



*PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO MEETING IN MARCH, 2026*

**NEXT MEETING  
VALLEY STREAM VILLAGE HALL  
AUDITORIUM**

123 So. Central Avenue  
Wednesday, April 15, 2026  
AT 7:30PM

**GEORGE VISITS VALLEY STREAM**



**HOW TO CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH — MARCH 2026**

- Honor: Celebrate the diverse contributions of women who are leading sustainability efforts across environmental, economic, educational, and social justice movements.
- Educate: Raise awareness about the important historical and contemporary roles of women in shaping sustainable change.
- Inspire: Empower individuals and institutions on how to take action toward sustainability, equity, and justice in their own spheres of influence.
- Connect: Build bridges across generations, geographies, and disciplines to foster collaboration, mentorship, and shared learning.
- Envision: Encourage a long-term vision for our future where women's leadership is central to thriving communities and a healthy planet.



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## FIRST LADIES ASSOCIATED WITH NEW YORK

*By: Elizabeth M. Bailey*

Elizabeth Kortright Monroe (1768-1830) was born and married in New York City.

Hannah Van Buren (1783-1819) was born in Kinderhook and died in Albany. (She was not actually a First Lady since she died before Van Buren became president.)

Julia Gardiner Tyler (1820-1889) was born on Gardiner's Island. She appeared in an ad for a department store, which resulted in her acquiring the nickname "The Rose of Long Island." She was the second wife of John Tyler. She married him at the age of 24 while he was president, so she became the first lady instantly upon her marriage. He was 54 years old. She wrote a pamphlet in 1853 which defended slavery and supported the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Abigail Powers Fillmore (1798-1853) was born in Stillwater, NY. She was a teacher; Millard Fillmore was one of her students.

Frances Folsom Cleveland Preston (1864-1947) was born in Buffalo. She graduated from Wells College, Aurora and became the youngest first lady when she married Cleveland at age 21. She was very popular; perhaps we can think of her as the Jacqueline Kennedy of her time.

Edith Carow Roosevelt (1861-1948) grew up in a townhouse on Union Square and married Theodore Roosevelt. She lived in Albany while he was governor of New York and in New York City while Theodore Roosevelt was Police Commissioner from 1895 to 1897. They spent much time at Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay.

Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962) lived on an estate named "Half Nirvana" from roughly 1888-1892. This estate was located in what is now Salisbury on Long Island. In 1908, after marrying Franklin Roosevelt, the family moved into a double townhouse on East 65<sup>th</sup> St. She also spent much time at Hyde Park. From 1945 until her death in 1962, Val-Kill in Hyde Park was her primary residence.

Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy Onassis (1929-1994) was born in Southampton. She spent summers of her childhood at Lasata, the Bouvier's country estate in East Hampton, where she participated in horse shows. She attended Vassar, although she received her degree from George Washington University. She was one of the most popular First Ladies and was considered a fashion and cultural icon during Kennedy's term as President. Following the death of Aristotle Onassis, she had a career as a book editor in New York City, and she died in New York City.

Barbara Bush (1925-2018) and Nancy Reagan (1921-2016) were both born in New York City.

Melania Trump (1970-) lived in New York City for many years. She worked as a model, married Donald Trump and raised Barron Trump in New York City.

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