

# Women's History and Culture Center

## August 2024 Newsletter



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## Notes from the Editors

### August 26 is Women's Equality Day

Women's Equality Day honors a groundbreaking advancement in human rights in the United States when the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was passed, giving women the right to vote, and ending centuries of women being relegated to the status of property owned by their husbands when they married.

We have seen many inroads in the struggle for women's rights since the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was passed, but more work is needed to achieve the gender equality envisioned by the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

The gender pay gap still persists; women are still considerably under-represented in male-dominated industries and there are far fewer women in leadership positions, with men still making the majority of decisions that impact women.

On Women's Equality Day let us recognize the sacrifices made by men and women in the struggle for equal rights and commit to working together on the many institutional, societal and cultural changes that are still needed to achieve gender parity.

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## WHCC Event/Class Details for August 2024

WHCC, 225 N. Willow St., Mesquite, NV, Room 18 & Room 23

**AUG 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 (FRI) 12:30 to 4 PM: *Hand Knee & Foot* / Gwen Dudrow / Closed group**

**AUG 8 (THUR) at 12:30 PM: *P E O Canasta* / Bev Valencia**

**AUG 9 (FRI) at 10 AM: *Desert Dames Bunco***

**AUG 11 (SUN) at 11 AM: *Love, Family Gathering* / Dana Long. To learn more about Love, Family, find them on Facebook or visit [lovefamilynv.com](http://lovefamilynv.com) for contact information.**

**AUG 12 (MON) at 4 PM: *WHCC Volunteer Updates* / Reenie McFarland**

**AUG 14 (WED) at 6 PM: *Search & Rescue Board Meeting (Room 23)* / Larry McFarland**

**AUG 20 (TUE) 4 PM: *WHCC Board Meeting (Room 18)* / Jean Watkins**

**AUG 21 (WED) at 12 PM: *Wip-Its Cross Stitch Club* / Connie Fullmer 509-554-8012**

**AUG 25 (SUN) 11 AM to 1 PM: *Love, Family Board Meeting* / Dana Long**

### **Groups Not Meeting in August**

(Returning to regular hours in September)

*Artists Unite*

*Consciousness Circle Book Club*

*Desert Dames Book Club*

*Mesquite Outdoor Group*

*Wondering Words Book Club*

**Most classes and groups are on-going each month.**

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# AUGUST 2024 Calendar

## Women's History and Culture Center

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<b>SUN</b> By Appointment	<b>MON</b> By Appointment	<b>TUE</b> By Appointment	<b>WED</b> Open Hours 11-3	<b>THU</b> By Appointment	<b>FRI</b> By Appointment	<b>SAT</b> By Appointment
				<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>  12:30 – 4PM Hand/Knee/Foot	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  12:30 PM PEO Canasta	<b>9</b>  10 AM Desert Dames Bunco  12:30 – 4PM Hand/Knee/Foot	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>  11 AM-1 PM Love, Family Gathering	<b>12</b>  4 PM WHCC Volunteer Updates	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  6 PM Search & Rescue Board Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>  12:30 – 4PM Hand/Knee/Foot	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  4 PM WHCC Board Meeting	<b>21</b>  12 PM Wip-Its Cross- Stitch Club	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  12:30 – 4PM Hand/Knee/Foot	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>  11 AM - 1 PM Love, Family	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  12:30 – 4PM Hand/Knee/Foot	<b>31</b>

**Meetings highlighted in red are held in Room 18. All other meetings are in Room 23.**

**The WHCC Board meets at 4 PM on the third Tuesday of the month.**

**WHCC Greeters and Volunteers meet at 4 PM on the second Monday of the month.**

## Books at Our Center About Notable Women Born in August

### **Henrietta Lacks** (August 1, 1920 - 1951)

An African-American woman whose cancer cells are the source of the HeLa cell line, the first immortalized human cell line and one of the most important cell lines in medical research.

- *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*

### **Adelaide Hermann** (August 11, 1853 - 1932)

An English magician and vaudeville performer with one of the longest careers in the history of magic. The superstar of the Golden Age of Magic.

