

# The Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum

# BIRTHPLACE BANNER

FALL 2013

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 16, 2014 | 3:00 PM**

*Susan B. Anthony's Annual Birthday Celebration*

Marjorie Childer's presentation will discuss the importance of Quilting and Quilt Circles through the Abolition and Suffrage Movements. Marjorie is a Quilt Historian and Expert from Central Massachusetts and teaches at Elms College. The Birthplace Museum will debut the Anthony Quilt and honor the women who hand stitched this replica of the LaMoyné Star Quilt. Location: Adams Library GAR Hall, Cake reception to follow.

**JUNE 14, 2014 | 3:00 PM**

*Wheels of Change, Author Presentation*

Sue Macy presents "Wheels of Change" a discussion based on the title of one of her books. This presentation will walk patrons through the importance of the bicycle during the Suffrage Movement. Location: Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum

**JULY 26, 2014 | 3:00 PM**

*James White, Temperance Reformer - Dramatic Reenactment*

This reenactment looks at the temperance movement and its objections to alcohol's destructive effects on individuals, communities, and the nation as a whole. This reenactment is presented by Mr. Denis Farley and will kick off the weeklong celebration of Susan B. Anthony in Adams, MA. Location: Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum

**JULY 27, 2014 | 1:00 PM**

*Postcard Exhibit Unveiling, Penny Coleman*

Penny Colman will introduce a new Postcard exhibit at the Museum. Colman, long time friend of the Museum and author of *Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony: The Friendship That Changed The World*, will speak about the Temperance Movement as the doorway to Susan B. Anthony becoming a reformer for Women's Rights. The postcard exhibit provides a look at period fashion, socioeconomic issues, satire/humor, and personal sentiments of some of the senders. Location: Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum. Refreshments served.

**AUGUST 16, 2014 | 3:00 PM**

*The Underground Railroad In Massachusetts, Steve Strimer*

"The Underground Railroad In Massachusetts" will be presented by Steve Strimer, the Executive Director of the David Ruggles Center. Strimer shares the rich history of the Abolitionists in Massachusetts, and the role they played in saving lives by smuggling the slaves to freedom. Strimer will also provide information about the David Ruggles Center to interested patrons during the refreshment reception. Location: Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum.

## MUSEUM & GIFT SHOP HOURS - FALL/WINTER

10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Friday, Saturday, and Monday

11:30 pm - 4:00 pm Sundays

Adults: \$6 Seniors \$4 & Students: \$4. Children 6 & Under: Free

Call to arrange private tours: 413-743-7121

## A NEW ADVENTURE FOR THE MUSEUM

SBABM Executive Director Colleen Janz was a big winner at the New England Museum Association Conference (NEMA) this November. What is this awesome prize you might ask? Well, it is Museum Trek by Trek Solver, valued at \$2,500. Museum Trek allows players to search for clues through a museum's exhibits, actively engaged in the Trek, using an app on their smart phone.

Each Trek is unique, highlighting museum-specific exhibits. Some Treks are scavenger hunts, while others prompt the player to follow clues on a set path. Still, others may lead players on a choose-your-own-adventure style story throughout the museum.

Those with the app can locate museums that participate, similar to geo-caching, enticing more Birthplace visitors.

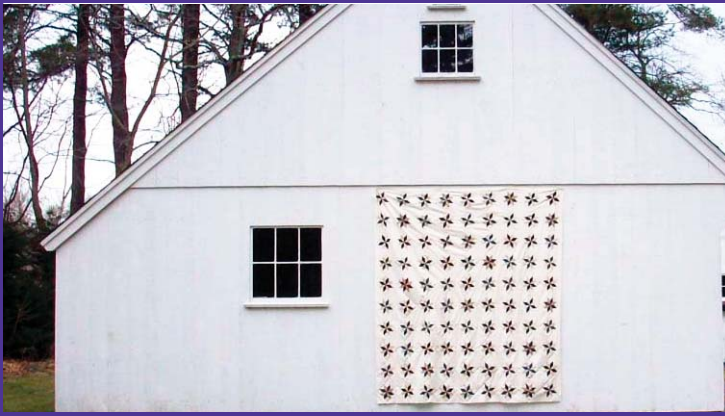
The SBABM will have an "Adventure" style trek where visitors will learn about Susan from birth through reforms, whereas the scavenger hunt model will be used for younger children.



The Trek Solver Staff will come to the museum, photograph the museum, design and prepare the trek with innovative clues and story boards, as well as educate the volunteers how to use the app. Promotional materials will be provided and will highlight the Birthplace's involvement.

