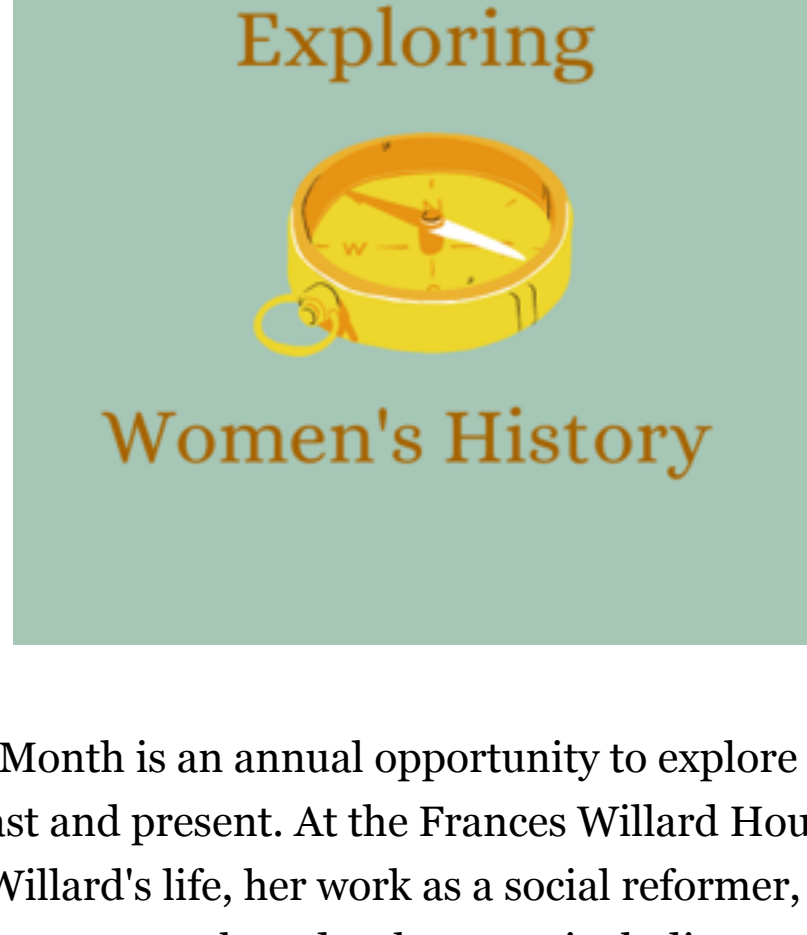


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Women's History Month is an annual opportunity to explore women's stories and leadership, past and present. At the Frances Willard House Museum and WCTU Archives, Willard's life, her work as a social reformer, and the WCTU serve as entry points to many broader themes – including women's community leadership, nineteenth and early twentieth century social movements, faith, education, and the arts, especially the art of public speaking and the written word.

Our goal is to uncover and share hidden and forgotten stories, and to ask and encourage thought-provoking questions rather than provide neat and tidy answers. This commitment is shared by our staff, board, interns, and volunteers. It informs the research services we provide and our public content and programs.

To support this important work, [please consider making a gift to honor Women's History Month 2022](#). Thank you!

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March 24 – Last Chance for Women's History Month Tours



The final day of Exploring Women's History tours at the Frances Willard House Museum is this Thursday, **March 24 at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm**. We'd love to see you! Don't miss the opportunity to explore this unique site of women's advocacy and community building.

We're also accepting reservations for April! Our tour dates next month are **Sundays, April 3, 10, and 24 and Thursdays, April 14, 21, and 28 at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm**.

Admission is \$15 per person and free for students at all levels. Reservations and masks are required. To RSVP, email info@franceswillardhouse.org or call (847) 328-7500.

March 27 – Views: Women's Suffrage Revisited



The 2020 anniversary of the 19th Amendment caused many to re-examine the history of the woman's suffrage movement and voting rights in the United States. This led to more expansive and inclusive narratives, offering a lens into how fraught and fruitful this re-examination of history can be.

