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WOMEN VISIONARIES OF THE VILLAGE

Long List

ABIGAIL ADAMS *
1744 – 1818
First Second Lady, Second First Lady

BERENICE ABBOTT *
1898 – 1991
Photographer, Artist

DIANE ARBUS
1923 – 1971
Photographer

BELLA ABZUG
1920 –1998
Politician, Social Activist, Feminist

JOAN BAEZ *
1941 –
Singer, Songwriter, Activist

DJUNA BARNES
1892 – 1982
Artist, Journalist, Author

ELIZABETH BLACKWELL *
1821 – 1910
First Woman Doctor in America,
Public Health Pioneer

CECILY BROWN
1969 –
Painter

SUSAN BROWNMILLER
1935 – 2025
Journalist, Feminist, Activist

LOUISE BRYANT
1885 – 1936
Feminist, Political Activist, Journalist

SELMA HORTENSE BURKE
1900 – 1995
Sculptor

ROSANNE CASH
1955 –
Singer-Songwriter, Author, Activist

WILLA CATHER
1873 – 1947
Author

MOLLY MALONE COOK
1925 – 2005
Photographer, Gallerist

ANGELA DAVIS *
1944 –
Political Activist, Scholar, Author

DOROTHY DAY
1897 – 1980
Social Reformer, Anarchist

ELAINE DE KOONING
1918 – 1989
Painter, Teacher, Writer

AMELIA EARHART *
1897 – 1937
Aviation Pioneer

CRYSTAL EASTMAN
1881 – 1928
Suffragist, Peace Activist, Lawyer

ELIZABETH ELY
1943 –
Preservationist, WSPC Founder

HELEN FRANKENTHALER
1928 – 2011
Painter

JANE FREILECHER
1924 – 2014
Painter

BETTY FRIEDAN
1921 – 2006
Writer, Activist, Feminist

SARAH SMITH GARNET
1831 – 1911
Educator, Suffragist, Civil Rights Advocate

ABIGAIL HOPPER GIBBONS
1801 – 1893
Abolitionist, Reformer, Welfare Activist

DEBORAH GLICK
1950 –
Politician, LGBTQ+ and Reproductive Rights Advocate

EMMA GOLDMAN
1869 – 1940
Anarchist, Advocate, Activist

ELIZABETH JENNINGS GRAHAM
1826 – 1901
Advocate for Desegregation of NYC Streetcars

MARTHA GRAHAM *
1894 – 1991
Choreographer, Dancer, Activist

UTA HAGAN
1919 – 2004
Actress, Teacher, Human Rights Advocate

LORRAINE HANSBERRY *
1930 – 1965
Playwright, Author, Activist

DEBBIE HARRY
1945 –
Singer, Songwriter, Actress

LILLIAN HELLMAN *
1905- 1984
Playwright, Memoirist, Political Activist

BILLIE HOLIDAY *
1915- 1959
Jazz Vocalist, Activist

JULIA WARD HOWE
1819 – 1910
Poet, Suffragist, Activist, Abolitionist

MARIE JENNEY HOWE
1870 – 1934
Suffragist, Founder of Heterodoxy

MARIE HOWE
1950 –
Poet

ELISABETH IRWIN
1880 – 1942
Progressive Education Reformer

JANE JACOBS *
1916 – 2006
Activist, Theorist, Author

MARSHA P. JOHNSON *
1945 – 1992
LGBTQ+ activist

JANIS JOPLIN
1943 – 1970
Blues / Rock & Roll Singer-Songwriter

MAIRA KALMAN
1949 –
Artist, Illustrator, Writer

DONNA KARAN
1948 –
Fashion Designer, Wellness and Cultural Preservationist

HELEN KELLER
1880 – 1968
Disability Advocate, Peace Activist

REGINA KELLERMAN
1923 – 2008
Historian, Preservationist

LEE KRASNER
1908 – 1984
Abstract Expressionist Painter

EMMA LAZARUS
1849 – 1887
Poet, Philanthropist, Immigrant Advocate

MABEL PING-HUA LEE
1896 – 1966
Suffragist, Advocate for Chinese-American Rights

CLARA LEMLICH
1886 – 1982
Suffragist, Labor Leader, Consumer Activist

HELEN LEVITT
1913 – 2009
Photographer, Cinematographer

MABEL DODGE LUHAN
1879 – 1962
Arts and Literary Patron

RACHEL MADDOW *
1973 –
Political Commentator, Writer

THE WIDOW MARYCKE
December 12, 1643
First Free Female Black Settler of Greenwich Village