- *Anything But Ordinary Addie: The True Story of Adelaide Hermann, Queen of Magic*

### **Melinda Gates** (August 15, 1964 - )

An American philanthropist, businesswoman, author, global advocate for women and girls. The founder of Pivotal, a charitable, investment and advocacy organization.

- *The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World*
- *Melinda Gates: Philanthropist*

### **Coco Chanel** (August 19, 1883 - 1971)

A French fashion designer and businesswoman who founded the Chanel brand and popularized a sporty, casual chic as the feminine standard of style.

- *Living with Coco Chanel: Homes and Landscapes that Shaped the Designer*
- *Chanel: A Woman of Her Own*

### **Elizebeth Smith Friedman** (August 26, 1892 - 1980)

An American cryptanalyst and author who deciphered enemy codes in both World Wars and helped to solve international smuggling cases during Prohibition.

- *A Life in Code: Pioneer Cryptanalyst Elizebeth Smith*
- *The Woman All Spies Fear: Code Breaker Elizebeth Smith Friedman and Her Hidden Life*

### **Iris Apfel** (August 29, 1921 - 2024)

An American businesswoman, interior designer, and fashion designer, known for her flamboyant style, outspoken personality and oversized eyeglasses.

- *Rare Book of Fashion: The Irreverent Iris Apfel*
- *Iris Apfel: Accidental Icon*
- *Iris Apfel: A Little Golden Book Biography*



Happy  
Reading!

## Melinda French Gates: The Enemies of Progress Play Offense. I Want to Help Even the Match.

By Melinda Gates on May 28, 2024 for The New York Times

Many years ago, I received this piece of advice: “Set your own agenda, or someone else will set it for you.” I’ve carried those words with me ever since.

That’s why, next week, I will leave the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, of which I was a co-founder almost 25 years ago, to open a new chapter in my philanthropy. To begin, I am announcing \$1 billion in new spending over the next two years for people and organizations working on behalf of women and families around the world, including on reproductive rights in the United States.

In nearly twenty years as an advocate for women and girls, I have learned that there will always be people who say it’s not the right time to talk about gender equality. Not if you want to be relevant. Not if you want to be effective with world leaders (most of them men). The second the global agenda gets crowded women and girls fall off.

It’s frustrating and shortsighted. Decades of research on economics, well-being and governance make it clear that investing in women and girls benefits everyone. We know that economies with women’s full participation have more room to grow.

That women’s political participation is associated with decreased corruption. That peace agreements are more durable when women are involved in writing them. That reducing the time women spend in poor health could add as much as \$1 trillion to the global economy by 2040.

And yet, around the world, women are seeing a tremendous upsurge in political violence and other threats to their safety, in conflict zones where rape is used as a tool of war, in Afghanistan where the Taliban takeover has erased twenty years of progress for women and girls, in many low-income countries where the number of acutely malnourished pregnant and breastfeeding women is soaring.

In the United States, maternal mortality rates continue to be unconscionable, with Black and Native American mothers at highest risk. Women in fourteen states have lost the right to terminate a pregnancy under almost any circumstances.

We remain the only advanced economy without any form of national paid family leave. And the number of teenage girls experiencing suicidal thoughts and persistent feelings of sadness and hopelessness is at a decade high.

Despite the pressing need, only about 2% of charitable giving in the United States goes to organizations focused on women and girls, and only about half a percentage point goes to organizations focused on women of color specifically.

When we allow this cause to go so chronically underfunded, we all pay the cost. As shocking as it is to contemplate, my 1-year-old granddaughter may grow up with fewer rights than I had.

Over the past few weeks, as part of the \$1 billion in new funding I’m committing to these efforts, I have begun directing new grants through my organization, Pivotal, to groups working in the United States to protect the rights of women and advance their power and influence.

These include the National Women’s Law Center, the National Domestic Workers Alliance and the Center for Reproductive Rights.

While I have long focused on improving contraceptive access overseas, in the post-Dobbs era, I now feel compelled to support reproductive rights here at home.

