

Dear Branch Members, Friends, & Alumnae!



Our first program can include all of you, no matter where you might be across America at 11 am on Saturday, September 12th! This is exciting because it includes women's history, STEM, and a local artist.



### **“Empowering Oneself through History and Art”**

Julie Dzikiewicz had been painting political art for years before she became a resident artist at the Workhouse Arts Center. Here she learned about the violence perpetrated against women who advocated for voting rights and the stories of women who risked everything to advance women’s rights and the vote. Their courage helped Julie find her own voice and inspired the paintings in the show “The Right to Vote,” currently hanging at the Workhouse Arts Center. It’s been a long journey for Ms. Dzikiewicz. She started out painting on her kitchen table when her kids were asleep, rented a studio once her kids left the house, and now is back to painting at home. She looks forward to meeting you all in this new world of Zoom, and looks forward to hearing your stories and questions.

Julia was born with a paintbrush in her fingers and has been painting ever since. After finishing a Bachelor of Science in Architecture at the University of Virginia, she continued her studies at the Corcoran School of Art and R&F Paints. Her paintings have hung in numerous shows across the county. Through January 2021, her solo show “The Right to Vote” can be seen at the Vulcan Muse Gallery, W-16 at the Workhouse Arts Center.

*Julie has set up this zoom meeting for us lasting one hour. The session can have as many as 100 people, so you can invite family & friends. If you wish to participate, please reply to this email invitation with the number of attendees and I will forward you Julie's zoom meeting invitation. Please RSVP by Friday, 9.11, by noon. Questions? Thank you & I look forward to our first branch event of the new year.*

*Sincerely, Susan Bardenhagen [smbaauw@gmail.com](mailto:smbaauw@gmail.com)*

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