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### Library of Virginia Names Eight as 2012 Virginia Women in History

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The Library of Virginia is recognizing a World War II intelligence agent, a Bronze Star recipient from Operation Iraqi Freedom, a midwife, an award-winning composer, a colonial innkeeper, a historian, a principal in a civil rights case, and a business executive and philanthropist as the 2012 Virginia Women in History recipients. In celebration of Women's History Month, on March 29, 2012, starting at 6:00 PM, the Library will honor the eight outstanding women who are featured in the 2012 Virginia Women in History program at an awards ceremony. The evening's program, hosted by May-Lily Lee of public television's *Virginia Currents*, will be followed by a reception. Seating is limited, please call 804-692-3535 by March 23 for reservations.

The women honored this year are:

- **Susie May Ames** (1888–1969), Accomack County, Historian
- **Monica Beltran**, Prince William County, Iraq War Veteran and Bronze Star Medal Recipient  
*Nominated by John W. Listman, Jr., Virginia National Guard and Fort Pickett Museum*
- **Christiana Burdett Campbell** (ca. 1723–1792), Williamsburg, Innkeeper
- **Betty Sams Christian** (1922–2006), Richmond, Business Executive and Philanthropist
- **Elizabeth P. "Betty" McIntosh**, Woodbridge, Intelligence Agent and Author of *Sisterhood of Spies: Women of the OSS*  
*Nominated by Linda McCarthy, Markham, Virginia.*
- **Orleana Hawks Puckett** (ca. 1844–1939), Carroll and Patrick Counties, Midwife  
*Nominated on behalf of Tammy Harrison's and Mary Slate's 5th-grade students, Blue Ridge Elementary School, Ararat; nomination submitted by school librarian Larnette Snow*
- **Judith Shatin**, Charlottesville, Composer
- **Alice Jackson Stuart** (1913–2001), Richmond, Principal in a 1935 Civil Rights Turning Point

The eight are also featured on a handsome poster and in the Library's 2012 Virginia Women in History panel exhibition, on display in the lobby of the Library of Virginia March 1–31. The exhibition will then travel to libraries, schools, and cultural institutions across the state. Copies of the 2012 poster and learning activities were distributed public and private schools and cultural institutions across Virginia.

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“The amazing women featured in the 2012 Virginia Women in History program succeeded or excelled in challenging circumstances,” said Librarian of Virginia Sandra G. Treadway. “They are being recognized for being visionaries and pioneers, for their courage, creativity, and business acumen. Young people will be inspired by their stories and teachers will be able to plan classroom activities for Women’s History Month using the poster and the learning activities available on our Web site.” ([www.lva.virginia.gov/public/vawomen](http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/vawomen))

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