For too long, a lack of money has forced organizations fighting for women’s rights into a defensive posture while the enemies of progress play offense. I want to help even the match.

I’m also experimenting with novel tactics to bring a wider range of perspectives into philanthropy. Recently, I offered twelve people whose work I admire their own \$20 million grant-making fund to distribute as he or she sees fit.

That group, which includes the former prime minister of New Zealand, Jacinda Ardern, the athlete and maternal-health advocate Allyson Felix, and an Afghan champion of girls’ education, Shabana Basij-Rasikh, represents a wide range of expertise and experience.

I’m eager to see the landscape of funding opportunities through their eyes, and the results their approaches unlock.

In the fall, I will introduce a \$250 million initiative focused on improving the mental and physical health of women and girls globally.

By issuing an open call to grass-roots organizations beyond the reach of major funders, I hope to lift up groups with personal connections to the issues they work on. People on the front lines should get the attention and investment they deserve, including from me.

As a young woman, I could never have imagined that one day I would be part of an effort like this.

Because I have been given this extraordinary opportunity, I am determined to do everything I can to seize it and to set an agenda that helps other women and girls set theirs, too.

## August Highlights in United States Women's History

- **August 6, 1965:** The Voting Rights Act outlawed discriminatory literacy tests that were used to prevent African Americans from voting. Suffrage was finally fully extended to African American women.
- **August 8, 1969:** Executive order 11478 was issued by President Nixon, requiring each federal department and agency to establish and maintain an affirmative action program of equal employment opportunity for civilian employees and applicants.
- **August 9, 1995:** Roberta Cooper Ramo became the first woman to hold the office of President of the American Bar Association.
- **August 10, 1993:** Ruth Bader Ginsburg was sworn in as the second woman and 107th Justice to serve on the US Supreme Court.
- **August 12, 1972:** Wendy Rue founded the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE), the largest businesswomen's organization in the U.S.
- **August 14, 1986:** Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper retired from active duty in the US Navy. A pioneering computer scientist and inventor of the computer language COBOL, she was the oldest officer still on active duty at the time of her retirement.
- **August 23, 1902:** Fanny Farmer opened the "School of Cookery" in Boston.
- **August 26, 1920:** The 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the U.S. Constitution was ratified granting women the right to vote; it is celebrated as Women's Equality Day.
- **August 26, 1970:** Betty Friedan led a nationwide protest called the Women's Strike for Equality in New York City on the fiftieth anniversary of women's suffrage.
- **August 26, 1971:** The first "Women's Equality Day," instituted by Bella Abzug, was established by Presidential Proclamation and is reaffirmed annually.
- **August 28, 1963:** More than 250,000 gathered for a march on Washington, DC, and listened to Martin Luther King Jr's famous "I Have a Dream" speech.
- **August 30, 1984:** Judith A. Resnick was the second U.S. woman in space, traveling on the first flight of the space shuttle Discovery.

## Upcoming Community Events

### AUGUST 2024

Mondays & Wednesdays	Starting 08/26	<b>College of Southern Nevada Fall 2024 Courses</b> • Introduction to HVAC Electrical Theory & App • Historical Issues & Contemporary Society • Introduction to Medical Assisting • Fundamentals of College Math	From Late August thru December 2024 140 N Yucca
Tuesdays & Thursdays	Starting 08/27	• Phlebotomy • Composition 1 • Nursing Assistant Clinical & Lab	
Thursdays	Starting 08/29	• History of Rock Music • Public Speaking	
Fridays	Starting 08/30	• Copper Fundamentals	
Online	Courses	• Phlebotomy • Medical Terminology • The Body in Health & Disease	
Aug 1-16	Tue-Sat 10AM-4PM	<b>Nevada Traveling Art Show</b> Mesa Gallery	Fine Arts Gallery 15 W Mesquite
Aug 2-3	Fri-Sat	<b>Chamber 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament</b> Fri Reception at 3 PM • Sat Shotgun at 7 AM	702-346-2902
Aug 12-18		<b>National Tea Week in England</b> - Tea shares a long history with the Women's Suffrage Movement in the U.S. There is an interesting story about Catherine, England's first tea drinking Queen, on Page 10.	
Aug 13	Tue 5 PM	<b>Proclamation Making August 26, 2024</b> <b>Women's Equality Day in Mesquite</b>	City Council Chambers 10 E Mesquite
Aug 15	Thu 4-6 PM	<b>Fine Arts Center Reception and Award Ceremony.</b> Theme: <b>Desert Moods</b>	Fine Arts Center Gallery 15 W Mesquite
Aug 17	Sat 11 AM	<b>Virgin Valley History Presentation</b> By the Virgin Valley Heritage Museum	Mesquite Library Community Room - 160 W 1 <sup>st</sup> N
Aug 19	Mon 10:30 AM	<b>Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Meeting</b>	Mesquite Senior Center 102 W Old Mill
Aug 23	Fri 5 PM	<b>Palette and Pour Party</b>	Fine Arts Center, 15 W Mesquite

