

Warren and Washington County Suffragists: 1883-1920

The Warren County Historical Society is pleased to announce the February 11, 2020 opening of a new exhibit, "Warren and Washington County Suffragists: 1883-1920" running through May 26, 2020. An opening reception on March 18 at 6pm at the WCHS will be followed by a 7pm presentation by historian Tisha Dolton and educator Cindy Whitman showcasing their exhibit. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

This exhibition combines a 2017 exhibit of Washington County suffragists from the Old Fort House Museum in Fort Edward, suffrage history vignettes by Whitman, and exciting new research on Warren County suffragists by Dolton. The display focuses on the women and men of the region who worked tirelessly for the right to vote for women at the turn of the twentieth century. Narrative panels, photographs, newspaper clippings, and memorabilia depict the local fight for "votes for women" that culminated in the passage of female voting rights in New York in 1917 and the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920.

Two fascinating and historical dioramas created by Whitman portray a suffrage rally in Washington D.C. and a suffrage conference held in Glens Falls at Ordway Hall in 1900. Miniature figurines depicting Anna Howard Shaw, Carrie Chapman Catt, Harriot Stanton Blatch, Alice Paul, and Glens Falls suffrage supporters Addison B. Colvin and Mary Hillard Loines are presented in historical scenes.

Tisha Dolton, originally from Greenwich, is librarian/historian at The Folklife Center at Crandall Public Library in Glens Falls, NY, a noted women's suffrage historian and singer, Trustee of the WCHS, former public historian for the town of Greenwich, and co-founder of the Celebrating Suffrage in Greater Glens Falls committee.

Cindy Whitman taught Social Studies at Hudson Falls for 21 years and was a regional supervisor of student teachers for SUNY Plattsburgh for 10 years. She served as director of Christ Church Methodist Theater Guild for over 20 years and writes historical and biblical music and plays.

The mission of the Warren County Historical Society is to promote the history and heritage of Warren County and its environs by supporting research and preservation efforts and encouraging public participation. Chartered in 1997, the Society offers a museum and exhibits, a resource center, collections and archives, historical programs, research and genealogy, publications, a quarterly newsletter, student internships, community history, and a book and gift shop at 50 Gurney Lane, Queensbury. Open to the public Tuesdays and Thursdays 9am to 4pm, Fridays 10am to 4pm, and Saturdays 11am to 2pm. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter, or visit the website wcnys.org.