

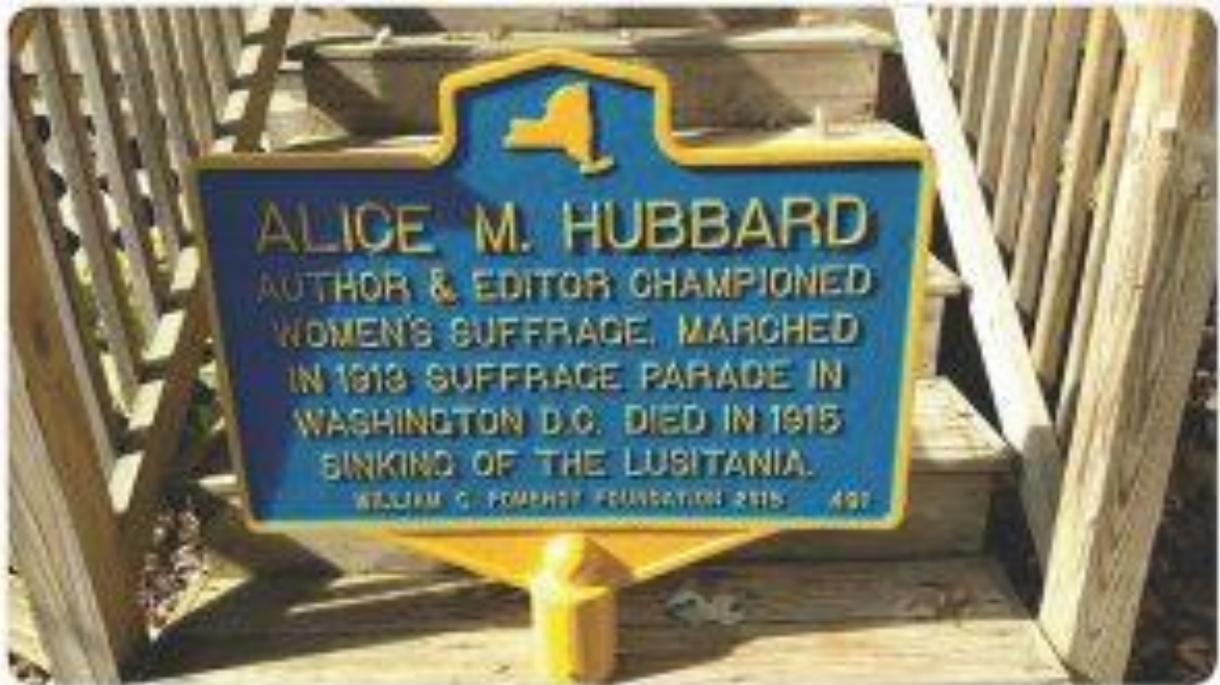
Hubbard Museum will Receive Historical Marker

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It's been months in the making, and on Oct. 25 the Aurora Historical Society will unveil a historical marker that will be placed in front of the Elbert Hubbard Museum on Oakwood Avenue during their annual meeting.

The sign was issued through the William G. Pomeroy Foundation and it will commemorate women having the right to vote for the last century, and how Alice Hubbard marched for women's suffrage. Installation is expected to happen next spring.



"I'm always amazed at what the Aurora Historical Society accomplishes as a volunteer organization under the guidance of [President] Susan McBurney," Linda Ulrich-Hagner said, who is Vice-President of the organization. "It was truly a team effort to get this done."

In a slide presentation compiled by Hagner, it notes that Elbert Hubbard was always supportive of his wife Alice's involvement of the suffrage movement. Alice was the assistant editor and a writer for *The FRA*, which was a periodical published by the Roycrofters beginning in 1909, and she also taught Sunday School at the Roycroft Chapel. All of these accomplishments are noted on the historical marker, along with noting that she passed away during the sinking of the Lusitania.

Hagner said that she needed to provide the Pomeroy Foundation with a primary resource about where she was obtaining information about Alice's life. Aurora Town Historian Robert Goller provided assistance going through old copies of the *East Aurora Advertiser*, which documented in print when Alice was in Washington D.C. marching for women's suffrage in 1913.

"The Lusitania went down in 1915, so she wasn't around to enjoy the fruits of her labor," Hagner said.

The William G. Pomeroy Foundation, based in Syracuse, believes that historic markers play an important role in local historic preservation by serving a dual purpose. They educate the public and foster historic tourism, which in turn can provide much needed economic benefits to the towns and villages where the markers are placed. The program will commemorate historic people, places or things within the time frame of 1740-1918, and earlier this year, the Aurora Historical Society applied for a grant with the foundation for a marker.

"It was an involved process and the Pomeroy Foundation staff and family were great with help," Hagner said.

The meeting on Oct. 25 will be held at the Aurora Senior Center, located at 101 King Street in East Aurora. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. followed by the lecture at 7 p.m.

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