



BULLETIN

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October 2025

Calendar

Thursday October 9	6 to 7:30 p.m.	Opening reception for Untold Stories exhibit at Arlington Center for the Arts, 20 Academy St. Two LWVA members, Colleen Kirby and Paulette Schwartz, have artworks in the exhibit. It was juried by Beth Locke of the Arlington 250 Committee and Anne Linn of the LWVA, along with ACA staff. Details on page 3.
Tuesday October 14	7 p.m.	LWVA Board Meeting via Zoom teleconference. The meeting URL will be sent to attendees; email one of the Co-Presidents if you would like to attend.



Kim Haase and Phyllis Maddox at our Town Day booth Sept. 20. Thanks to Lu Leveille, our other booth staffer, for taking the photo!

We collected lots of signatures for the election day registration petition the LWVMA is supporting.

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Co-President's Message

We were rewarded this year with beautiful weather for Town Day after two years of rain. Thank you to everyone who spent time staffing the League's booth.

Our next event, which was mentioned in the last bulletin, is the 250-themed art exhibit that the LWVA is co-sponsoring at the Arlington Center for the Arts (ACA). "Untold Stories" opened on September 18th and will run through November 19th. Many thanks to Jo Anne Preston, who did much research on topics that would help inspire the artists. The opening reception will be held on Thursday, October 9th. Please try to stop in and view the exhibit!

The board is busy planning other upcoming events, such as our annual holiday party. Stay tuned for more details and get ready for a festive event with an engaging speaker and our legendary potluck dinner!

Autumn is tiptoeing in as I write this. Here is hoping for pleasant weather and a vibrant foliage season!

Angela Olszewski

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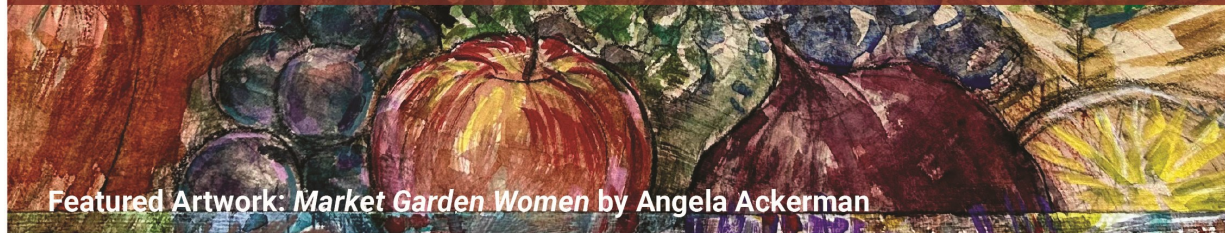
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UNTOLD STORIES

SEPTEMBER 18 - NOVEMBER 19, 2025



Featured Artwork: *Market Garden Women* by Angela Ackerman

OPENING RECEPTION: Thur, Oct 9, 6-7:30PM

Arlington Center for the Arts is pleased to present *Untold Stories* in partnership with the **League of Women Voters of Arlington**. *Untold Stories* brings to life many unique stories and points of view that deepen our understanding of community. This exhibition also highlights anecdotes and personal connections that reveal untold stories of our community in surprising and thoughtful ways.



This exhibition is presented in partnership with League of Women Voters of Arlington as part of the Arlington250 celebration, and received support from the Grants Committee of the Arlington Commission of Arts and Culture.

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Support Gun Violence Prevention Measures

The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts and The League of Women Voters of the United States have long held policy positions that support gun violence prevention. As gun violence continues to tear apart the lives of Americans, here are some ways that you can support and advocate for gun violence prevention in Massachusetts.

1. Defend An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws

LWVMA will participate in the Vote Yes for a Safe Massachusetts campaign (<https://www.yesforasafema.com/>) to defeat the Massachusetts Firearm Regulations Referendum (2026). This is a veto referendum already secured on the November 2026 ballot that would repeal *An Act Modernizing Firearms Laws* (H.4885), Chapter 135 of MA General Laws (<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/SessionLaws/Acts/2024/Chapter135>). LWVMA supported the passage of this law during the previous legislative session. A YES vote upholds the law as is. A NO vote repeals the law.

LWVMA is a member of the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence (<https://www.mapreventgunviolence.org/>), a 100+ member organization working to eradicate all forms of gun violence from the Commonwealth. The Coalition is leading the effort to defend An Act Modernizing Firearm Laws.

2. Advocate for LWVMA-Supported Bills

In the current legislative session, the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts is supporting two gun violence prevention bills.

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Gun Violence Prevention (Continued)

H548/S397: An Act to promote safe firearm storage education and increase the well-being of students (<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H548>, <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/S397>). Go to https://lwvma.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/H548_S397-Safe-Firearm-Storage-Summary.pdf to learn more about this bill and why we support it.

H2672/S1653: An Act relative to firearm industry accountability and gun violence victims' access to justice (<https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/H2672>, <https://malegislature.gov/Bills/194/S1653>). Go to https://lwvma.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/S1653_H2672-Firearm-Industry-Accountability-Summary.pdf to learn more about this bill and why we support it.

Please contact your legislators and ask them to support these bills.

Thank you for taking action to prevent gun violence and keep our communities safer. Questions? Contact specialists@lwvma.org.



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Advocating for Effective Packaging Producer Responsibility Policy

Thursday, October 9, 2025 , 7PM

Zoom

Did you know that over a million tons of recyclables are thrown in the trash each year?

Are you concerned about the environmental impacts of excess packaging and unwanted mail?

Join LWVMA and LWV Salem on Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 PM via Zoom for Advocating for Effective Packaging Producer Responsibility Policy. We will learn the basics of packaging stewardship and how you can take action to reduce this environmental threat from South Shore Recycling Cooperative Executive Director and LWVMA member Claire Galkowski. Claire is an expert in this field and a longtime Leaguer.

Register at

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/OeRnUEd0Qh-44gtvnhSbww#/registration> for this can't-miss program.

Membership Dues Information

By Ann FitzGerald

LWVA members no longer receive written reminders of dues renewals on April 1. The League of Women Voters of the US (<https://www.lwv.org/>) should now send out a reminder to you. Dues are divided between the national, state, and local leagues.

You should have received a notice to register at the LWVUS portal. if you didn't receive it, you can go to the portal and register yourself. Go to <https://www.lwv.org/> and click Member Log In. Your name was sent to LWVUS for renewal purposes and is listed on the membership roster. The site is secure and has a verification process.

The LWVUS portal requests dues of \$75, but you can contribute any amount over \$20.

If you prefer to renew by check, you will be a member of the LWVA only, not the state or national League. Make out a check for \$60 to "League of Women Voters of Arlington" and send it to me:

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