

Women's History Month 2014

2014 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The 2014 National Women's History Month theme "**CELEBRATING WOMEN OF CHARACTER, COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT**" honors the extraordinary and often unrecognized determination and tenacity of women. Against social convention and often legal restraints, women have created a legacy that expands the frontiers of possibility for generations to come.

March 1-25

Nominate "Wonder Women"

Honor women at the City who serve as mentors, leaders and exceptional colleagues. Submit completed nomination and photo via email to: deep@portlandoregon.gov. Nomination form can be found at portlandonline.com/deep/nominations. Questions? Debbie Caselton, 3-2831.

March 3-28

Dress for Success Clothing Drive

Donate gently used professional women's clothing of all sizes. Questions? Abra McNair, 3-5156.

Donation bins: Portland Bldg, Lobby and 1900 Bldg., Room 4B

March 4, Tuesday

Women's History Month Breakfast

Enjoy a healthy breakfast of coffee, tea, and last year's hit – the make-your-own-granola bar – with your colleagues! We'll have fun facts, newspaper articles, and even a crossword puzzle to test your knowledge of important women in history. Questions? Becky Tillson, 3-2827.

8-9 a.m., Portland Bldg, 2nd Floor, Room C

March 5, Wednesday

Women's History Month Breakfast

See March 5 description.

8-9 a.m., 1900 Bldg, Room 4A

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Proclamation by City Council

Join us at City Hall to hear Mayor Hales proclaim Women's History Month.

9:30 a.m., City Hall, Council Chambers

March 8, Saturday

International Women's Day

Tell a woman why she is important to you.

March 11, Tuesday

Women's Clothing Swap

Take this chance to swap your old digs with some "new" ones, or at least new to you. Any items not swapped will be donated to Dress for Success. Questions? Alicia Polacok, 3-7107.

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., 1900 Bldg., Room 7A

March 12, Wednesday

Film: A Powerful Noise (Part One)

This inspiring documentary follows three extraordinary women - in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Mali, and Vietnam - as they lead day-to-day battles against ignorance, poverty, oppression, and ethnic strife. Questions? Caitlin McCollum, 3-5831.

12-1 p.m., Portland Bldg, 8th Floor, Hawthorne Room

March 13, Thursday

Film: A Powerful Noise (Part Two)

See March 12 description.

12-1 p.m., Portland Bldg, 8th Floor, Hawthorne Room

March 19, Wednesday

Speakers: Courageous and Committed Women of Portland

Join us in hearing two inspiring stories of how women are changing the world. Jeri Williams and Midge Purcell will cover two tough, yet distinct topics: race and sex trafficking. Each woman will share her work in her area of expertise. Questions? Janis McDonald, 3-5358.

12-1 p.m., City Hall, Lovejoy Room

March 20, Thursday

Bicycle Lunch and Learn: Women Riding for Change

Celebrate Women's History Month and learn about this year's *National Women's Bicycling Forum*.

Find out what happened when hundreds of women from all over the country came together to connect, inspire, inform and develop new leaders, with the goal of getting more women on bikes. Presented by Elizabeth Williams, League of American Bicyclists, and Janis McDonald, City of Portland. Questions? Timo Forsberg, 3-7699.

12-1 p.m., City Hall, Lovejoy Room

March 27, Thursday

Speaker: Courage Is Not an Option

Sharon Gary-Smith, McKenzie River Gathering Foundation Executive Director, tells her story of a lifetime of working for social justice, and how the women of her mother's generation – and hers – inspired her to have courage every day. Questions? Janis McDonald, 3-5358.

12-1 p.m., Portland Bldg, Auditorium

March 29, Saturday

Bike Ride: Speaking Out – African American Women Writing History

Learn how some of Portland's heroines broke down racial barriers for African Americans in Portland. We'll make our way around the city, visiting historically significant locations on this easy paced 10-mile ride. Tea time to follow. Questions? Janis McDonald, 3-5358.

10 a.m.-12 p.m., Clever Cycles, 900 SE Hawthorne

April 3, Thursday

Celebrate the City's "Wonder Women"

Celebrate mentors, co-workers, and women you admire at the City. Questions? Debbie Caselton, 3-2831.

12-1 p.m., Portland Bldg, 2nd Floor, Auditorium



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