### SEPTEMBER 2024

Sep	All Month	<b>College of Southern Nevada Fall 2024 Courses</b>	Continuing from Late August
Sep 5	Thu 8 AM	<b>What's Happening Mesquite</b> at the Elks Lodge	Mesquite Chamber 702-346-2902
Sep 14	Sat 2 - 4 PM	<b>Mesquite Toes Tap Troupe Open House</b> Demonstrations and Free Classes	190 E Mesquite #C
Sep 17	Tue 12:1P AM	<b>Bells Across America</b> - Short Program honoring signing of the Constitution	Veterans Memorial Park 501 Hillside Dr
Sep 19	Thu 4-6 PM	<b>Fine Arts Center Reception and Award Ceremony</b> Theme: <b>Invitational</b>	Fine Arts Center Gallery 15 W Mesquite
Sep 21	Sat 8:45 AM	<b>Rotary Mudd Volleyball Tournament</b>	Eureka Casino back lot
Sep 28	Sat 4 PM	<b>Mesquite Arts Center Open House and Awards Ceremony</b>	Fine Arts Center Gallery 15 W Mesquite
Sep 28	Sat 11 AM	<b>Artists Association Pottery Studio Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting</b>	Fine Arts Center Gallery 15 W Mesquite
Sep 28	Sat 5 PM	<b>Kids for Sports Wine Fundraiser</b>	Wolf Creek Golf Course 401 Paradise Parkway

## OCTOBER 2024

Oct	All Month	<b>College of Southern Nevada Fall 2024 Courses</b>	Continuing from Late August
Oct	All Month	<b>Mesquite Senior Games Fall Season</b> Registration closes Oct 1	mesquiteseniorgames.org 702-345-3347
Oct 5-6	Sat-Sun	<b>Boulder City Art in the Park</b> at these parks: North & South Escalante, Bicentennial and Wilbur	www.visitbouldercity.com.events
Oct 11-13	Fri-Sun 10AM - 5PM	<b>Art in Kayenta Festival</b> Includes Kayenta's Street Painting Festival	875 Coyote Gulch Court Ivins, UT
Oct 17	Thu 4-6 PM	<b>Fine Arts Reception and Award Ceremony</b> Theme: <b>Beneath the Surface</b>	Fine Arts Center Gallery 15 W Mesquite
Oct 26	8 AM	<b>Sun City Community Garage Sale</b>	Various Locations
Oct 26	6 PM	<b>Love, Family Country Hoe Down Variety Show</b>	Various Locations
Oct	TBA	<b>Shreeek Reeka</b>	Eureka Casino Parking Area
Oct 31	Thu 5 PM	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat</b>	Casablanca Parking Garage

