

WOMEN'S MONTH 2020



TRAILBLAZERS

An Evening with Victoria Hanna @ Squires Recital Hall

Vocal artist Victoria Hanna, who Public Radio International calls “the freshest, edgiest, weirdest artist on the Israeli airwaves today,” will perform her music, which draws from the Jewish mystical tradition of Kabbalah. Audience members will experience a musical performance based on a tradition usually reserved exclusively for men. Hanna will explain the cultural and religious significance of this music and her role in performing for women and men. She has created her own sound by blending Middle Eastern music and rhythms with rap, hip hop, and the inspiration of Hebrew and religious texts. *Sponsored by The Malcolm and Diane Rosenberg Program in Judaic Studies; School of Performing Arts; Center for the Humanities; Women and Minority Artists and Scholars Lecture Series.*

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8PM**

Women's Suffrage 100th Anniversary Celebration @ The Lyric Theatre in Downtown Blacksburg

Join us, bring friends, and let's celebrate. We welcome everyone interested in learning about and celebrating this historic victory for women. The event will kick-off with brief comments and recognition of the League's founding in February 1920 and the 19th Amendment's ratification on August 18, 1920. Afterwards, we will show the Golden-Globe winning film, “Iron Jawed Angels,” about the imprisonment of women suffragists. Their courage and determination marked a turning point in public support for women's right to vote. *Sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County.*

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2PM**

Clothesline Project Workshops @ the Women's Center and Display on the Drillfield

Workshops: 3/23-3/27 @ 9AM-4:30PM in the Women's Center; Display: 3/24-3/25 @ 9AM-5PM on the Drillfield (Rain location is Squires). The Clothesline Project, an effort to raise awareness of gender-based violence, is a visual testimony to the shattering effects of violence and the impact it has on society. Survivors of violence — and friends and families of victims — create shirts emblazoned with direct messages and strong illustrations. The shirts hang side-by-side on a clothesline, as though the survivors were standing there themselves, shoulder-to-shoulder. The project encourages survivors to come forward to break the silence by creating shirts to share their stories. All materials are supplied free of charge. *Sponsored by Montgomery County NOW; United Feminist Movement; Women's Center; Women's Resource Center of the NRV.*

**MAR
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9AM**

Take Back the Night Rally and March @ Henderson Lawn Stage (College Avenue)

Rain location in the Graduate Life Center. This 31st annual rally and march raises awareness of gender-based violence, shares local resources, and gives individuals tools to help create positive change. Enjoy music at 6:30 pm before the rally begins. People of all genders and ages are encouraged to participate, either as individuals or as part of a group. The rally and march will go through Virginia Tech and downtown Blacksburg. Together we'll Take Back the Night! *Sponsored by United Feminist Movement.*

**MAR
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7PM**

Start Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop for Students @ Smith Career Center, Room B

Mark Equal Pay Day with Start Smart! March 31st is how far into 2020 women must work to earn what men earned in 2019. This workshop is designed to help students negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion. Participants will gain confidence in their negotiation skills through facilitated discussion and learn about the wage gap, including its long-term consequences. *Sponsored by the Women's Center; Career and Professional Development; Office for Inclusion and Diversity.*

**MAR
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4PM**

Visit www.womenscenter.vt.edu for a complete listing of the month's programs and events. If you need accommodations, please contact the Women's Month Coordinator, Jessie Meltsner, at jmelts@vt.edu or 540-231-7806.