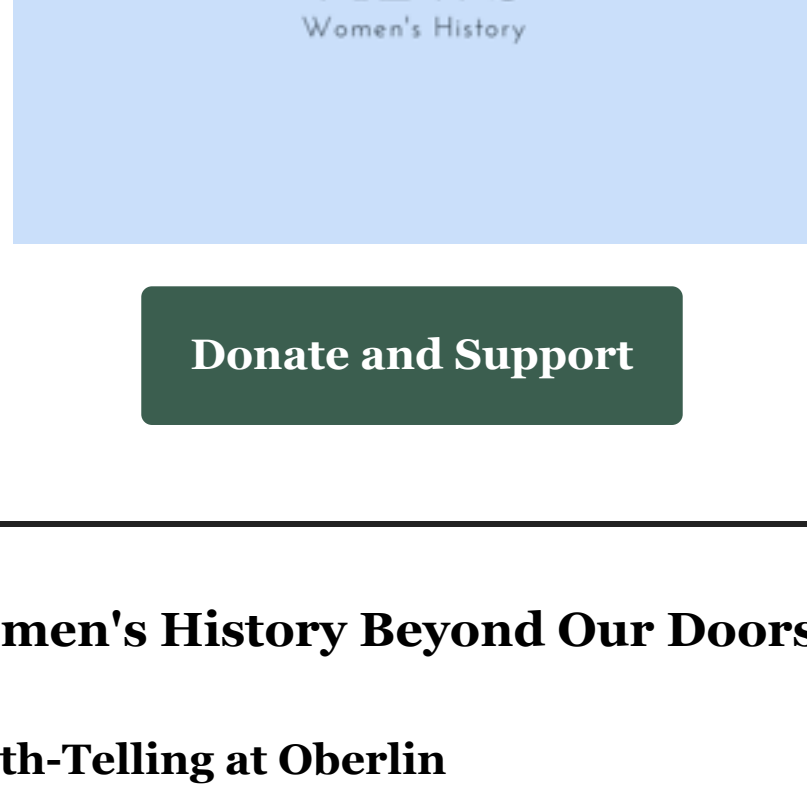
Author Page Harrington's new book, *The Legacy of Women's Suffrage at Museums and Historic Sites*, deals with this story directly. She will explain the process of re-examination, why it is important, and where it can lead us in the field of history and beyond. The Frances Willard House Museum's digital exhibit, [Truth-Telling: Frances Willard and Ida B. Wells](#), is featured in the book, and Harrington and Willard House Director Lori Osborne will discuss the project as an example of this re-examination.

Please RSVP [here](#) for Sunday, March 27 at 4pm Central Time. A Zoom link will be sent shortly before the event to everyone who registers.

Page Harrington is a public historian specializing in twentieth-century women's history. She is the former Executive Director of the National Woman's Party at the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument. Harrington speaks frequently about women's activism, the suffrage movement, and voting rights. She holds two Master's degrees from the University of San Diego, one in Public History and Historic Preservation, and the second in Non-Profit Management and Leadership.

The Legacy of Woman's Suffrage at Museums and Historic Sites can be purchased online from Rowman & Littlefield [here](#). Receive a 30% discount by using the code: RLFANDF30

This virtual program is part of the **Views** series, which highlights new research and writing in women's history.



