

CENTENNIAL PLUS IS HERE

It has been a hundred and one years since women won the right to vote—a huge step toward becoming full citizens. In spite of ferocious opposition for decades and decades, after seventy-two years of struggle they prevailed, giving us a whole new world of opportunity!

Sadly, that wretched virus has interfered with our ability to safely celebrate, on August 17, 2021, the most significant change in American political history—one brought on by those with few resources, little access to power, but an indomitable persistence. We resolve to be as determined to recognize and appreciate their sacrifices!

The Febb Burn Banquet and Fundraiser and related events originally scheduled for August 17, 2021, have been rescheduled to November 11, 2021 in the same locations. All reservations already made will be honored for that date. Reservations may continue to be made at suffragecoalition.org. We promise to use this time to make the event even better in every respect.

CELEBRATE WITH US

October 24, 2021 Centennial Plus Commemorative Parade

At 3:00 on October 24, 2021 the Centennial Plus Commemorative Parade will step off on to Gay Street. Qualified groups and individuals are welcome to attend and participate. Details for sign up will soon be available at suffragecoalition.org/events. A short program will follow on Market Square. Come dressed as a suffragist if you wish and/or carry a photo of your suffrage ancestors or favorite suffragist.

November 11, 2021 we will celebrate all day:

10:00 a.m.: **The Legacy and Challenge of Suffrage** (Free slide show at the History Center)

Learn who opposed woman suffrage. See the actual posters, postcards, political cartoons and propaganda used by both pros and antis in the 72-year struggle.

Learn about Tennessee's crucial role in the ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment and the mother and son relationship that put suffrage over the top!

45 minute program. Space is limited and seating will allow for social distancing. First come, first served.

11:00 a.m. **Suffrage Coalition's Guided Walking Tour**

Walk in the footsteps of Knoxville's leading Suffragist and learn where and how events in Knoxville helped change the course of the southern resistance to Woman Suffrage. Meet at the Tennessee Woman Suffrage Memorial on Market Square. Less than a mile of walking and all on level surfaces. Approximately 45 minutes. Suggested donation is \$20.

2:00 p.m. **Showdown in Knoxville** (Free slideshow at the History Center)

Learn the details of the armed confrontation at the Old Knoxville Courthouse, when the sheriff tried to silence the suffragists. Learn how the events of that night set us on a path to the final victory for Woman Suffrage.

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5:30 p.m. **Annual Febb Burn Banquet and Fundraiser** at the **Crowne Plaza**, 401 West Summit Hill Drive. **Please note the new location.**

Come be a part of the **living history** of Woman Suffrage. During the cocktail hour (5:30-6:30) mix and mingle with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Sue Shelton White, Lizzie Crozier French and other important suffragists. Take advantage of **photo ops** with Susan B. Anthony, Lizzie Crozier French, Frankie Pierce, Febb Burn and other sheroes.

Come ready to bid on beautiful and fun **silent auction** items—all for a good cause (to support the ongoing efforts of the Suffrage Coalition to locate and preserve the history of Woman Suffrage, especially the Tennessee history).

As a special treat we will have a showing of the beautiful suffrage artwork, sculpture, fiber art and much more by the talented **Mary Ruden**.

Enjoy a dinner prepared with an eye to the **recipes of the suffragists** as presented in the cookbooks they sold to raise funds for the cause.

Travel back to August 13, 1920 and listen in as the **Tennessee Senate debates** the hotly controversial motion to ratify the Nineteenth Amendment. Hear the harsh and cruel diatribe of Senator Candler (portrayed by Dennis Francis), whose words inspired Febb Burn to write the famous letter that persuaded her son to switch his vote and make Tennessee the Perfect 36. Hear the words of the Senators who defended suffrage (portrayed by Marshall Stair). Be in the audience that day where booing, hissing, cheering and the like rang out from the balcony and even from the floor of the Senate.

Get a sneak preview of some of the songs for Candace Corrigan's new **Musical** "A Vote of Her Own" which will premier in 2022.

Attire: Come as a suffragist if you wish.

Tickets for this event are only one dollar for each year (\$101) we have enjoyed suffrage.

Seating is limited. Reservations for the postponed August event have been transferred to the November 11, 2021 event. New reservations can be made at: [www.http//suffragecoalition.org/special-events](http://suffragecoalition.org/special-events), pay online or mail your check to Suffrage Coalition, 5105 Wyndcroft Drive, Knoxville, TN 37914. Deadline for receipt of reservations is November 7, 2021.