



Granite is one of the strongest materials in the world, and New Hampshire – the Granite State – has no shortage of strong women to celebrate for Women’s History Month.

The Granite State is home to hundreds of women-owned businesses across several industries, from retail, to restaurants, and even art galleries and museums.

Ahead of International Women’s Month, see below for businesses across several industries, from retail, to restaurants, and even art galleries and museums, led by outstanding women:

Arts & Culture

- In Gorham, [Three Sisters Gallery](#) was opened by Diedre Blair in July 2021. The studio offers paint and sip, drawing, and knitting courses, while the gallery spotlights art from 15 female artists.
- In Littleton, self-taught artist Krista Doran opened [Marble Studios, LLC](#), where visitors can peruse and purchase her contemporary and abstract art.
- Housed in a Victorian campus in the heart of Concord, guests can visit [Kimball Jenkins](#) and tour the stunning architecture and gardens that have captivated the region for centuries. The property was donated in 1981 by Carolyn Jenkins, and now operates as a women-led 501c3.

Retail

- Opened by Clare Brooks in 2014, [The Little Village Toy & Book Shop](#) has expanded in both inventory and physical space due to popular demand from the local community for the selection of toys, games, and gifts.
- In the summer of 2020, published author, poet, and Dartmouth faculty member Rena Mosteirín added “local business owner” to her resume when she purchased [Left Bank Books](#) in Hanover.

Food & Beverage

- Celebrated for its whoopie pies and long list of celebrity visitors including Paul Newman and RuPaul, [Red Arrow Diner](#) in Manchester has been featured on *Diners, Drive-ins, and Dives* and in several of Manchester native’s Adam Sandler’s movies.
- Inspired by the wood-fired pizza native to Naples, Italy, Priscilla Lane-Rondeau opened [900 Degrees Neapolitan Pizzeria](#) in Manchester 15 years ago. The restaurant has since become an award-winning favorite, proving itself an authentic curator of fine Italian house-made gourmet brick oven pizza.
- Inspired by a trip to Italy, Linda Rubin opened [Frisky Cow Gelato](#) in Keene with the mission to serve the best gelato with local ingredients; today, 81% of the menu is sourced from New Hampshire and Vermont.