

2020 Parade & SuffrageFest Postponed



The Vermont Suffrage Centennial Alliance (VSCA) will postpone its Parade & SuffrageFest scheduled for August 22nd in Montpelier due to COVID-19 public health concerns.

“Although deeply disappointed, we remain committed to observing the centennial,” said Alliance Director Sue Racanelli. “The Alliance has been working since 2018, developing and promoting projects and events illuminating this historic milestone for women and our democracy. We embrace the spirit of those who fought and suffered for suffrage for three-quarters of a century and will persist and adapt.”

VSCA’s membership of over 60 enthusiastic, creative individuals and organizations will go ahead with other centennial projects and activities.

- Registration is now open for the Suffrage Scramble 5K on August 15, which will either be held observing strict social distancing guidelines or pivot to a virtual race.
- Our comic booklet profiling state and national suffragists is scheduled for release in August.
- Our school exhibit *Because of Women Like Her...* with digital curriculum guide will start its school tour this fall.
- In October, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom, in partnership with VSCA, brings nationally recognized historian, Dr. Sally Roesch Wagner to entertain and inform audiences in a series of presentations at schools and universities.
- Performances of *The Suffragists’ Reenactment Society*, an original play, are planned for multiple venues around the state starting 2021.
- Our [events calendar](#) features suffrage-related events around the state from numerous organizations.

VSCA plans on extending commemoration of the suffrage centennial into 2021 to recognize the 100th anniversary of noteworthy state events: Edna Beard became Vermont’s first woman legislator in January 1921 and the Vermont Legislature finally ratified the 19th Amendment on February 8, 1921.

Until then, and in solidarity, we wish you health and safety.