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**Tanya Turner**, of Las Vegas, talks about some of her favorite women included in the Women's History Timeline at the Adam's

Mark Hotel in Denver on Thursday. It is the first showing of the exhibit, honoring 700 noteworthy American women.

# Women take their place in history

**100-foot timeline exhibit features 700 noted figures**

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From early American heroines such as Pocahontas to modern-day pop stars and corporate titans, women shared the spotlight in a new exhibit that made its debut Thursday in Denver.

The Women's History Timeline begins in 1587 with Virginia Dare, the first English child born on American soil. The gaps are large early on, with more than two decades elapsing before Pocahontas is lauded for her role in saving Capt. John Smith from execution.

The long and winding timeline extends more than 100 feet in length, and the panels of photos grow more crowded as the centuries pass. By the end, several women share the limelight each year.

The timeline will be available for public viewing in the Hirschfeld Gallery at the Women's College of the University of Denver, for a one-month showing starting Nov. 17.



The exhibit was illustrated by graphic artists at CH2M Hill and set up Thursday outside the meeting rooms at the Women's Success Forum at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

"We're standing on the shoulders of all these women who came before us," said Jill Tietjen, who researched the project for a book she is writing with Charlotte Waisman. "None of us could be doing what we're doing now without all these women who paved the way."

Waisman teaches a leadership course and works with a local consulting firm called the Athena Group, and Tietjen is an electrical engineer.

Tietjen said she suggested many of the women with science and math backgrounds, while Waisman championed women in the arts and literature. The rest they agreed on together.

There are 700 women in all, ar-

## Part of women's history

Included in the timeline are:

- **Virginia Dare**, the first English child born on American soil
- **Pocahontas**, who saved Capt. John Smith from execution
- **Susan B. Anthony**, above left\*, one of the leaders of the movement to grant voting rights to American women
- **Eleanor Roosevelt**, below left, human rights activist and former first lady

Source: Wikipedia

\*Photo from Library of Congress, Rare Book and Special Collection Division, NAWSA Miller Scrapbook Collection

ranged in chronological order. Some notable figures, such as Susan B. Anthony and Eleanor Roosevelt, make an appearance a few times. In one entry, the former first lady is recognized for breaking tradition by holding White House news conferences and inviting only female reporters.

There are firsts: The first American photojournalist, and the first black dentist both were women.

And there are entries celebrating such seminal events as the approval of a birth control pill in 1960. In 1800, there is an entry marking the U.S. achievement in having the highest recorded birthrate in the world at 7.04 children per woman.

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