

# Women Take Flight

Presented by the New England Air Museum in collaboration with the  
Ninety-Nines, CT WAI, and the CT Girls Collaborative Project

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**Alphabetical list of participants:** Nina Anderson (Corporate Pilot and Author), Anne Baddour (Experimental Research Pilot for MIT Lincoln Laboratory Flight Test Facility 1977-1997), Patricia L. Beckman, (US Navy Ret'd Commander/Flight Officer/Boeing Flight Test Navigator), Jessica Cox (First licensed pilot without arms), Kinda Eastwood (Air Force Mechanic/Pratt & Whitney Field Service Engineer), Dorothy Freer (US Navy Ret'd, Sikorsky Test Pilot), Patricia Harmon (Pratt & Whitney Engineer), Heather Howley (Helicopter Pilot with Flight School), Peg Noonan (Daughter of Stewardess on VS-44 Flying Boat in 1943), Marilyn Pearson (FAA Aviation Safety Inspector and Pilot), Emma Post (One of the original *Heroic Girlz*), Cindy Smith (Hot Air Balloonist), Sylvia Sofinowski (*Rosy the Riveter* during World War II), Sheila Thompson (C130 Navigator), Connie Tobias (Harriet Quimby Reenactor and Commercial Pilot), Terry VandenDolder (Air Force/Commercial Pilot), Samantha Weeks (Thunderbird Pilot Ret'd, AF Fellow), Katy Wegener (13-year-old Pilot), Rose Worobel (Senior Analytical Engineer at Hamilton Standard), members of *Women in Aviation International*, members of the *Ninety-Nines*

## Program

- 10:00 Museum opens with women at their stations in the Exhibit Hangars ready to meet visitors. Stations will be open 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:30.  
Touch Screen Program, *Women In Aviation* – (Kiosks in Exhibit Halls)
- 10:45 Reenactor Presentation – Connie Tobias as *Harriet Quimby*, the first woman to fly solo across the English Channel in 1912  
(Civil Aviation Hangar)
- 11:15 Presentation of *Heroic Girlz* – Four 11-year-old girls take on the roles of four historical American women heroes, including Amelia Earhart, and travel back to their 11-year-old girlhoods to discover how they became the heroic women we know today. (Conference Center)
- 12:00 Showing of the film, *Blue Horizon, The Women AirForce Service Pilots of World War II* - ArtReach-International (Conference Center)
- 1:15 Presentation by Jessica Cox, the inspirational 26-year-old woman born without arms who overcame her fear of flying by becoming a pilot.  
(Conference Center)
- 2:15 Panel Discussion - *Women outside the Cockpit* (Anne Baddour, Trish Beckman, Kinda Eastwood, Marilyn Pearson, Rose Worobel) Moderated by Pat Harmon, Pratt & Whitney Engineer (Conference Center)
- 3:30 Panel Discussion - *Women in the Cockpit* (Nina Anderson, Sheila Thompson, Connie Tobias, Terry VandenDolder, Samantha Weeks). Moderated by Commander Trish Beckman, USN (retired)  
(Conference Center)
- 5:00 Museum Closing