

Lavinia Fontana

(1552—1614)

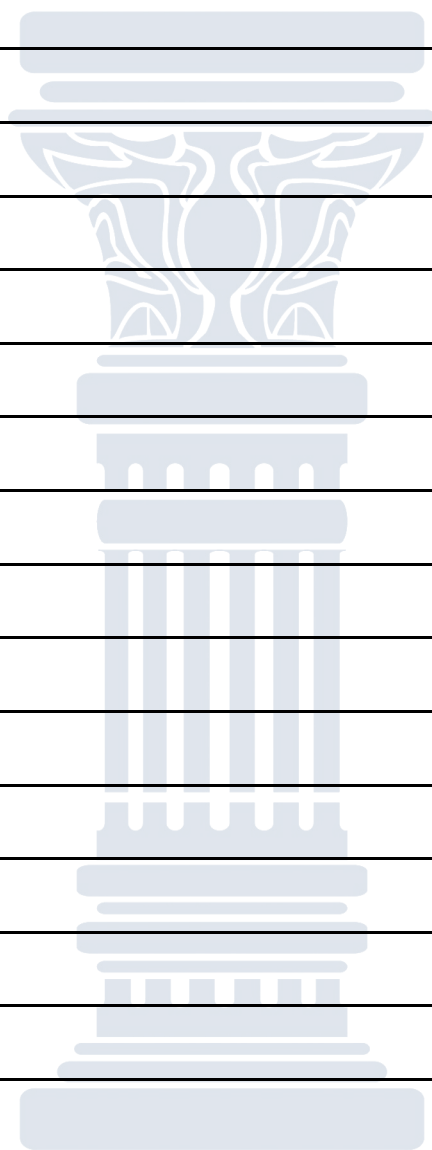
Lavinia Fontana was the daughter of an artist and teacher. Most female artists of the time were discouraged, but Lavinia's father taught her to paint. She was one of the first women to be commissioned for public paintings and even earned membership in the Roman Academy. She created the largest amount of artwork by any woman of the time, 135 works, but only 32 were signed and dated.



Anne Seymour Damer

(1748—1828)

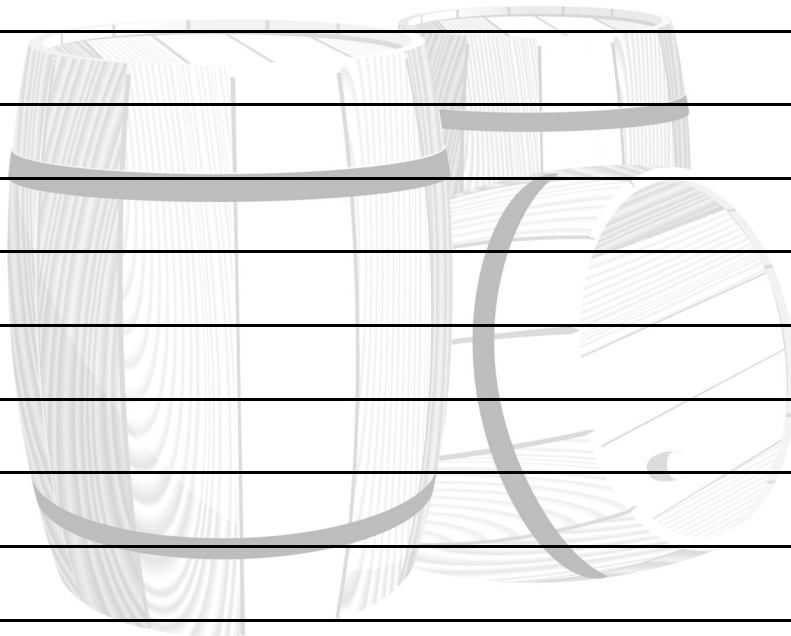
Anne Seymour Damer was born in Great Britain. As an artist, she loved to sculpt with clay and marble. She was so skilled that she became an honorary exhibitor at the Royal Academy in Great Britain. She is best known for two colossal heads she carved that were placed on the bridge that crosses the Thames River in Henley, England.



Betty Zane

(c.1766—c.1831)

Betty Zane was an American frontier heroine. She was at Fort Henry in 1782 when the British and Indians attacked the fort. When the men defending the fort began running out of gunpowder, she ran to her brother's cabin, which was nearby. Although she was shot at, she was not harmed, and she was able to bring several pounds of gunpowder back to the fort.



Jeannette Rankin

(1880—1973)

Jeannette Rankin was the first woman elected to the United States House of Representatives. She was elected four years before the Nineteenth Amendment was passed which gave women the right to vote nationwide.

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