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine will join Jo Ellyn Clarey, Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council, in a short program illustrating the rich history of local women physicians, then and now.

5:00 - 7:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres & wine ticket bar (\$5/glass); 5:30 pm - program

Women's City Club, Lower level auditorium, 254 E Fulton

Sponsored by Greater Grand Rapids Women's History Council

Free, but reserve at 454-2425

Contact: Kyle Irwin, KSIrwin73@aol.com, 616-454-2425