

'Art of Suffrage' on display in Niagara County Courthouse

Celebrating passage of 19th Amendment



Pictured with the suffrage exhibit, from left: Niagara County Legislature Chairwoman Becky Wydysh, Legislator Irene Myers, Legislator Anita Mullane and Mary Brennan-Taylor.

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. In celebration of this historic milestone, visitors to the Niagara County Courthouse in Lockport can see pieces of the display the "Art of Suffrage." The work had been on display at the Kenan Center since February.

"The Kenan Center exhibit celebrating the suffrage movement was hugely popular with guided tours, author lectures and special events," said Mary Brennan-Taylor, co-chair of the "Art of Suffrage." Her personal collection of authentic suffrage memorabilia was a significant part of the exhibit. "I'm so pleased that several of the art pieces are now on display at the Niagara County Courthouse so people can continue to learn about these courageous women."

Brennan-Taylor was joined for the unveiling of the courthouse

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"As the first woman to chair the Niagara County Legislature, I am so inspired by the personal sacrifices of the women of the suffrage movement and how their efforts laid the groundwork for people like myself, Anita and Irene to serve as legislators," Wydysh said. "We all appreciate the efforts of Mary Brennan-Taylor and co-chair Ellen Martin who put together the 'Art of Suffrage' exhibit and am pleased that we

were able to bring some of it to the Niagara County Courthouse."

Brennan-Taylor said the Niagara County Courthouse actually played a role in the suffrage movement, as Susan B. Anthony spoke there during convention in support of women's right to vote in 1894.

"Niagara County is also home to Belva Lockwood, a leading suffragist and the first woman to argue a case before the Supreme Court," she said. "So, it's only fitting that we honor their efforts and those of so many others right at the courthouse."

Niagara Area Habitat for Humanity now taking donations for Habitat ReSale pop-up

Niagara Area Habitat for Humanity is hosting a one-of-a-kind Habitat ReSale pop-up store from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at its new office location. Funds raised will help Habitat for Humanity build homes for families in need (and keeps extra building supplies and home furnishings out of landfills). Items for sale will have been donated to the pop-up store and are then sold to the community at a fraction of retail price.

Niagara Area Habitat for Humanity is now accepting donations of new or gently used home construction materials and household furniture and home décor items for this fundraiser. Donations can be dropped off at 1221 Main St. Lower, Niagara Falls, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays through Oct. 23, or from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Call with questions or to set up an appointment to drop off items.

Items that will be accepted are as follows: kitchen cabinet sets

(whole sets, partial sets and individual cabinets); working appliances; new/sales-floor home furniture such as hutches, buffets, dressers, night stands, vanities, couches/love seats, chairs and dining sets; new building materials; new hardware; new windows (vinyl and wood); countertops (non-Formica); and doors (solid core with frames, exterior entrance with frames, hollow core with frames, sliding glass or French doors).

Niagara Area Habitat for Humanity has been building homes in Niagara County since 1993, in both North Tonawanda and Niagara Falls. Its work has helped to build 29 houses, each one creating more than \$70,000 in positive impact to the respective cities while providing strength, stability, self-reliance and shelter for numerous families and the neighborhoods they live in.

Contact the Habitat for Humanity office at 265-9010, ext. 103, or by email at blee@niagara-habitat.org.



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Starpoint Middle School raises \$4,100 for Golisano Medical Oncology Center



From left, Starpoint Middle School student Connor Church, Principal Dr. Corey Gray, student Sienna Budz, school counselor Kelly Preisch and counselor Andrea Bove present a check for \$4,100 on behalf of their school to Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center President and CEO Joseph A. Ruffolo. The check represents proceeds from the school's "Crush Cancer" event, held earlier this year.

The donation will support the Golisano Medical Oncology Center, which opened in July at Memorial and is a member site within the Roswell Park Care Network.