The Birthplace Museum will reach out to our neighboring museums to join in the fun, some that have been extended an invitation are Mass MoCA, North Adams Holocaust Museum, The Clark Art, The Motorcycle Museum, the Quaker Meeting House, Hancock Shaker Village, The Hoosac Tunnel Museum, Bennington Museum, Crane Museum, Historic Deerfield and the Bidwell House.

The Birthplace is among the first to participate in this groundbreaking program and look forward to sharing this educational and fun opportunity with our visitors and the Berkshire community as a whole.



*The finished quilt displayed.*

## ANTHONY QUILT IS COMING HOME

The Birthplace Museum has been on a three-year adventure to create a replica of the LeMoyne Star quilt made by Susan B. Anthony in 1835 when she was 15 years old. Sixty-four quilters, many from the Berkshires, hand-stitched the top layer. Thirteen months later, when the women finished, they carefully boxed the quilt top and sent it off to the Legler Barn Museum in Lenexa, KA, for completion. Thirteen women worked on it there.

The eight-point LeMoyne star pattern is pieced with predominantly indigo and tan calicos with muslin backing that resemble as closely as possible young Susan's original fabrics. The original quilt is in storage at the Rochester Museum and Science Center because it is too fragile for public display.

The Birthplace Museum selected Kansas for the finishing phase of the quilt because two of Susan's brothers moved there to take part in that state's antislavery activities and because Kansas was one of the early states to give women the vote.

According to Cheshire, MA, quilter Gail Miller, who coordinated the project in the Berkshires, "Our quilters came from as far as Windsor and Bennington in the north and Great Barrington in the south."

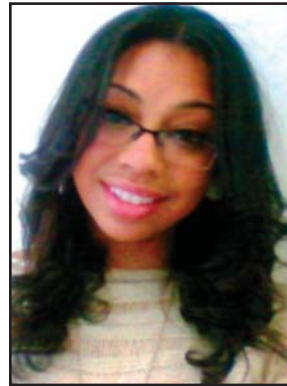
"We considered it an honor to finish the quilt for the Susan B Anthony Birthplace Museum," Jeanne Poore, project coordinator for the Legler Barn Quilters, said.

The quilt will return to the Berkshires this November and make its public debut at the Susan B. Anthony birthday celebration on February 16, 2014, at the Adams Public Library. After that, it will be permanently on display at the Birthplace Museum.

## INTERN HIGHLIGHTS

The Birthplace Museum had a wonderful group of interns this year. These college students assisted with research, programming, gift shop and tours and represented a variety of higher institutions including MCLA, University of Massachusetts, Iowa State University and Mount Holyoke.

AMARIS GONZALES - University of Massachusetts Amherst



**Area of Study** Anthropology major with a History minor.

**Aspiration** Become an Archaeologist

Amaris' project included the oversight of the Anthropological Dig of the Read Farm. Her work will be seen in the installation of the outdoor exhibit of artifacts collected during the dig, as well as a short history of the Read side of Susan's ancestry.

KATARINA HYATT - Mount Holyoke College



**Area of Study** International Relations and Women's Studies, with a concentration in gender violence.

**Aspiration** Attend law school

Katarina's project was research the divisions of the Suffrage Parties from the division between NWSA and the AWSA and then the division between the NASWA and the NWP. This research will be used for the temporary exhibit for our 100th Anniversary of Suffrage Celebration in 2020.

MELISSA SHERIDAN - College of the Holy Cross



**Area of Study** History major with a French minor.

**Aspiration** Attend Law School or Business School

Melissa gave a presentation to the public this summer about the "Effects of the Anti-suffrage Movement and the Suffrage Movement". Her work was preserved for museum use in the future, it will be a great tool for visiting local high schools, voting leagues and other community based programming.



**KENNETH MICK III - University Of Massachusetts, Amherst**



*Area of Study* History

*Aspiration* Theology Studies, I plan to follow in his father's footsteps after finishing my education and ministering to the poor in third world countries.

Ken's project was to make an addition to the Opposition To Restellism Traveling Wall. He researched additional information to place on a table-top display to further explain the importance of this movement and its historic significance. A recording will

be included which will consist of some of Susan B. Anthony's own speeches opposing restellism and will be narrated by our very own Lucy Anthony Czaja.

Visit our website for details on how to intern with the Birthplace.

**HANNAH MCCLEARNEN - Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts**



*Area of Study* History

*Aspiration* To attend graduate school and have a career focusing on women in the Civil War Era.