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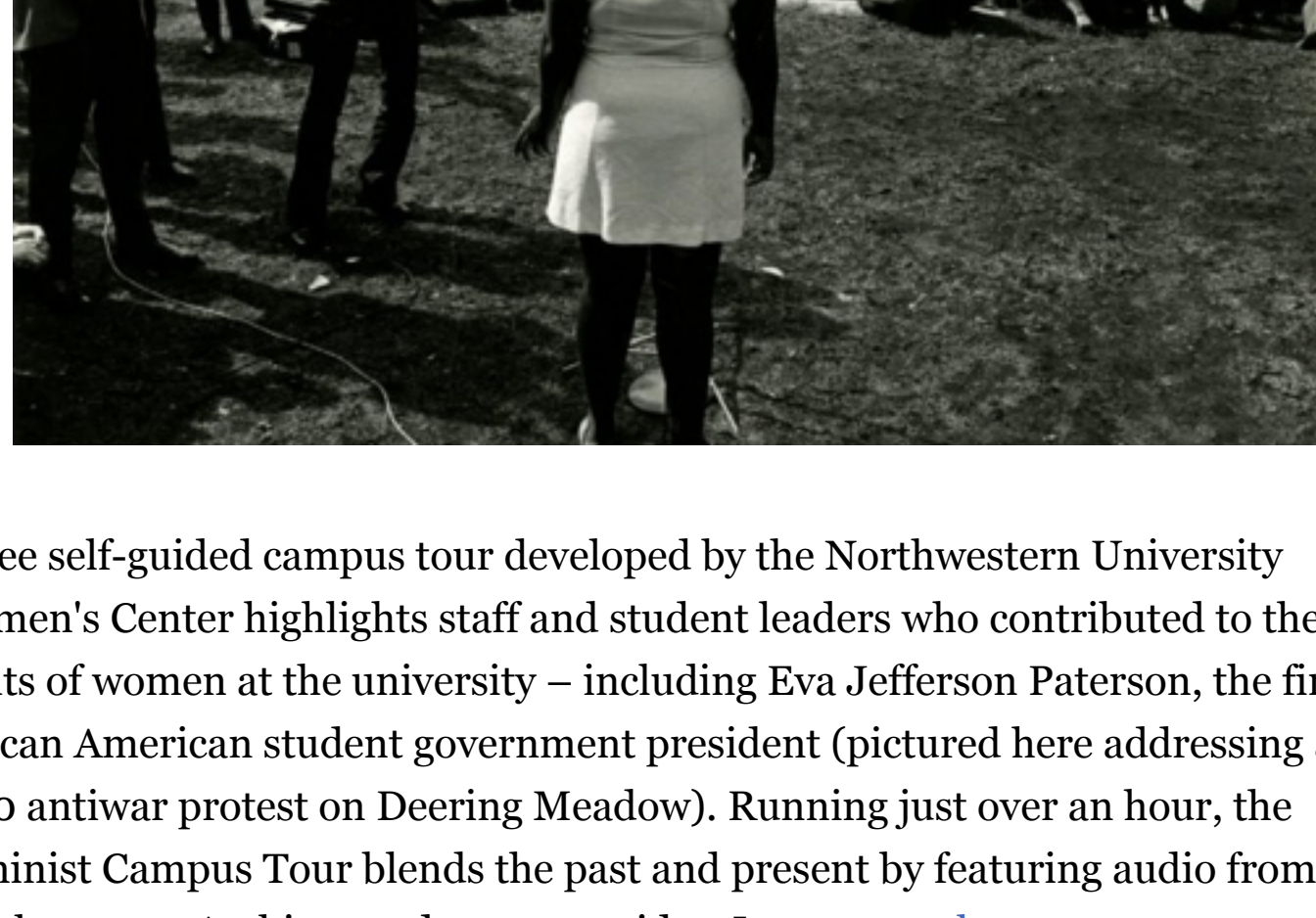
Exploring Women's History Beyond Our Doors

March 29 – Truth-Telling at Oberlin



On March 29, the Oberlin Heritage Center will feature a free Zoom presentation by Lori Osborne, Director of the Frances Willard House Museum, on the award-winning digital exhibit [Truth-Telling: Frances Willard and Ida B. Wells](#). Willard lived in Oberlin as a young child while her parents attended Oberlin College, an experience that she later referred to during her conflict with Wells. Learn more [here](#), and register [here](#).

Northwestern Women's Center Feminist Campus Tour



A free self-guided campus tour developed by the Northwestern University Women's Center highlights staff and student leaders who contributed to the rights of women at the university – including Eva Jefferson Paterson, the first African American student government president (pictured here addressing a 1970 antiwar protest on Deering Meadow). Running just over an hour, the Feminist Campus Tour blends the past and present by featuring audio from the Northwestern Archives and current guides. Learn more [here](#).

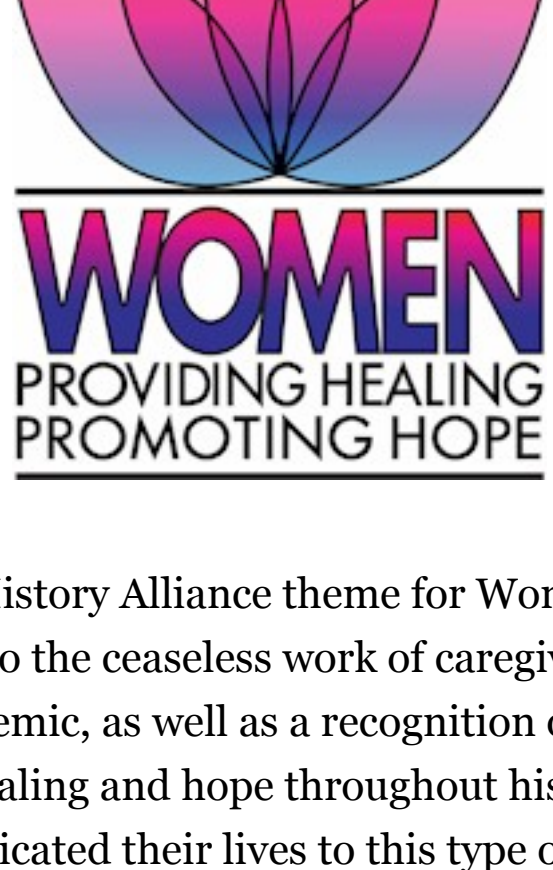
March Handicraft Hour: "A Good Meeting is a Work of Art"



