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"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."

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– Assemblywoman Carrie Woerner

Do you know a woman who deserves to be recognized?



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,

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Local history: Notable women who have made an impact



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

Susan B. Anthony

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}



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



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

¹libraryweb.org/rochimag/SBA/LetterWritersRecipients.htm ²eastonny.org/wp/?page_id=2 ³britannica.com/biography/Gr

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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.

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