

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment

# VOTES FOR WOMEN

A Series of Events on Women's Suffrage

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## Voting Down the Rose: Florence Brooks Whitehouse and Maine's Fight for Woman Suffrage

Anne B. Gass, Speaker

Saturday, January 4, 2020\* - 3-4:30pm  
Community Room, York Public Library  
15 Long Sands Rd, York

Florence Brooks Whitehouse was a novelist, painter, vocalist, and mother of three sons when she first joined the suffrage movement in 1914. This talk explores Florence's life up to 1914 and her leadership in moving suffrage forward in Maine, joining forces with national leader Alice Paul in a desperate, last-ditch effort to ensure that the Maine legislature ratified the 19th Amendment that would give women voting rights. Slides of historic photos accompany this lively talk, which lasts about 40 minutes. **The speaker, Anne B. Gass, is Whitehouse's great-granddaughter.**

\*Snow Date: January 18.



Florence participated in this picket line in Chicago, 1916, where President Wilson was delivering a speech. Photo: Atwell

### Upcoming Events in this Series

**Sun., Feb. 9, 3-5:15pm — Film: "Iron Jawed Angels".** An HBO original film. Hilary Swank plays Alice Paul, who risked her life to fight for women's citizenship and the right to vote.

**Sat., Mar. 21, 3-4:30pm — Talk: "From Sojourner Truth to Ayanna Presley: Lifting as We Climb."** Presenter: Kabria Baumgartner, Associate Professor of American Studies, UNH.

**Sat., April 25, 10:30-Noon — Book Discussion: *The Woman's Hour*, by Elaine Weiss.** Offered in association with York Library's "York Reads" program. Discussion leader: Julie Weiss.

**Fri., May 8, 3-4:30pm — Artist Reception:** Portrait artist, Robert Shetterly, will present a compelling narrative about the history of the women's suffrage movement. Selected portraits from Shetterly's "*Americans Who Tell the Truth*" collection, will be on display at the Library throughout **May and June**.

*The public events listed above are free and held at York Public Library.*

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