

Women's History Month  
March 25, 2017



Commission for Women Chair Patricia Addison, Commission Member Debbie Bermudez and her daughter; City of Fairfax Mayor David Meyer. Photo by Huilan Larson



Councilmember Eleanor Schmidt, Commission Member Teresa Presson, Councilmember Janice Miller. Photo by Huilan Larson

On March 25, for Women's History Month the City of Fairfax's Commission for Women and the Office of Historic Resources presented "**Harriet Tubman: The Chosen One**", a dynamic one-woman show that lead the audience on one of the many journeys the abolitionist, Ms. Tubman took on the Underground Railroad. Ms. Gwendolyn Briley-Strand, an accomplished

actor, changed into more than a dozen characters as she portrayed the people who helped Harriet Tubman along the path to freedom and those who tried to stop her. The program focused on guests from grades 3 and above. Ms. Briley-Strand engaged the audience in a question and answer period after her performance.



Ms. Gwendolyn Briley-Strand. Photo by Huilan Larson.



Ms. Gwendolyn Briley-Strand as Harriet Tubman. Photo by Huilan Larson.



Commission for Women Chair Patricia Addison welcomes guests. Photo by Huilan Larson.

Ms. Strand also had a display and exhibit about Ms. Tubman called *“The Portals Through Time”* with photos of the Eastern Shore where Ms. Tubman grew up, including her home, gravesite and the church she attended. There were also exhibits on events in American History ranging from the Civil War to the Civil Rights era.

Light refreshments were served.



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Photo by Debbie Bermudez.

Guests looking at *“The Portals Through Time”* exhibit.



Councilmember Eleanor Schmidt, Ms. Gwendolyn Briley-Strand, Mayor David Meyer and Councilmember Janice Miller.  
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