The 2015 National Women’s History Month theme, *Weaving the Stories of Women’s Lives*, presents the opportunity to weave women’s stories – individually and collectively – into the essential fabric of our nation’s history. Accounts of the lives of individual women are critically important because they reveal exceptionally strong role models who share a more expansive vision of what a woman can do. The stories of women’s lives, and the choices they made, encourage girls and young women to think larger and bolder, and give boys and men a fuller understanding of the female experience. Knowing women’s achievements challenges stereotypes and upends social assumptions about who women are and what women can accomplish today.

The ETSU campus community will celebrate Women’s History Month with an outstanding lineup of events during March 2015. The following outlines the programs slated for this month dedicated to celebrating the accomplishments of women.

**National Women’s History Month - March 2015**

**ETSU celebrating Women’s History Month with a great lineup of events**

The exhibit will be open from March 5 – 28, 2015, at the Tipton Gallery, located at 126 Spring Street, Johnson City, Tenn. This *Women’s History Month Lecture* is sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program. For more information, contact the Women’s Studies Program at 423-439-4135. This lecture is free and open to the public.

On Wednesday, March 18, 2015, Stephanie N. Frye, D.M.A., (pictured left), lecturer in the department of music at East Tennessee State University, will present “URSA: Music for Tuba by Women Composers.” Location for the Frye lecture is the Dining Room 3, D.P. Culp University Center. Start time is noon.

Frye will discuss her CD project, *URSA: Music for Tuba by Women Composers*, which was released in November 2013. She will discuss why she chose the project and composers, the process of recording, working with composers and feedback since the release. Additionally, Frye will speak about her experience as a woman in the “tuba world,” and she will play a piece of her music for the guests in attendance.

This *Women’s History Month Lecture* is sponsored by the Women’s Studies Program and is part of the Women on Wednesdays Lecture Series (WoW). For more information, contact the Women’s Studies Program at 423-439-4135. This lecture is free and open to the public.

With one foot in the juke joints and one foot in the jazz clubs Ruth Wyand draws on American roots music to frame her lyrics and demonstrate her strength as a guitarist, songwriter, and vocalist.

On Thursday, March 26, 2015, Ruth Wyand performs her “Mama’s Got the Blues” multimedia concert on the East Tennessee State University campus. Location is the Martha Street Culp Auditorium, D.P. Culp University Center. Start time is 7:00 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The show features a live onstage musical score by Wyand while using film footage designed by filmmaker Jean Antolini. In this merging of film and live music Wyand and Antolini take the audience on a musical journey with a radio-like experience at the show’s opening then sets out exploring the women who helped shape America’s rich Blues history.

Kicking off the month-long celebration the Women’s Studies Program at East Tennessee State University is hosting a Women on Wednesdays lecture entitled “*Behind the Lens: Women on Photography.*” Guest speakers are Lyn Govette, an M.F.A. candidate at East Tennessee State University, and Jessica Hillyer, a graduate of East Tennessee State University who holds a B.S. in Studio Art.

The lecture is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2015, at noon. Location is Dining Room 3, D.P. Culp University Center.

In their lecture, Govette and Hillyer discuss their exhibit as well as provide a preview as to what to expect. Additionally, they will discuss the history of women in photography and the effects of gender within the profession. Also, Govette and Hillyer are the co-curators for the upcoming exhibit titled “*Behind The Lens: Women Photographers on the South and Appalachia.*”
Wyand plays the songs of women Blues artists from the early 1900s to the present that have blazed the trail of blues, jazz and rock and roll. The songs of Ma Rainey, Bessie Smith, Memphis Minnie, Nina Simone, Billy Holiday up to Bonnie Raitt plus a few others that have been overlooked and forgotten throughout history.

This Women's History Month Special Event is sponsored by the Women's Resource Center. For more information, contact the Women's Resource Center at 423-439-5772. This concert is free and open to the public.

Local artist and creative coach Pam Murray, B.A., M.B.A., is guest facilitator for "Your Story Matters: A taste of what writing your own memoir might mean to you."

Scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2015, location is the Campus Center Building, room 220. Start time is noon.

Join Murray in taking a look at a piece of your own personal story using creative activity and writing prompts; a toe-dip into the beginning exploration of your own personal memoir. Why memoir? It is a fantastic means of reflection about who you really are. Memoir shines light on parts of your life that have really impacted you, and that mean the most to you. This workshop provides an opening for listening to your own life stories you carry within, an opening for clarity and awareness of how and why you see the world the way you do.

