On exhibit March 14 – November 8, 2020

Oregon’s first constitution, from the late 1850s, banned slavery but also made it illegal for free African Americans to live in the state. Not long after, in 1872, Mary Beatty, an African American woman who lived in Oregon, joined Abigail Scott Duniway, Maria Hendee, and Mrs. M.A. Lambert in their attempt to vote. Along with activists across the country, these four women brought attention to the campaign for women’s voting rights — known as “woman suffrage.”

One hundred years later, the Oregon Historical Society commemorates the bravery of those activists and many others in an original exhibition, Nevertheless, They Persisted: The Nineteenth Amendment and Women’s Voting Rights. This exhibit will show the many ways Oregon history connects to the national history of woman suffrage and to the complex history of democracy in the United States.

Nevertheless, They Persisted focuses on the work necessary to win the 1920 ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment (granting women the vote). It also invites visitors to think about subjects such as how and why political leaders have denied women the vote, how women have fought for equal rights, and how teamwork and fights across race, class, and organizing tactics have shaped this history. Through storytelling, interactive experiences, and original artifacts and documents, visitors will connect to the past and feel the struggles and triumphs of the women (and men) who demanded the vote and used their rights to shape our nation and our world.
Recognize the leadership of a woman in your life!

Donate $1,000 or more in honor of your mother, grandmother, daughter, aunt, sister, or mentor. Send in her name and a photo with your donation and we'll share her story in the exhibit. Your gift will help us commemorate the centennial of woman suffrage and inspire thousands of visitors to learn about the brave people who fought for the vote in Oregon.

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› Invitation to the Nevertheless, They Persisted private member celebration

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› Your loved one's name & photo included in the exhibit
› Your recognition:
  › Inside Nevertheless, They Persisted exhibition
  › On electronic display in main lobby
  › On website exhibition page

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