

# VOTES FOR WOMEN

## The 72-Year Struggle for Women's Suffrage

At a time when voting can feel more like an obligation than a privilege, we can easily forget that it took 72 years for American women to win the right to vote.

This illustrated slide lecture explores the long struggle from 1848 – when the first call was issued at Seneca Falls – to 1920, when women finally gained suffrage. In the ensuing years, women worked tirelessly, giving speeches, writing letters and petitions, gathering signatures by the thousands, and persevering in the face of strident opposition. Some were jailed and even beaten.

You will never find voting inconvenient again.



Program length: 50 minutes

Program requirements:

- Screen or white wall on which to project slides
- LCD projector and laptop (or I can bring my own)
- Table for photographs and artifacts
- Microphone, if desired

Fee: \$275 for non-profit organizations plus travel if outside the greater Chicago area



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