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Galleries go Digital at the Vermont History Museum

Montpelier, VT. –The Vermont Historical Society (VHS) is thrilled to announce the opening of two new online exhibits. *Innovation in Vermont* and the virtual version of *When Women Lead: Governor Madeline Kunin of Vermont* can now be viewed from the comfort of home while practicing social distancing.

Throughout the spring and summer of 2020, VHS pivoted from the in-person programs and exhibits it usually provides to remote programming in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent quarantine. As circumstances continue to change and with future in-person activities uncertain, VHS is committed to developing new ways for our constituents, students, and the general public to engage with Vermont History. Virtual exhibits are just one response to the challenges presented by a global health crisis.

The exhibit, *Innovation in Vermont*, features over 20 objects spanning two centuries of technological advancement in the Green Mountain State with background information about their origins and use. A featured item displayed at the Vermont History Museum can be viewed in-person and will rotate monthly. Visitors to the museum can follow the display case's instructions to see the virtual exhibit, creating an interactive learning experience. Visit the gallery here: vermonthistory.org/vt-innovation

When Women Lead: Governor Madeline Kunin of Vermont, an in-person exhibit at the Vermont History Museum, opened on July 25th, 2020, and features the former governor's three inaugural gowns, as well as a retrospective examination of her groundbreaking political career in Vermont. For those who can not attend the museum, the exhibit is newly available online. The online version contains additional content about Kunin's life and career, expanding on and enriching the in-person experience. This exhibit coincides with the Suffrage Centennial, celebrating one hundred years of women's right to vote. View the exhibit here: <https://digitalvermont.org/exhibits/show/kunin/>

In addition to VHS's virtual exhibits, remote visitors can also interact with large portions of the museum's main exhibit, *Freedom and Unity*, as part of Vermont Art Online. Created by the Vermont Curators group and featuring 360-degree tours of cultural institutions across the state, Vermont Art Online hosts an extensive, interactive tour of the museum. Included in this tour is *WPA Prints from the T.W. Wood Gallery*, a curated selection of works from the permanent collection of the T.W. Wood Gallery, celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. Visit Vermont Art Online at <https://www.vermontartonline.org/>

Chartered in 1838, the Vermont Historical Society is a private, nonprofit organization that engages both Vermonters and "Vermonters at heart" in the exploration of our state's rich history. VHS has two sites: the Vermont History Museum in Montpelier and the Vermont History Center in Barre, which houses the Leahy Library. VHS sponsors educational programming, publishes books, and creates [online resources](#) for history lovers and students at home. Visit VHS online: <https://vermonthistory.org/>

LINKS TO EXHIBITS

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