## NOVEMBER 2024

Nov	All Month	<b>College of Southern Nevada Fall 2024 Courses</b>	Continuing from Late August
Nov	All Month	<b>Artists Association Christmas Boutique</b> Open Mon-Sat from 10AM-4PM	Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery 15 W Mesquite
Nov 2	Sat 10AM-3PM	<b>Moapa Valley Community Resource Fair</b>	Clark County Fairgrounds Logandale
Nov 2-3	Sat-Sun	<b>Moapa Valley Arts Guild Pomegranate Art Festival</b>	Clark County Fairgrounds Logandale
Nov 4	Noon	<b>Lunch and Learn – Beehive Homes Presentation</b>	Mesquite Senior Center 102 W Old Mill
Nov 9	Sat 7:45 AM	<b>Veterans Memorial Service</b>	Veterans Memorial Park 501 Hillside Drive
Nov 9	Sat 10 AM	<b>Veterans Day Parade</b>	Mesquite Blvd & Arrowhead
Nov 9	Sat 2 PM	<b>A Country Western Jamboree</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Party	Virgin River Event Tent 100 Pioneer
Nov 3-10	Sun-Sun	<b>1,000 Flags Over Mesquite</b> Sponsored by the Exchange Club	Mesquite Rec Center West Field
Nov 27	Wed 11AM- 3PM	<b>Community Thanksgiving Dinner</b> Options: In-door dining, take out or drive through	Mesquite Senior Center 102 W Old Mill
Nov 30	Sat	<b>Small Business Saturday</b> – Sign up at Mesquite Chamber of Commerce	Various Locations

## DECEMBER 2024

Dec	All Month	<b>Artists Association Christmas Boutique</b> Open Mon-Sat from 10AM-4PM	Mesquite Fine Arts Gallery 15 W Mesquite
Dec 5	Thu 8 AM	<b>What's Happening Mesquite</b> at the Elks Lodge	Mesquite Chamber 702-346-2902
Dec 7	Sat 5-7:30 PM	<b>Friends of Gold Butte 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration &amp; Auction</b> 5-7:30 PM.	Fgb.betterworld.org On-line bidding starts Nov 22.
Dec	9 AM	<b>Jingle Bell Dash</b> – 5K and Fun Run	Rec Center West field
Dec 6 & 7	Fri & Sat	<b>Mesquite Toes “Christmas Show”</b> – 1 PM	Mesquite Community Theatre
Dec 19	Thu 4-6 PM	<b>Fine Arts Center Reception and Award Ceremony</b>	Fine Arts Gallery 15 W Mesquite



# Monthly Meetings & Ongoing Community Events

## MONDAY

2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon	6PM	<b>Ham Radio Club</b>	Airport Fire Station #2
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mon	11AM	<b>Artists Association Monthly Meeting</b>	Fine Arts Center Classroom

## TUESDAY

1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	Noon	<b>Brown Bag Cultural Series</b>	Fine Arts Classroom, 15 W Mesquite
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	2:30PM	<b>City Council Technical Review</b>	Council Chambers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall
1 <sup>st</sup> Tue	5:30PM	<b>Arts Council</b>	Fine Arts Classroom, 15 W Mesquite
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	10AM	<b>Conservative Club</b>	Veterans Center, 840 Hafen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Tue	5:30PM	<b>MFA Photographic Society</b>	Fine Arts Classroom, 15 W Mesquite
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	Noon	<b>Exchange Club</b>	Veterans Center, 840 Hafen
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tue	5PM	<b>City Council</b>	Council Chambers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	PM	<b>Amateur Radio Club</b> 801-643-4952	Airport Fire Station
3 <sup>rd</sup> Tue	6:30PM	<b>VFW Meeting</b> (Veterans of Foreign Wars)	Veterans Center, 840 Hafen

## WEDNESDAY

Every Wed	5:30PM	<b>Rotary Weekly Meeting</b>	Usually at the Mesquite Library
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	11:30AM	<b>Chamber of Commerce Luncheon</b>	Various Locations
2 <sup>nd</sup> Wed	5 PM	<b>Republican Women</b>	Veterans Center, 840 Hafen

