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Do you know a woman who deserves to be recognized?



“Women work to make our communities better and stronger day in and day out. The **Women of Distinction Awards** are a chance to applaud those who are making a difference today as well as honor our long history of groundbreaking women.”

– Assemblywoman **Carrie Woerner**

Save the Date!



Awards Ceremony
Skidmore College Saratoga
Springs Saturday, April 29,
11 a.m.

Information on nominating a Woman of Distinction and the student essay contest inside! **Due by Friday, March**

Dear Neighbor:

As Women's History Month approaches, it's a valuable opportunity to honor the achievements of women past and present and to continue paving the way for equality. As your representative in the Assembly, I've fought for equal rights and protections for New York women. I've passed vital laws that help ensure pay equity, provide paid family leave, and provide safeguards and support for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. Nevertheless, our work is not done. I will always push to level the playing field for all New Yorkers, because when women achieve equality, we all win.

It's especially important to applaud the hard work women are doing here at home. **This year, I'm once again hosting the Women of Distinction Awards to recognize women who are working to make our community better.** Please consider nominating a woman who has made an impact on your life or the lives of others.

In addition to the women who are strengthening our communities, it's vital that we remember the trailblazers who led the way. **I encourage students in grades 6-12 to submit 500-word essays for my Women of Distinction Essay Contest.** It gives young people the chance to not only learn more about the women who have shaped our local history, but also share that knowledge with the community. When we understand our past, we can help create a brighter future. I hope you will join me in recognizing the amazing women who helped build and continue to mold our region by nominating a Woman of Distinction and encouraging a young person you know to submit an essay. Winners will be announced at the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 29, at 11 a.m. at Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs. If you have any questions about this or any community issue, don't hesitate to reach out to my office at 518-584-5493 or email WoernerC@nyassembly.gov.

Sincerely,

Carrie Woerner
Member of Assembly



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Nomination entry form

Name of nominee: _____

Address of nominee: _____

Telephone of nominee: _____

Email of nominee: _____

I wish to nominate the above-named woman for a Women of Distinction Award in the following category:

Business/Entrepreneurship Humanitarian work
 Community service Military service
 Education Young person (18 and under)
 Health care
 Other: _____

Please give a description of the nominee and her contribution:

Name of nominating individual: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____
Email: _____

Please clip and mail this form by March 31 to Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner or fill it out online at nyassembly.gov/Woerner

For students: Women of Distinction Essay Contest

The Women of Distinction Essay Contest is **open to all students in grades 6-12**. The contest will provide students with the opportunity to learn more about our state's rich history by **writing a 500-word essay on any woman who has been an inspiration or who has made a positive impact on society.**

Women of Distinction essays can be submitted to Assemblywoman Woerner's office via email, mail or online at nyassembly.gov/Woerner by **March 31.** Winners will be recognized at the Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony on Saturday, April 29, at 11 a.m. at Skidmore College.



Local history: Notable women who have made an impact



Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906) and her sister **Mary Stafford Anthony** (1827-1907) lived for a time in Easton and returned

as teachers before taking on leadership roles in the women's suffrage movement. They assisted in the founding of the Easton Political Equality Club, which fought for suffrage in Washington County and lives on as the Easton Book Club.^{1,2}



Anna Mary Robertson Moses (1860-1961), known as "Grandma Moses," was born in Greenwich,

and became a renowned American folk artist after starting her art career at the age of 78. Her work recalls rural life in New York State and Virginia.³



Katrina Trask (1853-1922) was a poet and philanthropist who co-founded

Yaddo, an artists' and writers' community in Saratoga Springs. Former artists of Yaddo have been awarded the Nobel Prize, Pulitzer Prizes, MacArthur Fellowships, and National Book Awards, among other honors.⁴

Lucy Skidmore Scribner (1853-1931) established the Young Women's Industrial Club to help girls and young women of all races and religions. The school eventually became the Skidmore School of the Arts. By 1922, Skidmore College was chartered as a four-year, degree-granting college.⁵

¹libraryweb.org/rochimag/SBA/LetterWritersRecipients.htm

²eastonny.org/wp/?page_id=2

³britannica.com/biography/Grandma-Moses

⁴yaddo.org/yaddo/history.shtml

⁵skidmore.edu/~pdwyer/portfolio/centennial