



**A Special Exhibit Organized by the
League of Women Voters of the Ann Arbor Area –
Co-Curated by Zoe Behnke and Jeanine DeLay**

The decade from 1910 to 1920 was the final phase of an epic 70-year struggle to ratify the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which would finally grant women the right to vote.

Tempered by setbacks, sustained by friendships and energized by the hope of a new liberty to participate in the larger world, the woman's suffrage movement awakened and became a mass movement—one that used old-fashioned pageantry and innovative political tactics to gain ground and new supporters.

• What was the role of local activists in the Michigan woman's suffrage movement during that dramatic, roiling time?

- Why did Washtenaw County vote against suffrage, not once, but twice?
- What happened to the suffragists and to the movement after they won the vote?

These are just some of the questions explored in "Liberty Awakes." The exhibit features both original and replica artifacts and memorabilia—everything from broadsides, "Silent Sentinel" banners and "voiceless" speech scripts to a tea set, parade dresses and cookbook recipes for the cause.



Don't miss this rare look at a time in Washtenaw County when women won the vote. Come join us on the soapbox—and at the ballot box!



Meet Some Local Suffragists

Miss Jennie Buell

Ann Arbor Township
State Grange Lecturer on suffrage
and farmers' advocate

Miss Estelle Downing

Ypsilanti
English instructor at Michigan
State Normal College and first woman
elected to Ypsilanti City Council

Mrs. Maria Peel

Ann Arbor
Insurance agent and
Ann Arbor's first policewoman

Miss Jessie Phelps

Ypsilanti
Science professor at Michigan State
Normal College and early advocate of
health education in teaching colleges

Mrs. Sara A.C. Plummer

Ann Arbor
President of the Ann Arbor Equal Suffrage
Association in 1910

Mrs. Daniel L. Quirk, Jr.

Ypsilanti
Founder of the Ypsilanti
Equal Suffrage Association and local
leader in First World War service work

Mrs. V.C. Vaughan

Ann Arbor
Vice President of the Ann Arbor
Equal Suffrage Association in 1912