## THURSDAY

1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	10AM	<b>Mesquite Public Arts Commission</b>	Council Chambers, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall
1 <sup>st</sup> Thu	6PM	<b>Elks Lodge #2811</b>	545 Riverside Rd, 702-345-2811
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	11:30AM	<b>Lions Club</b>	Veterans Center, 840 Hafen
1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thu	5PM	<b>Ms. Senior Mesquite Pageant</b>	Women's Center, 225 N Willow, #23
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	2PM	<b>Mesquite Caregivers Support Group</b>	Mesquite Library Learning Center
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	6PM	<b>Desert Fox Flyers Radio Control Club</b>	Beaver Dam Fire Station #1
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	9 AM – 1PM	<b>Rotary Mesquite Reads Book Sale</b>	College of So. NV, 140 N Yucca
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thu	Noon-5PM	<b>Blood Drive</b> <a href="http://www.redcrossblood.org">www.redcrossblood.org</a>	Rec Center
4 <sup>th</sup> Thu	12-1PM	<b>Toastmasters</b>	First Baptist Church, 830 E Hafen

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

Every Sat	9AM	<b>Desert Fox Flyers Radio Control Club</b>	
Every Sat	9AM-6PM	<b>IKA Greens:</b> Local food & produce sales	570 W Pioneer #101
1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	9-11AM	<b>We Care For Animals Pet Adoptions</b>	150 N Yucca, #1
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	5PM	<b>RAISE Mesquite</b>	Women's Center, 225 N Willow, #23

## SUNDAY

Every Sun	3-4PM	<b>Al-Anon Family Weekly Meeting</b>	Veterinary Clinic, 371 Riverside #A
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sun	11AM	<b>Love, Family Gathering</b>	Women's Center, 225 N Willow, #23

## Catherine, England's First Tea Drinking Queen

Catherine of Braganza was a remarkable monarch and one of Portugal's most beloved princesses. At the age of six, she was named as the future bride to England's Charles II, as part of an alliance between two powerful countries. It expanded the British Empire and maintained both countries' dominance in global trade.

When Charles's father was convicted of treason and executed during the English Civil War, Charles was exiled to France, where he stayed for eleven years until Cromwell's army was defeated. Charles returned to England and was crowned king on his 30<sup>th</sup> birthday, May 25, 1660.

In 1662, Catherine went to England to fulfill her marriage contract. This was very important for England because Portugal was wealthy and England desperately needed money to deal with their increasing levels of poverty.

Catherine's dowry included 500,000 pounds (\$125,000,000 today), free trade with Brazil and the East Indies, and the wealthy cities of Tangier and Bombay.



Catherine arrived in England wearing fashions that were dowdy and was a Catholic at a time when the minority English Catholic population was being persecuted. She was not officially crowned queen, since Catholics were banned from Anglican ceremonies. At first, Catherine struggled in the hedonistic royal court, but she was resilient and survived the political storm that threatened her status as queen consort.

Catherine participated in royal functions alongside Charles and engaged with the public, all the time maintaining her independence. She distanced herself from the whims of his many mistresses and illegitimate children and was respected and admired by many for her piety, good nature and morality.

Before Catherine's arrival, people in England rarely drank tea as a beverage. Small amounts of tea could be purchased at English apothecaries for medicinal purposes, but Catherine started the English trend of drinking tea by making it fashionable in the royal palaces and London's high society.

Beyond tea, her arrival brought goods such as cane, lacquer, cottons and porcelain. She revolutionized taste, manners, craftsmanship and history in both England and America. She also introduced the fork to royal dining. Prior to that, the aristocracy used only a knife, spoon and their fingers to eat meals.

Catherine supported women being able to dress as men did, and occasionally wore trousers and shoes. She hosted a daily Queen's Circle, a gathering of men and women for mingling, business, cards and conversation, where people came to see and be seen and hear the news of the day.

After Charles' death, Catherine returned to Portugal and served as regent to her brother Peter II and mentored his son, King John V of Portugal, who raised the Portuguese monarchy to new levels of prosperity, wealth and prestige among European courts.

It is believed Queens (a borough of New York City) was named after Catherine of Braganza since she was queen when Queens County was established in 1683. That is consistent with the original naming of Kings County (the borough of Brooklyn) after her husband King Charles II, and Richmond County (the borough of Staten Island) after his illegitimate son, the 1<sup>st</sup> Duke of Richmond.