MAGARET MEAD
1901 – 1978
Cultural Anthropologist, Writer

BETTE MIDLER
1945 –
Singer, Actress, Philanthropist

INEZ MILHOLLAND
1886 – 1916
Women's Suffragist, Lawyer, Activist

EDNA ST. VINCENT MILLAY *
1892 – 1950
Pulitzer Prize Winning Poet,
Playwright, Feminist

JOAN MITCHELL
1925 – 1992
Painter

MARIANNE MOORE
1887 – 1972
Poet, Critic, Suffragist

ROBIN MORGAN
1942 – 2026
Poet, Feminist, Activist

ANAÏS NIN
1903 – 1977
Author, Artist

MINÉ OKUBO
1912 – 2001
Graphic Artist, Writer

MARY OLIVER *
1935 – 2019
Pulitzer Prize-winning Poet

YOKO ONO
1933 –
Performance Artist, Singer,
Filmmaker, Activist

GRACE PALEY
1922 – 2007
Author, Poet, Political Activist

FRANCIS PERKINS *
1880 – 1965
First Female U.S. Cabinet Member,
Champion of Workers' Rights

ELIZABETH PEYTON
1965 –
Painter

CAROLINE PRATT
1867 – 1954
Progressive Education Reformer

LEONTYNE PRICE *
1927 –
Opera Singer, Activist

IDA RAUH
1877 – 1970
Suffragist, Writer, Sculptor,
Birth Control Activist

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT *
1884 – 1962
First Lady, Civil and
Human Rights Advocate

ANA MARIA SIMO
1943 –
Playwright, Essayist, Lesbian Activist

ROSE SCHNEIDERMAN
1882 – 1972
Suffragist, Labor Leader

MARY KINGSBURY SIMKHOVITCH
1867 – 1954
Social Reformer, Activist, City Planner

KIKI SMITH
1954 –
Sculptor, Painter, Printmaker

PATTI SMITH *
1946 –
Performer, Musician, Writer,
Artist, Activist

SUSAN SONTAG
1933 – 2004
Writer, Critic, Activist

SONIA SOTOMAYOR *
1954 –
Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of
the United States

PAT STEIR
1938 – 2026
Painter

ROSE PASTOR STOKES
1879 – 1933
Socialist Activist, Birth Control Advocate

JUDITH STONEHILL
1937 – 2025
Preservationist, Writer, Historian

BABARA STREISAND
1942 –
Singer, Actress, Director

IDA TARBELL
1857 – 1944
Investigative Journalist, Lecturer

DIANE VON FURSTENBERG *
1946 –
Icon of Fashion, Advocate, Philanthropist

LYDIA FOWLER WADLEIGH
1817- 1888
Advocate for the Education of
Women and Girls

LILLIAN WALD
1867 – 1940
Humanitarian, Social Reformer

ANNE WALDMAN
1945 –
Poet, Cultural and Political Activist

MAE WEST
1893 – 1980
Actress, Singer, Playwright, Provocateur

EDITH WHARTON
1862 – 1937
Writer, Chronicler of Gilded Age New York

GERTRUDE VANDERBILT WHITNEY *
1875 – 1942
Sculptor, Patron of Contemporary
American Art

MARGARET WOODROW WILSON
1866 – 1944
First Daughter, Suffragist,
Civil Rights Advocate

EDIE WINDSOR
1929 – 2017
LGBTQ+ Rights Activist

ANNA WINTOUR
1939 –
Fashion Icon, Editor, Philanthropist

**WOMEN OF THE TRIANGLE
SHIRTWAIST FACTORY FIRE ***
March 25, 1911, Washington Place

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