Hannah worked on a children's book about Lucy Read Anthony. Since many people visiting the museum ask about Susan's mother, Hannah thought this was an important project so that children can learn how Susan's mother was also an important figure in Susan B. Anthony's life, how she had so much to

overcome, which would also be a factor for Susan's determination and perseverance. This children's book was then illustrated by Rachel Peller, a fellow intern.

**RACHEL PELLER - Iowa State University**



*Area of Study* Women's and Gender Studies with a minor in History

*Aspiration* To obtain a Master's degree in Public Administration and to continue living a life inspired by early feminist activists.

Rachel spent two months interning at the museum. Her primary project was the research and writing of a book about the social justice themes within Anthony's newspaper *The Revolution*.

In addition, she created illustrations for a book written by fellow intern Hannah McClearnen.

**POETRY CONTEST WINNER**

The Birthplace Museum is proud to announce that our very own Board Member, Colleen Spellecy was the winner of the Women's Rights National Historical Park's Poetry Contest April 2013.

*Susan B.*

*Almost the measure two centuries ago  
In a Massachusetts town,  
Was born the soul of women's rights  
A girl of great renown.*

*Birtherd in the shadow of Mt. Greylock  
A spirit of fortitude grew.  
And virtues of justice and diligence  
Blossomed within her too.*

*Even in Battenville, now in New York  
Susan, so eager to learn  
Demanded to solve arithmetic  
Once only a boy's concern.*

Visit our website to read Spellecy's award winning poem in its entirety.



**SIGN US UP!** We want to become members of the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace - or- renew our membership.

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*A full explanation of membership benefits are listed on page 4.*

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## MORE THAN PETTICOATS

Author Antonia Petrash filled the Birthplace Museum with eager listeners on June 15, the Birthplace's first summer event.

Petrash discussed her books, *More Than Petticoats: Remarkable New York Women*, *More Than Petticoats: Remarkable Connecticut Women* and her upcoming 2014 release *Long Island and the Woman Suffrage Movement*. Each of her publications highlight the strength of the suffragists' souls, according to Executive Director Colleen Janz. "Petrash doesn't use the norms of history but rather HERSTORY. She uses emotions and human experience to bring the past alive rather than just facts and figures," Janz said.

Attendees were able to purchase her books for signing while asking questions of the Long Island resident and former librarian of 24 years.

## VOLUNTEERS... GREATEST ASSET& NEED!

2 hours. That is the time it takes to watch a movie or sit at home in front of your computer viewing funny videos of kittens or babies. Perhaps you have a couple of free hours now that your children are in school or off to college. Maybe you are searching for a golden opportunity to serve during your "golden years".

In order to keep expenses down we rely almost entirely on volunteers and the museum needs your help immediately. We are currently seeking docents, maintenance workers, gift shop workers and everything in between. Volunteer positions can be seasonal or ongoing, based on your preference.

2014 is fast approaching and is the perfect time to make a commitment to your community. Please call Colleen at the office to discuss the benefits of volunteering today!

## MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP: JOIN NOW

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$25

- Free admission to the Birthplace Museum for one year.
- Advance notice to any special event, such as a speaker, dinner, or wine and cheese evening, and a 10% discount off the price of admission

### FAMILY MEMBERSHIP \$50

- Includes all of the above privileges for two adults in a household, plus all under 18 who accompany them.

### SUSTAINER MEMBERSHIP \$125

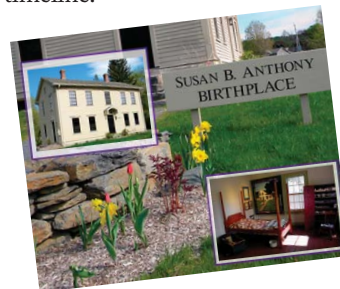
- Includes all the benefits of a Family Membership
- North American Reciprocal Museum (NARM) privileges. NARM membership extends the standard set of membership benefits to a network of over 400 other museums in the U.S. and Canada. A member in any participating museum gains the free admission and store discount of a museum member at that institution.
- Four complementary passes for use by other adults.
- An 11x17 inches copy of Susan B. Anthony's childhood image.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE BIRTHPLACE AT 413-743-7121, OR E-MAIL US AT [INFO@SUSANBANTHONYBIRTHPLACE.ORG](mailto:INFO@SUSANBANTHONYBIRTHPLACE.ORG).

## ABOUT THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

In 2006 Birthplace Museum founders took on the task of restoring the house, which had been vacant for 11 years and formally privately owned. The SBA Birthplace Museum opened in the spring of 2010.

This rural, Federal-style home, now listed in the National Register, contains a portrait gallery, legacy room, and birthing room — depicting family and work life in the early 1800s— as well as authentic period pieces, ephemera, and a detailed timeline.



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