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2019—THE YEAR IN REVIEW

Freedom's Way National Heritage Area

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CONNECTING THE PEOPLE, PLACES AND COMMUNITIES

**of the Freedom's Way National Heritage Area
through preservation, conservation and educational
initiatives to protect and promote shared resources
and encourage residents and visitors to explore
its landscape, history and culture.**

FREEDOM'S WAY 2019/2020 Partnership Grant Program

The Freedom's Way National Heritage Area Partnership Grant Program provides strategic investments in the cultural, natural and historical resources of the region to support the work of partner organizations and enhance the sense of place within the Heritage Area.

In 2019 nine inaugural grant recipients received a total of \$28,200 supporting a diverse range of projects within three categories: education/interpretation, communication/collaboration and stewardship/planning/resource conservation. The program will continue annually with the 2020 Partnership Grant awardees announced at the annual meeting in October.

Learn more: [Freedomsway.org/Partnership-Grants](https://freedomsway.org/partnership-grants)



Medford Slavery Memorial in Salem Street Burying Ground, Medford, MA

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DECLARING INDEPENDENCE: THEN & NOW Receives an AASLH Award of Excellence

Having completed its third season, **Declaring Independence: Then & Now** continues to engage diverse audiences in the region's history—offering multiple perspectives on the local drama of declaring independence from Great Britain in the spring and summer of 1776. Blending research by citizen-historians, performance, readings and community conversation, **Declaring Independence: Then & Now** explores new approaches to presenting history and expanding civic engagement.

The **American Association for State and Local History Award of Excellence** recognizes “organizations and individuals who model best practices and innovative work. Winners show the importance of using history to address contemporary issues and working with communities to share history that is relevant to them.”

Offered in collaboration with the American Antiquarian Society, public historian Mary Fuhrer and numerous community partners, the program receives support from the Massachusetts Society of the Cincinnati.

Learn more: [Freedomsway.org/Programs/Declaring-Independence-Then-Now/](https://freedomsway.org/Programs/Declaring-Independence-Then-Now/)



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U.S. Representatives: Katherine Clark (MA 5th District), Annie Kuster (NH 2nd District), Jim McGovern (MA 2nd District), Seth Moulton (MA 6th District), Lori Trahan (MA 3rd District)



FREEDOM'S WAY
**HIDDEN
TREASURES**

HIDDEN TREASURES—AWAKENING CURIOSITY THROUGH EXPERIENCES

Conceived in 2014 to share the untold stories about the people, objects and places “hiding in plain sight” within the Heritage Area, Hidden Treasures celebrated its 5th Anniversary this year. During that time 185 partner organizations contributed more than \$300,000 of volunteer in-kind support and more than 20,000 people attended 500-plus programs, offered during the month of May. A signature project of the Heritage Area, we congratulate the Hidden Treasure All Stars, the ten organizations that participated all five years.

Learn more: DiscoverHiddenTreasures.org

GET ENGAGED

HERITAGE STORIES

Visionaries & Experimenters



GET THE STORY

Join us as we explore the people, places and objects from throughout the Heritage Area that are associated with stories of the 19th Amendment, civics and women's history.



HERITAGE STORIES

Stories shape our identity, connecting physical places to people and time. The past informs the present and future, providing a bridge between generations. This year, as the nation embarks on a year celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment and women's right to vote, we are highlighting stories of the contributions made by women in the Heritage Area who were at the forefront of social, intellectual and cultural innovations in America.

Meet these enormously influential women. Learn more: [Freedomsway.org/Programs/Heritage-Stories](https://freedomsway.org/Programs/Heritage-Stories)

Women, including Hazel MacKaye (2nd from right), gathered on the steps of the First Parish Meeting House to toll the bell in a victory peal on August 18, 1920. Photo courtesy of Shirley Historical Society.

GET CONNECTED

We continue to explore how to serve as a facilitator, host and guide for the Freedom's Way experience—helping to shape all aspects of that experience, through encouraging partners' involvement, stimulating inquiry, assembling unique elements and stories, and offering its own perspective.

Our popular bi-monthly e-newsletters curate "the experience of place" gathering, organizing and providing access to information, content and collections developed by partners and others.

In 2020 a redesigned website will enhance Freedom's Way's capacity to thematically integrate information, topics and stories to provide a framework for shared interpretation that will strengthen the Heritage Area's brand and identity.

GET THE NEWS

Sign-up for our mailing list and bi-monthly e-newsletters! Visit our website's calendar to find out what is happening in the Heritage Area.



**Sign up at [Freedomsway.org/e-newsletter-subscription-form](https://freedomsway.org/e-newsletter-subscription-form)
Learn more at [Freedomsway.org/explore/events-calendar](https://freedomsway.org/explore/events-calendar)**

GET HERE

Freedom's Way National Heritage Area Annual Meeting Sunday, October 6, 2019

3:00–4:00PM Guided Tours of the Lexington Green
and Buckman Tavern

4:00–6:00PM Annual Meeting and Reception
The Lexington Depot | 13 Depot Square | Lexington, MA

**For additional information, and to RSVP, please visit
[Freedomsway.org/2019-Annual-Meeting](https://freedomsway.org/2019-Annual-Meeting)**

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