

Come celebrate with Poughkeepsie AAUW the Centennial of Women's Suffrage with a program highlighting Dutchess County's role in advancing the rights of women!

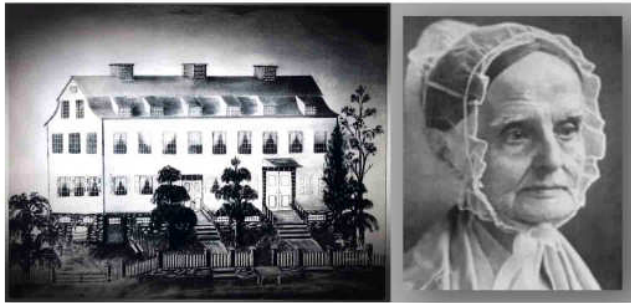


## *A Long & Winding Road: the Local Path to Women's Suffrage on its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Presented by:

**Bill Jeffway, Executive Director, Dutchess County Historical Society**

**Melodye Moore, Head of Collections, Trustee, Dutchess County Historical Society**



**Top:** Lucretia Mott, one of the five organizers of the Seneca Falls convention in 1848 was a student and teacher at the Nine Partners Boarding School in what is today Millbrook. **Bottom:** Vassar College faculty were not allowed to publicly advocate for women's suffrage until after 1910. The leader of the Equal Suffrage League who did emerge at that time was Vassar Professor Laura J. Wylie.

**March 12, 7:00 pm**

**Unitarian Fellowship, 67 S Randolph Ave, Poughkeepsie**



On March 12th, we will commemorate this milestone of democracy by welcoming Dutchess County Historical Society's Executive Director **Bill Jeffway** and Head of Collections, Trustee **Melodye Moore**. Together they will offer a fascinating look at the persons and events within Dutchess County that led up to the adoption of the US Constitutional Amendment in August of 1920 granting women across the nation the right to vote. From the beginning of organized efforts at the Seneca Falls

Convention in 1848, to influences prior to that, Dutchess County has had a unique influence in part due to its large Quaker community and the presence of Vassar College.

**Melodye Moore** has been a long-serving leader at the Dutchess County Historical Society in many roles: as Chair of the Collections Committee, as Program Chair of major initiatives like the "Year of the Veteran," and is very centrally involved in interpretation for public engagement. She authored numerous articles on local history, has been a lecturer, including at Marist College for Lifetime Studies. She served as Chief Administrative Officer and Site Manager for Mills Mansion Historic Site in Staatsburg.

**Bill Jeffway** was appointed Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society (DCHS) in early 2017. Having retired from three decades of work in communications and marketing, primarily at the advertising agency Ogilvy & Mather, he turned his attention to his first love: local history. Given his background, he is helping DCHS "get the word out" about its enormous reserves of physical collections, research and writings that have been nurtured since DCHS's 1914 inception.

Together, in addition to their managerial roles, **Bill & Melodye** develop the majority of program and exhibition content for DCHS and manage its outreach efforts to members, educators, and friends of history.

**The Local Path to 1920 "Votes for Women"** by **Bill Jeffway** will give you an overview of this journey to voter rights for women. You will find a link to the article at

[www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org](http://www.aauwpoughkeepsie.org)

