



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH EVENT SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

JOANNE LEACH LARKEY (1929-2023)

\$1,000

A native of Davis, Joann attended UC Davis and then graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in interior design. After marrying her husband and living in Canada and Germany she eventually settled back in Davis where she started writing a weekly column for the Davis Enterprise called "Portraits of the Past." After helping to form the Yolo County Historical Society, her research resulted in her publishing of "Davisville '68." Once Joann and her family moved to their 20-acre ranch in the foothills of Winters, she branched out to research and publish a Winters history and collaborate on "Yolo County - Land of Changing Patterns" with Shipley Walters. Joann also founded the Women's Auxiliary to the Medical Society; helped organize the Davis-Dixon-Sacramento Symphony league, which promoted Youth Concerts; and co-chaired the Davis Bicentennial Committee.



JUDITH "JUDY" HEUMANN (1947-2023)

\$500

Born in Philadelphia, Heumann eventually came to the University of California, Berkley where she earned a Master's in Public Health in 1975. While in San Francisco, she was instrumental in founding the Berkeley Center for Independent Living and helped launch the Independent Living Movement. She also served as the deputy director of the Center for Independent Living from 1975-1982. Known as the "Mother of the Disability Rights Movement," Heumann was a lifelong civil rights advocate for people with disabilities. Since the 1970s, her work with governments and non-governmental organizations, non-profits, and various other disability interest groups, has produced significant contributions to the development of human rights legislation and policies. Through her work in the World Bank and the State Department, Heumann led the mainstreaming of disability rights and extended the international reach of the Independent Living Movement.



ELLA BAKER (1903-1986)

\$275

Ella Josephine Baker was born on December 13, 1903, in Norfolk, Virginia. At an early age, Baker gained a sense of social injustice, as she listened to her grandmother's horror stories of life as an enslaved person. Ella attended Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, and graduated with valedictorian honors. Decades later, she returned to Shaw to help found Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC). Baker was a civil rights and human rights activist who worked largely behind-the-scenes as an organizer whose career spanned more than five decades. In New York City and the South, she worked alongside some of the most noted civil rights leaders of the 20th century, including W. E. B. Du Bois, Thurgood Marshall, A. Philip Randolph, and Martin Luther King Jr. She also mentored many emerging activists, such as Diane Nash, Stokely Carmichael, and Bob Moses, as leaders in SNCC. Baker promoted grassroots organizing, radical democracy, and the ability of the oppressed to understand their worlds and advocate for themselves. She is also known for her critiques of both racism in American culture and sexism in the civil rights movement.





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WILMA MANKILLER (1945-2010)

\$125

Born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Mankiller lived on her family's allotment in Adair County, Oklahoma, until the age of 11, when her family relocated to San Francisco as part of a federal government program to urbanize Indigenous Americans. After high school, she married a well-to-do Ecuadorian and raised two daughters. Inspired by the social and political movements of the 1960s, Mankiller became involved in the Occupation of Alcatraz and later participated in the land and compensation struggles with the Pit River Tribe. For five years in the early 1970s, she was employed as a social worker, focusing mainly on children's issues. Mankiller was an Indigenous American activist, social worker, community developer and the first woman elected to serve as Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation. When she retired from politics, Mankiller returned to her activist role as an advocate working to improve the image of Native Americans and combat the misappropriation of native heritage, by authoring books including a bestselling autobiography, *Mankiller: A Chief and Her People*, and giving numerous lectures on health care, tribal sovereignty, women's rights and cancer awareness.



SYLVIA RIVERA (1951-2002)

\$75

A veteran of the 1969 Stonewall Inn uprising, Sylvia Rivera was a tireless advocate for those silenced and disregarded by larger movements. Throughout her life, she fought against the exclusion of transgender people, especially transgender people of color, from the larger movement for gay rights. Rivera was present at the Stonewall Inn uprising on June 28, 1969 where she resisted arrest and subsequently led a series of protests against the raid. Throughout the 1970s, she frequently tangled with gay rights leaders who were hesitant to include transgender people in their advocacy work. Rivera also fought against the exclusion of transgender people from the Sexual Orientation Non-Discrimination Act in New York. She helped to start the group Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries (STAR) and later, Transy House. The Sylvia Rivera Law Project continues her legacy, working to guarantee "all people are free to self-determine their gender identity and expression, regardless of income or race, and without facing harassment, discrimination, or violence."



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