

Through Susan's Eyes (A WCHS Fundraising Bus Tour)

In celebration of Susan B. Anthony's 200th birthday and the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment (allowing women's suffrage) we are happy to announce this year's special bus tour "Through Susan's Eyes" which will take place on Sunday, May 31, 2020 from 1 p.m. – approximately 5 p.m. The tour will visit sites in the towns of Greenwich (Battenville), Jackson, Cambridge, and Easton that were directly related to the Anthony family. Barbara Skiff will portray the young Susan and tell her story at each stop. For those of you who may not be aware, Susan and her family lived for 19 years in several locations in the Town of Greenwich. Her father was hired to work at the McLean mill in Battenville in 1826 where they built a beautiful new brick house. Unfortunately, the family lost everything in the Panic of 1839. They did not completely leave the area until 1845.

Susan started to teach in the area when she was only 17. She taught in one-room schoolhouses around Washington County in Greenwich, Easton, and Fort Edward. We will go by at least 1-2 schools where she taught that are currently privately owned as well as the school where she attended in Battenville. We will also visit the last site in this area that she visited in 1905 to place a memorial to her grandfather Daniel Read for his service in the Revolutionary War. We will also visit the graves of her grandparents, her younger sister Eliza Tefft Anthony and her nephew Anthony McLean in the Battenville Cemetery. Stops will be included at several locations where Susan held suffrage rallies as well as the Quaker meetinghouse where Susan was turned out into the cold one January night because she was not a member of the Friends. The last stop before we return to Greenwich will be at Burton Hall in Easton. There will be displays from the Easton Political Equality Club, Fort Edward Suffrage Club, author of "Strength Without Compromise" (the story of the Easton Political Equality Club) Teri P. Rogers and a very clever display for children of ALL ages featuring Playmobil figures transformed into suffragists by retired social studies teacher Cindy Whitman. There will also be hard cider and wine tasting featuring cheeses made with local milk. The bus will then return to Greenwich.

If tickets are purchased before May 1, the cost is \$45 for non-WCHS members and \$40 for members. If purchased after May 1, tickets will be \$50 for non-members and \$45 for members. Tickets can be purchased by calling our headquarters at the Wing-Northup House on either Wednesday or Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Tickets can be ordered by mail by sending a check payable to the Washington County Historical Society for the number of tickets you wish to purchase. Mail request to WCHS, 167 Broadway, Fort Edward, NY 12828 Attn: Steve Lapham, Administrator.

It promises to be a fun and informative afternoon. Don't wait too long before ordering your tickets. We have already sold 17 (the bus holds 55 people)