

Washington County Historical Association and the Fort Edward Historical Association Welcome Local Writer and Historian, Teri Podnorszki Gay, to March 13th Meeting



The Washington County Historical Association and the Fort Edward Historical Association will co-host a presentation entitled, “Strength Without Compromise,” by Teri Podnorszki Gay, a writer and historian from Glens Falls, on Tuesday, March 13, at 7pm at the Fort Miller Reformed Church. The church is located at 1239 Fort Miller Road. From Fort Edward, head south on Rt. 4 for about 8 miles, take a right-hand turn at the sign pointing to Fort Miller (there will be a gray steel bridge directly in front of you after you turn right). Follow the road bearing left into the settlement. The church will be on your right. If coming from Schuylerville, head north on Rt. 4 for several miles, there will be a sign pointing left toward Fort Miller (the sign will be on the right side of the Rte. 4) You will turn onto Lock Road on your left. (The Turning Point Wesleyan Church will be on the corner where you turn.) Follow the road around to the right into the settlement. The church will be on your left.

Teri will discuss her book about the history of the regional women’s suffrage movement, *Strength Without Compromise: Womanly Influence and Political Identity in Turn-of-the-Twentieth Century Rural Upstate New York* (2009). Focused on the women from Saratoga, Warren, and Washington counties, who fought for political equality and “votes for women,” this book shows how these local ladies embraced their femininity for “the cause.” With the centennial of women’s suffrage in New York State celebrated in 2017, this book is sure to re-awaken interest in the stories of the remarkable women of our region who worked bravely and tirelessly for female enfranchisement.

Teri is the Executive Director of the Warren County Historical Society in Queensbury. She graduated summa cum laude from St. Lawrence University in 1981 with a B.A. in Government and Teaching Certification in Social Studies Gr. 7 – 12. Teri did her Masters work at Central Connecticut State University. She was a social studies teacher in middle and high school, and for many years has worked as an historian and writer in Warren and Saratoga Counties, as well as serving as Malta Historian from 2004 to 2008. Teri is also a graduate of Leadership Saratoga, and is the proud mother of three grown sons and four grandchildren.

She is also the author of *Malta Memories* (2007), *Spirit and Presence of Place: Georgia O’Keeffe and Alfred Stieglitz in Lake George* (2013); *The Wife Who Came With Workboots* (2013), and (to be published) *The Last Seamstress of Fowler’s Mills*; as well as many historical articles in newspapers, journals, and magazines. For more information, please visit her website – www.terigay.com .

Teri will have copies of *Strength Without Compromise* (\$20) and *The Wife Who Came with Workboots* (\$15) available for purchase (cash or check) at the March 13th event. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Donations will be gratefully accepted to help defray expenses. Come to Fort Miller and learn about these courageous women who made history in our own backyards!