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December marks the last month in VCW's year-long 50th anniversary celebration. The year was loaded with events highlighting the work we've accomplished and events to plan the work ahead. Read more [here](#).

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Today, December 1st is World AIDS Day

For Vermont-based resources with those living with HIV and those supporting them, look at the [Women's Health section](#) of VCW's on-line resource guide. Read Vermont Department of Health's World AIDS Day [press release here](#).

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Vermont Works for Women – Can Do, Step Up...and BIG NEWS

Women Can Do 2014

Five-hundred young women from 55 high schools and all VT counties attended this "roll up your sleeves" career exposure day and were immersed in activities related to the skilled trades and STEM (science, technology, engineering & math). Sample workshops included: In Bridge We Trussed; the World of Water; Be Your Own Boss; Under the Hood; Fun with Neuroscience; and the Art of Welding.

NEW Step Up Programs for 2015

Step Up to...Skilled Manufacturing, Information Technology, Law Enforcement and Electrical. [Learn more about Step Up programs here](#) or contact program coordinator, [Jenny Beaudin](#), at 802.622.0400, ext. 150.

BIG NEWS

After 17 years at the helm of Vermont Works for Women, the phenomenal Tiffany Bluemle will step aside as executive director in February. She'll be working with a new partnership between Vermont Works for Women, the Vermont Women's Fund, and...US (VCW)! Our collaboration will share the goal of working to change systems and cultural norms that limit womens' and girls' aspiration, achievement, and, in turn, their ultimate economic security. Stay tuned to VIEW for more details!

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The Center for Law and Social Policy issued a thank you to businesses providing employees with good jobs and great support, just in time for Thanksgiving. The note included a [fact sheet, Job Schedules that Work for Businesses](#), which features a quote from Beth Sachs of Vermont Energy Investment Corporation on workplace flexibility.

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[Vermont Humanities First Wednesdays Humanities Lecture Series](#)

7 PM on the first Wednesday of the month, October through May, at 9 libraries

Events of possible interest to VIEWers:

Delicious to the Ear: The Inspiring Voice of Maya Angelou

January 7th, Brattleboro Memorial Library and also February 4th, Essex Junction Brownell Library

Before she became an internationally revered poet, memoirist, and activist, Maya Angelou was mute for five years as a child. UVM professor Emily Bernard explains how poetry awakened Angelou's voice, a voice that transformed a history of trauma into inspiration and beauty.

An Evening with Sojourner Truth

February 11th Farmers Night Series, House Chamber, Vermont State House, 7:30 pm.

In this living history portrayal, Kathryn Woods uses spiritual music and Truth's own words to recreate the remarkable life of the abolitionist, feminist, and escaped slave.

Georgia O'Keeffe: A Critical Look

January 7th, Norwich Public Library

Georgia O'Keeffe lived 99 years and produced more than 2,000 works in her 75-year career. James Maroney, the former head of American Paintings at both Sotheby's and Christie's in New York who appraised her estate after her death, presents a critical evaluation of her best work.

What If Poor Women Ran the World?

March 4th, Norwich Public Library

Labor historian Annelise Orleck tells the story of nine African-American union maids in Las Vegas during the 1970s who challenged welfare cuts and built a long-lasting, vibrant anti-poverty program run by poor mothers.

All about Eve

May 6th, Norwich Public Library

Dartmouth professor of religion Susan Ackerman considers both traditional and contemporary

interpretations of the Adam and Eve story and how recent scholarship on women and the Bible pushes us to rethink our common assumptions about Eve.

Walking with the Great Apes

December 3rd, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

Jane Goodall, Dian Fossey, and Birute Galdikas changed the way people understand animals' lives. Author Sy Montgomery presents images from her travels to Gombe, Rwanda, and Borneo while researching her triple biography of this remarkable scientific sisterhood.

Margaret Bourke-White, Courageous Photographer

May 6th, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum

Actress and educator Sally Matson portrays Margaret Bourke-White, whose influential images of industry, war zones, and world leaders established her as a groundbreaking photographer in the 1930s to 1950s.

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Sharing this message from VCW's Advisory Council member, AAUW
Firsts to be thankful for...

"We are thankful for all the firsts that happened for women in 2014, including Janet Yellen becoming the first female chair of the Federal Reserve Board; Malala Yousafzai becoming the youngest person to receive the Nobel Peace Prize; Becky Hammon becoming the first female regular season assistant coach in the NBA; Megan Brennan becoming the first female U.S. postmaster general and chief executive; Adm. Michelle Howard becoming the Navy's first female four-star officer; Maryam Mirzakhani becoming the first woman to win the Fields Medal (commonly known as the Nobel Prize for mathematics); and Rep.-elect Alma Adams (D-NC) becoming the 100th woman member of the 113th Congress — a new record for women's representation in government. A special shout-out to 13-year-old Mo'ne Davis for being the first girl to throw a shutout in Little League World Series history and becoming the first Little League player to grace the cover of Sports Illustrated!" More [here](#).

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Vermont's Ladies First program offers free mammograms, Pap tests and screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure and diabetes. Other services include: nutrition plans, help with weight loss and help to quit smoking. More info [here](#) or make an appointment: 800-508-2222.

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