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Historical Museum at Fort Missoula

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## **The Historical Museum hosts MONTANA VOTES! a 3-part virtual lecture series discussing the history of Montana Politics, Women's Suffrage, Voting 101, Native American Voting Rights, & more.**

The Historical Museum's newest exhibit, MONTANA VOTES! is on display and tours are available by appointment. This exhibit features the stories & artifacts related to Montana's voting process over the decades. Learn why we vote on the first Tuesday in Nov, how the process of voter referendums relates to the Anaconda Copper Company, that Jeannette Rankin is not Montana's only example of a trailblazing woman in government, & the Native American struggle for voting rights.

The Historical Museum is hosting a 3-part virtual lecture series that incorporates this timely exhibit and guest presenters to bring Montana's political history to life. The series will include discussions of how our past is connected to today's policies, voting rights, and more. Each session includes a Q & A and will be recorded and made available on the Museum's website, [www.fortmissoulamuseum.org/montana-vote-lecture-series/](http://www.fortmissoulamuseum.org/montana-vote-lecture-series/).

- **Part 1: MONTANA VOTES!: The History of Montana Politics & Women's Suffrage**
  - Tuesday, August 25th at 2pm
  - Guest Presenters Diane Sands and Anne Smyrl
    - Diane Sands is the former director of the Montana Women's History Project, former staff of the Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, the MT Historical Society's 2017 Montana Heritage Guardian, and serves in the Montana Senate representing Missoula.
- **Part 2: MONTANA VOTES 101: How To's, Myth Busting, & History**
  - Tues, Sept 29th at 3pm
  - Guest Presenters: Bradley Seaman and Vicki Zeier
    - Bradley Seaman, Missoula County's Elections Administrator & Vickie Zeier, former Elections administrator who recently retired after 35 years as Missoula County's Chief Administrative Officer.
- **Part 3: Montana Native Vote: History of Indigenous People's Right to Vote**
  - October- TBD

Tune in live to the Museum's [Facebook Page](#) engage with the guest presenters during the Q & A session or visit their website to watch the recording.

Visit [www.fortmissoulamuseum.org/montana-vote-lecture-series/](http://www.fortmissoulamuseum.org/montana-vote-lecture-series/) for more information about the upcoming series or contact Jessie Rogers: 258-3479 or [jrogers@missoulacounty.us](mailto:jrogers@missoulacounty.us).

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