



## National Collaborative for Women's History Sites

### 2024 - 2025 Annual Report

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

In a time when memory and meaning can be contested, the work of NCWHS remains urgent and essential. Throughout 2024 and 2025, we continued our mission to ensure women's and gender-nonconforming people's contributions are visible, valued, and preserved — not as a side note, but as a foundational part of America's story.

Thanks to the efforts of our members, volunteers, partner institutions, and supporters like you, we broadened access to women's history, strengthened preservation networks, and offered new opportunities for interpretation, dialogue, and reflection.

Below you'll find highlights from the year's key initiatives, financial stewardship, and plans for the road ahead.

With gratitude and hope,

**Andrea Malcomb & Joanie DiMartino**

Board Chairs, NCWHS

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### Our Mission & Values

#### **Mission:**

The National Collaborative for Women's History Sites advocates for historic sites that center the preservation and interpretation of the important role of women and gender non-conforming individuals as core to the American story.

#### **Vision:**

We envision a world in which historic sites are equitable, just, and inclusive of women and gender non-conforming people; that these sites are valued, visited and well-resourced.

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### 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 Board Members

Liz Almlie, Lucy Beard, Nancy Brown, Paula Casey, Erica Buell Ciallela, Rosie Click, Joanie DiMartino, Jo Goodwin, Cheryl Harned, Kennetha Harrington, Heather Huyck, Katherine Jellison, Ida Jones, Barbara Lau, Andrea Malcomb, Theresa McCarthy, Jolene K. Rickard, Amanda Roper, Judy Wellman, Lillian Williams, Liz Witherspoon, and Robyn Young.

## NCWHS Assets

- [\*\*National Votes for Women Trail\*\*](#): Foundation of site-based women's history work; opportunities to expand beyond current sites and highlight diverse histories.
- [\*\*Her March to Democracy Podcast\*\*](#): Offers publicity, free marketing, and visibility that can support grant-making.
- [\*\*Telling Women's Stories Toolkit & Collaborative Resources\*\*](#): Training, connections, and support for scholars and practitioners particularly independent scholars or those without formal affiliations
- **Networks & Expertise**: National contacts (through NVWT and state-level reps), expertise of Board, and the RIC's ongoing work including monthly presentations
- Long established track record of successful proposals for sessions at conferences
- [\*\*Revealing Women's History\*\*](#) (case studies) and **Women's History, Women's Sites**

## Research & Interpretation Committee (RIC)

- RIC held monthly meetings featuring presentations on diverse topics — from preservation of women's heritage sites to inclusive interpretation practices.
- Presentations are archived for public access on NCWHS's YouTube channel, helping public historians and educators integrate women's history at historic sites.

## National Votes for Women Trail (NVWT)

- NVWT now documents over 2,400 historic suffrage-related sites nationwide, creating one of the largest publicly accessible databases of women's suffrage history.
- In partnership with the William G. Pomeroy Foundation, NCWHS supports a historic marker program commemorating 212 suffrage sites across diverse communities. In the past 5 years, NCWHS has helped invest \$398,201 in Pomeroy Marker sites that honor the enduring trailblazers who made women's suffrage a reality.
- The Trail's digital map and site entries remain open and crowd sourced. Community researchers and volunteers are encouraged to contribute to new sites and histories.

## Resources & Best Practices for Historic Sites

- Published guide: *Revealing Women's History: Best Practices at Historic Sites* offers case studies and spotlights to help museums and historic sites integrate women's and gender-diverse narratives completely — not limited to a single exhibit or month.
- Curated bibliographies: NCWHS maintains annotated bibliographies — essential resources for public historians, educators, and site interpreters.

## Advocacy, Partnership & Educational Outreach

- NCWHS continues to foster collaboration with national preservation bodies and historical associations, extending reach and resources for small or under-resourced historic sites.
- The Clara Barton NPS site in Glen Echo, Maryland was a focus of efforts, with a committed group of NCWHS members working closely within the advisory group.

## Membership & Community Engagement

- NCWHS remains a robust, inclusive membership network of more than 150 individuals at the end of 2025. This includes professionals, students, educators, historic-site representatives, and institutions committed to women's history preservation.
- Through digital content, webinars, and public programming, we continue making women's history accessible to wider and more diverse audiences.

**Looking Ahead:** NCWHS is committed to expanding fiscal partnerships, seeking grant opportunities, and continuing prudent financial management to ensure long-term sustainability.

## Challenges & Opportunities

- **Funding instability:** Rising threats to federal humanities funding highlight the fragility of support for historic sites. NCWHS remains vigilant and committed to advocacy.
- **Capacity building:** Many historic site partners are small and under-resourced. NCWHS will expand its support for grants, training, and technical assistance.
- **Intersectional representation:** Ensuring the stories we preserve reflect diversity — in race, class, gender identity, and geography — requires ongoing effort but is central to our mission.

## 2024 Financial Overview

Category	FY 2024
Revenue (membership dues, contributions, grants)	\$9,217
Program & project expenses	\$9,622
<u>Administrative &amp; operating costs</u>	<u>\$8,152</u>
Net surplus / (deficit)	\$(8,558)

## 2025 Financial Overview

Category	FY 2025
Revenue (membership dues, contributions, grants)	\$10,047
Program & project expenses	\$2,327
<u>Administrative &amp; operating costs</u>	<u>\$6,093</u>
Net surplus / (deficit)	\$1,627

## Fiscal Year 2024 Donors

21 individual donations were received between 10/1/2023 and 9/30/2024.

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## Fiscal Year 2025 Donors

23 individual donations were received between 10/1/2024 and 9/30/2025.

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