

19th Amendment Centennial

WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which guaranteed and protected women's right to vote. In celebration, we invite you to join us and learn more about the history, people, and events that led to this turning point in United States history.

January 30 at 5:30 p.m.

Historian and author, Peggy Macdonald will present *Florida's Female Pioneers*, examining some of the women who have shaped Florida, including Dr. Esther Hill Hawks, a physician who ran the first racially integrated free school in Florida; Harriet Beecher Stowe, famous for writing *Uncle Tom's Cabin* and also *Palmetto Leaves*; and May Mann Jennings, a suffragist and conservationist who helped establish Royal Palm State Park, which formed the nucleus of Everglades National Park.

*Registration opens January 2 at whplprograms.eventbrite.com

March 26 at 5:30 p.m.

Award-winning writer, historian and Assistant Professor at Rollins College, Leslie Kemp Poole, PhD, will present an overview of her book, *Saving Florida*. Her presentation will focus on the role of women and organizations such as the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, Florida Federation of Garden clubs, and the League of Women Voters, especially as they relate to Florida's environmental movement.

*Registration opens February 24 at whplprograms.eventbrite.com

September 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Polk County Supervisor of Elections Lori Edwards will discuss the evolution of voting rights with a special focus on women's suffrage. Additionally, Edwards will highlight changing trends among Polk County's voters and a few important reminders about our upcoming Presidential Election.

*Registration opens August 24 at whplprograms.eventbrite.com