Thanks to everyone who attended Handicraft Hour on March 13! For the final meeting of the season, assistant archivist Kristin Jacobsen gave a presentation on the homemade WCTU banners in our collections. This year's series explored a wide range of women's craft activities, including quilts, cooking, show windows, and children's material culture. We especially appreciated the stories and insights shared by participants. Join us for more Handicraft Hours in the fall!

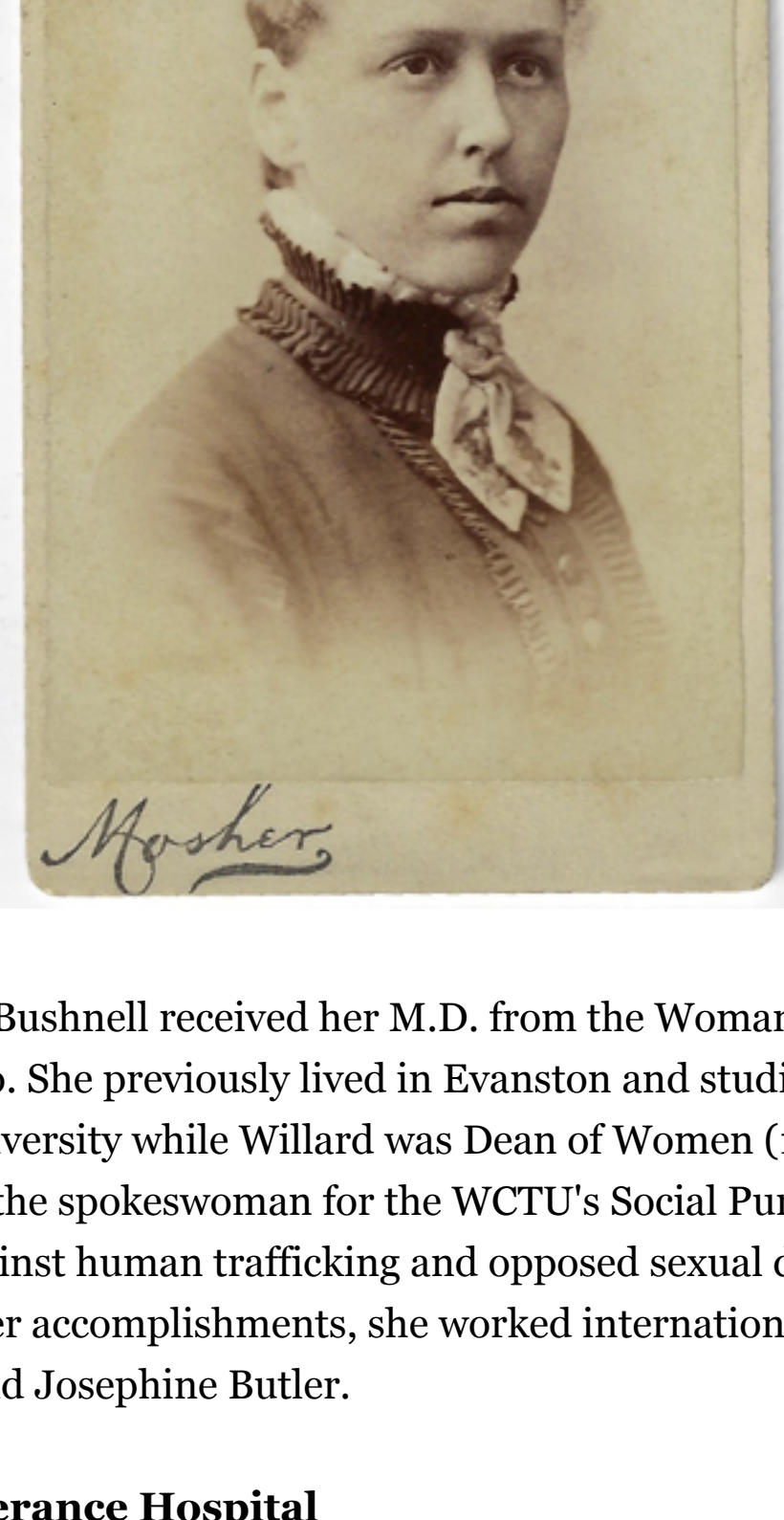
Handicraft Hours are part of the **Arts at the Willard House** program series, which explores the connections between women's creativity, community building, and social change.

"Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope"



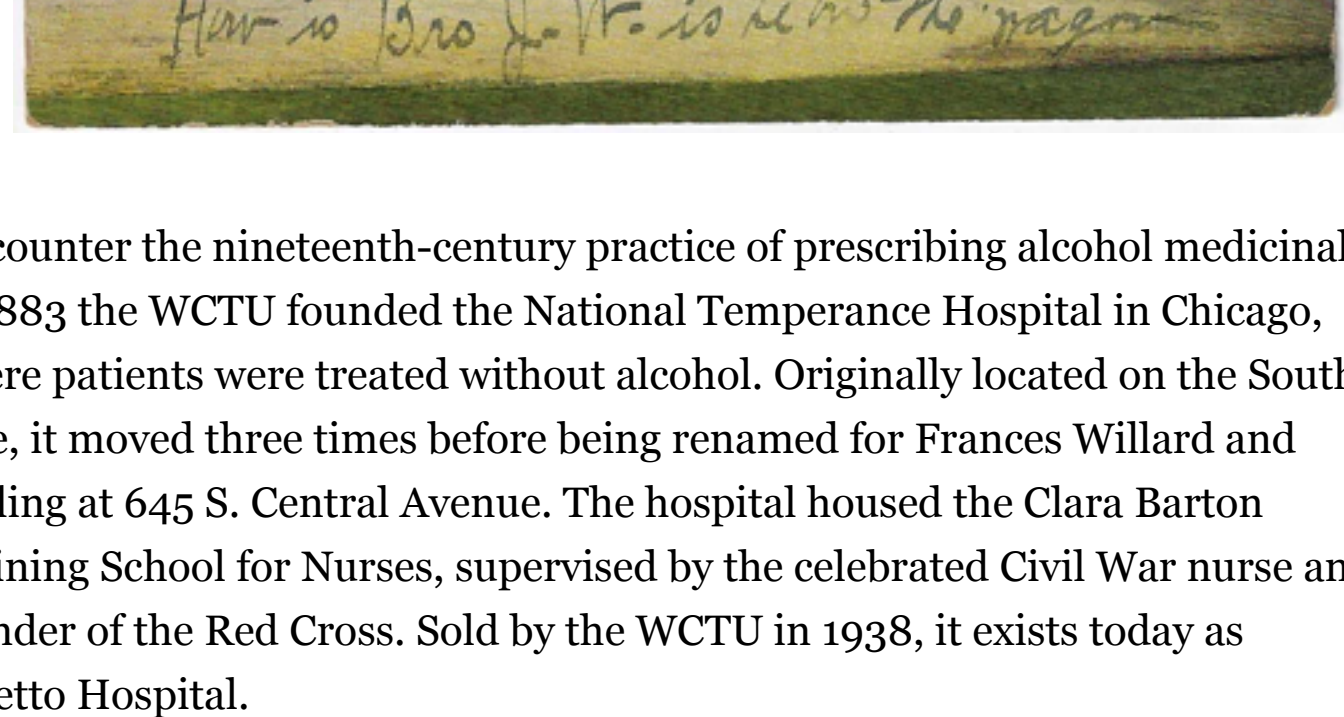
The National Women's History Alliance theme for Women's History Month 2022 is a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during the pandemic, as well as a recognition of the ways in which women have provided healing and hope throughout history. Many women connected to our site dedicated their lives to this type of work.

Dr. Katharine Bushnell (1855-1946)



Katharine "Kate" Bushnell received her M.D. from the Woman's Medical College in Chicago. She previously lived in Evanston and studied at Northwestern University while Willard was Dean of Women (1873-74). Bushnell became the spokeswoman for the WCTU's Social Purity Department, which worked against human trafficking and opposed sexual double standards. Among many other accomplishments, she worked internationally with the World's WCTU and Josephine Butler.

National Temperance Hospital



To counter the nineteenth-century practice of prescribing alcohol medicinally, in 1883 the WCTU founded the National Temperance Hospital in Chicago, where patients were treated without alcohol. Originally located on the South Side, it moved three times before being renamed for Frances Willard and settling at 645 S. Central Avenue. The hospital housed the Clara Barton Training School for Nurses, supervised by the celebrated Civil War nurse and founder of the Red Cross. Sold by the WCTU in 1938, it exists today as Loretto Hospital.

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