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CCHM Speaker Series

Women's Suffrage in Southwest Washington

Vancouver, WA – Clark County Historical Museum continues our 2020 Speaker Series at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, with Tracy Kelly's presentation of "Women's Suffrage in Southwest Washington." From the beginning of the Suffrage Movement through Washington States' ratification of the 19th Amendment and into contemporary time, women in Southwest Washington have long been a driving force in the changing political landscape of the region.

Join us as Tracy tells the story of the women who led the fight for Women's Rights in Southwest Washington. She'll introduce listeners to major suffragists, explain what was happening locally and nationally that enticed Susan B. Anthony to visit Vancouver, and explore why even after gaining the right to vote, women continue to fight for Equal Rights both locally and nationally.

According to Tracy, "It was a splendid opportunity to work with the staff and researchers of CCHM on this celebration of the Votes for Women Centennial of the 19th Amendment. Historians are passionate about detective work - and we've uncovered intriguing new stories about the women of Clark County using original source material. I am excited to share this original research with the community."

Honored as a Woman of Achievement by the YWCA of Clark County and Clark College in 2008, Tracy Reilly Kelly is the retired Program Manager for Clark College Economic and Community Development. Before becoming Program Manager, Tracy spent 16 years teaching Health, Human Sexuality and Women's Health, and Women's Studies at both Clark College and Portland State University. Originally a history major who wrote a thesis in college of the history of La Center, Tracy received her B.A. in Human Services from Evergreen State College and an M.S. in Teaching Health Education at Portland State University.

The CCHM Speaker Series is sponsored by the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission. General admission is \$5; seniors and students are \$4; children under 18 are \$3; and the evening is free for CCHM members, veterans, and active-duty military personnel. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the event will begin at 7 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early, as it is first-come, first-served seating.

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