# The Center of the Rebellion

# From the Superintendent

Greetings!

Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season! You may be wondering why this (and future) editions of the newsletter are shorter than last year's. It's not because we aren't doing as much, the contrary! We have decided that in order to keep bringing you high quality programing and special events, and to launch our education program, we would rather dedicate our time to DOING more instead of spending so much time REPORTING on it.

While we won't be reporting all our events out in future newsletters, we WILL continue to post information on our website (www.nps.gov/wori) and Facebook (https://www.facebook.com/womensrightsnps), where you can find most of the information we use to include in the previous newsletter format.

I just want to share some of the exciting things we were able to accomplish this year:

- Visitation up by 14.6 %
- Completed first winter film fest where we served 379 visitors
- 726 visitors were welcomed at Convention Days weekend
- The park was a polling station and allowed 531 people to participate in the democratic process
- We reached 2080 people during "It's a Wonderful Life" Festival Weekend
- We had 4 ARTS AFIRE! events where we invited the public to connect with

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Women's Rights National Historical Park staff participated in the "It's A Wonderful Run," 5K Fun Run with their families on December 8, during the village's "It's A Wonderful Life" Festival. See page 3 for more Festival photos.

### We're on You Tube!



Watch us in action! Our channel is WORINHP, so bookmark us in your Favorites and check back often. We'll be posting more this year. We made it one of our resolutions. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TmYSJHN9x-M&feature=share

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our resources through curator and artist led programs involving poetry, collage, cyanotype, and painting

- We cataloged 48% of our previously uncatalogged museum artifacts
- We digitized the Hunt family papers which will serve future researchers
- We replaced the Young House Roof and are currently rehabilitating the Stanton House Porch
- We began the process of developing the Votes for Women Trail Route
- Through grants, 215 students were able to visit the park for free.
- We began the process of revamping our education program and partnering with the community
- We have expanded our digital audience and are now up to 1,075 likes on Facebook

We hope you continue to monitor our progress throughout the New Year, or better yet, VISIT!

Sincerely, Tammy Duchesne, Superintendent

### Park Historian Uncovers Underhill's Story



Park Historian Anne Derousie reveals the life of Declaration of Sentiments signer, Edward Fitch Underhill. Go to our webpage for more information at http://www.nps.gov/wori/historyculture/ edward-fitch-underhill.htm

## Winter Film Festival In Progress

Too cold for outside activities? Join us as we continue our second annual Winter Film Festival! Special screenings of films and documentaries will be shown from January through April, 2013.

Visit other National Parks, such as African Burial Ground National Monument or Glacier Bay National Park and Preserve from the comfort of the Guntzel Theater. Learn more about United States Presidents Thomas Jefferson and Herbert Hoover. Enjoy the scenic grandeur of America's National Parks in Ken Burns' *The National Parks*. There is something for everyone at the Winter Film Festival! All films will be shown in the Women's Rights NHP Visitor Center at 12:00 Noon on Fridays and Saturdays through the end of April, 2013.



Thank You to Our Volunteers

Women's Rights NHP staff gave a hearty and heartfelt "Thank You" to our Volunteers.

In October, Volunteer Helen Kirker was recognized for her long time service at Women's Rights NHP. Helen said, "It has been a great joy for me to be a volunteer, and I have had a very rewarding experience here."

In December, Volunteer Stephanie Freese was recognized for her invaluable work as the Social Media Lead Coordinator for Women's Rights NHP. Under Stepahnie's tenure the park's Facebook site has been liked by 1,075 people.

Thank you, Helen and Stephanie!

For information about Volunteering opportunities, contact John Stoudt at 315.568.2991 or at john\_stoudt@nps.gov.

Helen Kirker, (top), and John Stoudt with Stephanie Freese (below).





# Why The Center of the Rebellion?

Elizabeth Cady Stanton lived at 32 Washington Street, Seneca Falls for 15 years with her husband and growing family. She wrote many letters to friends and family inviting them to her home, which she called "the center of the rebellion." With our newsletter, we invite you, also, to Seneca Falls.



Elizabeth Cady Stanton with her daughter Harriot in 1856.



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### More Photos from the "It's A Wonderful Life" Festival (Continued from page 1)



















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# We Rocked the Vote!

On Tuesday, November 6, 2012, Women's Rights National Historical Park served as a polling station for the voters of Seneca Falls, New York, District 2, allowing over 500 people to exercise their right to vote in the park's Visitor Center.

The Visitor Center was open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., allowing voters and visitors extended access to the story of the nation's First Women's Rights Convention and the movement for citizenship rights for women.

Superintendent Tammy Duchesne stated, "It is a deep privilege to provide a centrally located and convenient site for Seneca Falls' residents to exercise one of the fundamental rights of citizenship, a right that was demanded right here 164 years ago." Duchesne added, "I can think of nothing more appropriate, relevant, or inspiring."