Participants are asked to bring a photo or two of themselves as a child (not baby photos) in the approximate age range of about 4-10. The photos will remain untouched and used for inspiration only.

Reservations are required. To reserve a space for Murray's Women's History Month Workshop, contact the Women's Resource Center at 423-439-5772. This workshop is free and open to the public.

Women's History Month legs and some article contents adapted from National Women's History Project web site at http://www.nwhp.org/whm/.

Some article contents adapted from the Ruth Wyand web site at http://ruthwyand.com/index/

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**TAKE BACK THE NIGHT**

Candlelight Vigil - Honoring Survivors of Sexual Violence

The annual Take Back the Night Candlelight Vigil – Honoring Survivors of Sexual Violence is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. Location is the Cave Patio, D.P. Culp University Center.

All students, faculty, staff, and community members are encouraged to join us to honor survivors of sexual violence and celebrate the resiliency of survivors. A brief program of music and thoughtful reflection will be followed by a reception. OASIS (Outreach and Advocacy Sexuality Information for Students) has partnered with the ETSU Counseling Center, Kappa Delta, and the Women's Resource Center for this event.

For more information, contact Kate Emmerich, ETSU Counseling Center, at 423-439-4841 or email oasis@etsu.edu.

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**Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®:**

The International Men's March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence

Here they come... men in heels. Their mission? To crush sexual violence! **Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®** is the International Men’s March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence. OASIS (Outreach & Advocacy Sexuality Information for Students) is your campus’ sexual and relationship violence prevention program, and we are pleased to announce that this will be the 2nd annual march at ETSU! The march is set for Thursday, April 2, 2015, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration and shoe pick-up starts at 5:00 p.m. Location is the Cave Patio, D.P. Culp University Center.

Last year over 100 people participated and we raised $1,000 to donate to our publicity partners, so this year we have some BIG SHOES to fill! Our goal is to expand this event to increase participation of campus groups and the greater Johnson City community and to raise more funds to support local organizations that assist and empower victims of sexual, relationship, and gender violence. This year, the registration fee is $5.00 and the heel rental fee is $5.00 to reserve a pair ($7.00 at the event). You are also, of course, welcome to pick out and wear your own heels! Any donations that exceed event costs are given to our publicity partner for this event, the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (S.A.N.E.) program at the Johnson City Medical Center. This is an essential resource for our campus and community, and they need the financial support!

Sponsors for this event include OASIS, SACETN, Kappa Delta, Basler CPA, RHA, Planned Parenthood, and Women’s Resource Center.

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Some article contents for the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® adapted from the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes® web site at http://www.walkamileinhershoes.org/.
Saluting the Women of ETSU

ETSU Staff Woman of the Year award ceremony slated for April 2015

On Wednesday, April 15, 2015, the annual ETSU Staff Woman of the Year Award Ceremony and Reception is scheduled to formally recognize the 2015 award recipient. All faculty and staff members are invited to attend this important ceremony recognizing the accomplishments of one of ETSU’s outstanding staff women.

Ms. Kathryn Duvall, the 2015 award recipient, serves as assistant director of Academic Services for TRIO-Student Support Services. President Brian Noland will present the award and plaque to Ms. Duvall, along with Dr. Sarah Harkness, chair of the ETSU Commission for Women Standing Committee.

Sponsors of this program are the ETSU Commission for Women Standing Committee, ETSU Staff Senate, Office of Equity and Diversity, and Women’s Resource Center. For more information, please contact the Women’s Resource Center at 423-439-5772.

On behalf of the ETSU Commission for Women Standing Committee

All staff and faculty members are cordially invited to attend the

ETSU Staff Woman of the Year Award Ceremony and Reception

Wednesday, April 15, 2015
4:00 p.m.
D.P. Culp University Center,
East Tennessee Room

A reception will follow the award presentation.

“True Expressions” workshop with Pam Murray scheduled for May 2015

In May 2015, Pam Murray, B.A., M.B.A., local artist and creative coach, is facilitating “True Expressions” on Tuesday, May 12th. Location is the Campus Center Building, room 220 and start time is noon.

Join Murray in a creative jaunt through a flower field of self-expression. Self-expression is an absolute must in your life. It is found in the myriad of ways that you interact with everyone and everything in your world. It happens in all kinds of ways.

