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Women's History Month Calendar Honors California Women Pioneers in STEM fields

Online calendar highlights achievements of trailblazers in science/technology

SACRAMENTO – In honor of Women's History Month, the California State Library and Commission on the Status of Women and Girls have created a colorful [online weekly calendar](#) of women from California history who achieved success in science, technology, engineering or math – the STEM fields.

From a botanist who hiked the Sierra collecting native plants, to a research pathologist who worked on improving the typhoid vaccine for World War I troops, to a bookbinder who also ran her own gold mine, the March calendar tells stories of women's gutsy courage and passion for their work.

The emphasis on women in science and math professions echoes the National Women's History Month effort to commemorate women in STEM professions who strode past barriers in pursuit of their dreams. We embrace their pioneering spirit as we look to the future, recognizing the importance of STEM education and the exciting opportunities in STEM careers for women and men.

For the third week in March, the calendar highlights a woman veteran for Women's Military History Week. Maggie Gee was a training pilot in World War II, serving as a Women's Air Force Service Pilot, known as the WASPs. Gee also spent 30 years as a research physicist at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory.

The calendar's images and biographical material are drawn from the State Library's own collection on California history. The calendar is a collaborative project of the State Library, California Research Bureau and Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.

The online calendar can be viewed here: <http://www.library.ca.gov/calhist/calendar1.html>

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