

Through Susan's Eyes Presentation

On Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Greenwich historian Sandy McReynolds and Hebron historian Debi Craig will present a program at the Historic Salem Courthouse Community Center on East Broadway in Salem.

“Through Susan’s Eyes” will take attendees to many of the locations in Washington County where Susan B. Anthony and her family would have been directly connected. The presentation will focus on Greenwich, Easton, Jackson and Cambridge. Many people do not realize that Susan’s family moved to Battenville (Town of Greenwich) in 1826 when Susan was only 6 years old and lived here in the area for 19 more years. This area is a virtual history book of the Anthony family but there is not a historic marker anywhere. Many of the events that formed Susan’s thoughts about women’s suffrage and rights were developed right here during her childhood and young adulthood. Learn about the sites that many of you drive by all the time without knowing the connections to Daniel and Lucy Anthony and their family, especially their daughter Susan.

Debi Craig is a lifelong resident of Washington County and immediate past president of the Washington County Historical Society. She still serves on the executive board. Debi has been working to save the Anthony house in Battenville since 2006. She is currently president of the NorthStar Historical Project in Greenwich, which preserves the history of the Underground Railroad in our area. In addition, Debi works to preserve the history of former residents such as President Chester A. Arthur and Susan Brownell Anthony. She is also on the boards of the Hebron Preservation Society and the Greenwich-Easton Historical Association. In her spare time, Debi directs two community handbell choirs in Greenwich and a 4th and 5th grade hand chime choir at Dorothy Nolan School in Wilton. Debi is the fifth generation of her family to live in their family home.

Sandy McReynolds, a lifelong resident of the Greenwich/Easton area has held the position of the Greenwich Free Library’s I.V.H. Gill Room Historian since 2013. This year, she was appointed Historian of the Town of Greenwich. Sandy is the Regent of the Willard’s Mountain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is also involved with several other historical organizations. Sandy is often seen driving around Washington County with her sister JoAnn and “niece” Jessie (a spoiled black lab) as they look for interesting barns to photograph and turtles to rescue.