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BUNKER HILL MONUMENT ILLUMINATION 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT

Charlestown, MA – On Wednesday, August 26, 2020, at 7:27 p.m., the National Parks of Boston will be illuminating the Bunker Hill Monument in suffrage purple and gold for two hours in honor of the passing of the 19th Amendment. This is part of a nationwide initiative (<https://www.womensvote100.org/forwardintolight>) to light up structures and social media in American communities with suffrage colors. Purple signifies unswerving steadfastness to the cause. Gold signifies “the color of light and life, is as the torch that guides our purpose, pure and unswerving.” Gold was adopted by the suffrage movement during the Kansas campaign in 1867.

August 26, 2020 will be the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment becoming law. The fight for “Votes for Women!” crossed multiple generations. Women of every class, color, and religion advocated and agitated for the right to vote. The National Parks of Boston is commemorating this milestone in our nation’s and city’s history with virtual programs, posts on social media, and articles on our web page. To learn more about local suffragists we invite you to explore our web page

<https://www.nps.gov/bost/learn/historyculture/suffrage2020.htm>

To learn more about the women’s suffrage movement around the country feel free to explore <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/womenshistory/19th-amendment.htm>. Look for a section for kids and another for teachers. Discover who was included in the suffrage movement, and who was left out. It is an amazing multigeneration story. You are invited to view the illumination and we ask that if you come to the Monument

grounds that you please follow social distancing protocols advised by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts <https://www.mass.gov/news/safer-at-home-advisory>.

Virtual Event: 1873 Women’s Tea Party

The National Parks of Boston need your help to recreate the 1873 Women’s Tea Party meeting! Back on December 15, 1873 suffragists held a massive rally in in favor of “Votes for Women” in Faneuil Hall. Leading suffragists, including Lucy Stone, Frederick Douglass, and Mary Livermore, delivered rousing speeches to a crowd of more than three thousand, furthering the suffrage movement in Boston. Join us virtually on Zoom as park staff in 1873 period dress recreate the historic Woman’s Tea Party. <https://www.nps.gov/bost/planyourvisit/calendar.htm>

The program will be presented on Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 2:00pm, Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 7:00pm and Friday, August 28, 2020 at 12:00pm.

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About the National Parks of Boston: The National Parks of Boston is a collection of three National Park Service sites – Boston National Historical Park, Boston African American National Historic Site, and Boston Harbor Islands National and State Park. Established by individual legislation and for designated purposes, the three units have come together under a unified organizational umbrella to collaborate in ways that celebrate our cultural heritage, reconnect people to history and nature, and provide outdoor recreation opportunities on land and on the water. www.nps.gov/bost, www.nps.gov/boaf, www.nps.gov/boha