In this workshop participants will look at ways to express themselves in their respective truth by looking at flowers and flower essences in creative ways to see what they want to communicate in different situations. What are some of the ‘issues’ that often come into play in your own self-expression? Think of your favorite flowers. Why are they your favorites? What message might your flower give? What flower holds the essence you most want to feel and why?

Using creative activities we will look at the significance and value of your true self-expression as you journey through your life!

Reservations are required. To reserve a space for Murray’s Women’s Personal Enrichment Workshop, contact the Women’s Resource Center at 423-439-5772. Murray’s workshop is free and open to the public.

Women’s Resource Center NEWSLETTER

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Program Schedule

For more information on the events listed contact the WRC at 423-439-5772.

MARCH – MAY 2015

PROGRAMS – Main Campus

Wednesday, March 18
LOCATION & TIME: Women’s Resource Center, Campus Center Building, room 220, noon.

Thursday, March 26
“Mama Got the Blues” – A Women's History Month Special Event. Ruth Wyand, singer, songwriter, and guitarist, presents her multimedia concert. Wyand plays the songs of women Blues artists from the early 1900s to the present that have blazed the trail of blues, jazz and rock and roll. Sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center. See article pages 1-2.
LOCATION & TIME: D.P. Culp University Center, East Tennessee Room, 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 31
“Your Story Matters” – A Women’s History Month Event. Pam Murray, B.A., M.B.A., local artist and creative coach, guides participants in taking a look at a piece of your own personal story using creative activity and writing prompts; a toe-dip into the beginning exploration of your own personal memoir. Reservations are required. Sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center. See article pages 1-2.
LOCATION & TIME: Women’s Resource Center, Campus Center Building, room 220, noon

Wednesday, April 1
TAKE BACK THE NIGHT Candlelight Vigil - Honoring Survivors of Sexual Violence. A brief program of music and thoughtful reflection that celebrates the resiliency of survivors. OASIS (Outreach and Advocacy Sexuality Information for Students) has partnered with the ETSU Counseling Center, Kappa Delta, and the Women’s Resource Center for this event. See article page 2.
LOCATION & TIME: D.P. Culp University Center, Cave Patio, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 2
Walk a Mile in Her Shoes®. The 2nd annual International Men’s March to Stop Rape, Sexual Assault & Gender Violence on the ETSU campus. Please Note: The registration fee is $5.00 and the heel rental fee is $5.00 to reserve a pair ($7.00 at the event). You are also, of course, welcome to pick out and wear your own heels. Sponsors for this event include OASIS, SACETN (Sexual Assault Center of East Tennessee), Kappa Delta, Basler CPA, RHA, Planned Parenthood, and Women’s Resource Center. See article page 2.
LOCATION & TIME: D.P. Culp University Center, Cave Patio, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
REGISTRATION and SHOE PICK-UP: Starts at 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15
LOCATION & TIME: Women’s Resource Center, Campus Center Building, room 220, noon.

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LOCATION & TIME: D.P. Culp University Center, East Tennessee Room, 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 12
“True Expressions” – A Women’s Personal Enrichment Series Lunch Break Workshop. Pam Murray, B.A., M.B.A., local artist and creative coach, guides participants through looking at ways to express themselves in their respective truth by looking at flowers and flower essences in creative ways to see what they want to communicate in different situations. Reservations are required. Sponsored by the Women’s Resource Center. See article pages 3.
LOCATION & TIME: Women’s Resource Center, Campus Center Building, room 220, noon.

Wednesday, May 20
LOCATION & TIME: Women’s Resource Center, Campus Center Building, room 220, noon.

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
MORE CAMPUS NEWS

Thursday, April 2, 2015
Noon to 8:00 p.m.

Location: D.P. Culp University Center, Pedestrian Mall

The Clothesline Project is a visual campaign. As part of TAKE BACK THE NIGHT 2015, bear witness to Violence Against Women by telling your story, the story of someone you know, or by simply making a statement on a t-shirt of your own. Hang your shirt – add your voice to the Clothesline.

Take Back the Night is sponsored by OASIS. For more information, contact Kate Emmerich, ETSU Counseling Center, at 423-439-4841 or email oasis@etsu.edu.

ETSU will be closed Monday, May 25, 2015, in observance of Memorial Day.