

The Women Who Built Omaha

A Bold and Remarkable History

By Dr. Eileen Wirth

In “The Women Who Built Omaha,” Dr. Eileen Wirth, tells the fascinating stories of the women founded or co-founded such signature Omaha institutions as

Creighton University, Joslyn Art Museum, Mutual of Omaha, the Nebraska Furniture Mart, the Malcolm X Birth Site and many more.

“We’ve had madams and suffragists, nuns and business leaders to say nothing of artists, teachers, nurses, political leaders, doctors, lawyers and civil rights leaders.” said Wirth, a professor emeritus of journalism at Creighton. “Who would imagine that we had a national cycling champion in the 1890’s or women bootleggers in the 1920’s?” Yet these stories have largely gone untold in local history – until NOW.

“The Women Who Built Omaha” received the 2023 Best Biography Award from the Nebraska Center for the Book.



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