

The Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum

# BIRTHPLACE BANNER

SPRING 2011

## BUY NOW- BENEFIT BIRTHPLACE Birthplace Museum Launches Online Sale

The **Birthplace Benefit** features unique and everyday items local to the Berkshires and beyond.

Visitors to the **Birthplace Benefit** web page ([www.susanbanthonybirthplace.com/birthplacebenefit.shtml](http://www.susanbanthonybirthplace.com/birthplacebenefit.shtml)) will find unique and everyday items, including personal and professional services, restaurant certificates, sports memorabilia, and vacation property rentals. All items have been donated and all proceeds will support the newly opened birthplace of the world-famous human rights leader, Susan B. Anthony. The sale will run through Columbus Day.

According to organizer and museum board member Colleen Spelley, "We've made the sale as straightforward and easy as possible. Each listing contains a description and a monetary value of that item. The value listed is what a person pays. There's no pressure to buy, like in an auction, and the buyer knows that their purchase will directly support the museum and its educational programs."

Don't forget to check back in to the **Birthplace Benefit** webpage, as new items will be added throughout the summer. Have questions or want to donate an item? Please contact our business office at 413-743-7121.



## "Real Women" Essay Contest

Founded in 1986, the Real Women Essay Contest Task Force contacts Berkshire County Schools and invites their participation each year for their annual "Real Women" Essay Contest. The combined efforts of the dedicated task force and community support make this a successful yearly tribute to women's contributions in Berkshire County and beyond.

Leigh Harrington, Birthplace Museum Board of Director member, represented the museum at the event and participated as a guest judge.

SEVERAL ESSAY WINNERS SHOWN BELOW.



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## Calling All Quilters



**SBABM QUILT COMMITTEE MEMBERS.** From Left: Mary Balding (Adams, MA), Betty King (Cheshire, MA), Carole Lupe (Branford, CT), Connie Logan (Great Barrington, MA), Project Coordinator Gail Miller (Cheshire, MA), Barbara Hyland (Cheshire, MA), Carol Crossed (Rochester, NY)

The Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum's quilt committee has begun the construction of a quilt which closely replicates the one completed by Susan B. Anthony in 1835. The quilt is set to be completed later this year and put on display in the Birthplace Museum.

According to Gail Miller, Coordinator of the Quilt Project, the original quilt was completed in 1835 when Anthony was 15 years old. It is currently kept in storage at the Rochester, New York, Museum and Science Center. It is now too fragile to put on display.

Quilter Connie Logan of Great Barrington, MA, who has 41 years quilting experience, is volunteering to teach a class to non-hand quilters of the project. According to Logan, the quilt is particularly difficult to match because Susan B. Anthony likely used scraps from around her house.

Most participants in the project are from quilting groups from around Berkshire County, with many of the members gaining interest by word of mouth through friends. The group is looking for women who will participate in the quilt's construction. If interested, contact Miller at [gmsymphony@gmail.com](mailto:gmsymphony@gmail.com)



## MUSEUM & GIFT SHOP HOURS

**SPRING/SUMMER** (Memorial Day-Columbus Day)

10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Thursday-Monday

**FALL/WINTER** (Columbus Day-Memorial Day)

10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Thursday-Saturday

Call to arrange private tours: 413-743-7121.

Adults: \$5. Seniors & Students: \$3.

Children 6 & Under: Free

# MEET OUR BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM INTERNS FOR 2011



Carole Lupi

Residents of Adams and the surrounding area may notice a few fresh faces this summer, as the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum welcomes seven interns to its staff.

Birthplace Museum President Carol Crossed said some members of the Board of Directors had internship experience themselves and found it very helpful for their careers. The Birthplace Museum wanted to provide that opportunity to students.

"[The internships] were formative experiences that shaped their love of museum life, of history, of how to shape the future by engaging the past," Crossed said.

In addition to working on specific projects, interns will allow the museum to be open an additional two days each week during the summer, starting Memorial Day Weekend. With 24 applicants from 11 states around the country — as far away as Utah and Florida or as close as nearby Massachusetts towns and Connecticut — the seven interns will assume their positions over the course of the summer.

**Carole Lupi**, a native of Branford, Connecticut, is a senior at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, majoring in history with a focus in European history. Lupi is working in the Museum's Curriculum Program, developing lesson plans for children in grades 3-5 to meet Massachusetts education requirements for in-class lessons as well as field trips to the museum.



NanNan Li

**NanNan Li** is a junior at Williamstown's Williams College, majoring in studio art. Born in China, Li grew up in Utah. Her artwork has been featured in multiple art fairs, where she received awards for her abilities. Li will paint cutouts of the young Susan B. Anthony to be displayed in the museum's garden and yard.

Also from Williams College, senior and Williams grant recipient **Ari Kerstein** will develop a museum curriculum for high school students. As a philosophy major with a concentration in cognitive science, Kerstein is interested in pursuing a career in education. In the summer of 2010, Kerstein helped create an introductory philosophy class at Mt. Greylock High School in Williamstown, Massachusetts.



Ari Kerstein

**Devon Thorsby**, a senior studying Political Science at the University of Michigan, will work on public relations for the museum. From Birmingham, Michigan, Thorsby is an award-winning writer and editor for her school's student newspaper, *The Michigan Daily*.

**Lindsey Barrett**, a junior studying public affairs journalism and history of art at The Ohio State University, will join the staff later this summer as a public relations intern as well. Barrett is a member of her campus's *Mosaic Magazine*, an art and literature publication.

From nearby Cummington, Massachusetts, the museum welcomes **Taylor Bye**, a senior at Dickinson College in Pennsylvania. Bye has received a grant from Dickinson College to chronicle historical research for the museum. His focus are the products that came from Daniel Anthony's mill, Anthony family Civil War connections, and other historical topics. Bye worked in the summer of 2010 to restore a 19th century barn at Berkshire Barns in Dalton, Massachusetts.

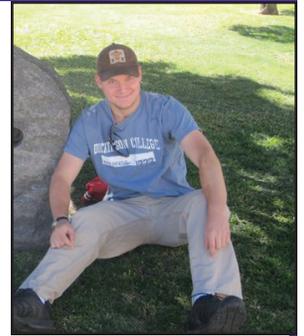


Devon Thorsby

**Victoria Tucci**, a recent graduate of Our Lady of Mercy High School in Rochester, New York, will be researching Susan B. Anthony's newspaper, *The Revolution*, in preparation for a museum kiosk. A published photographer, Tucci will attend Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the fall to study history.



Lindsey Barrett



Taylor Bye



Victoria Tucci

## LOCAL BUSINESSES PROVIDE FLAVOR & FURNISHINGS

Local owners of the **Miss Adams Diner**, Philomene and Ric Belair, reopened the Diner under new management on February 15, 2010, Susan B. Anthony's birthday. This coincidence was not lost on Philomene and Ric and they decided to create an edible tribute for the Foremother of Equal Rights. The "Susan B." wrap is layered with warm home fries, your choice of meat, a fried egg, and finished with a creamy hollandaise sauce. Miss Adams Dinner is located at 53 Park Street, Adams, MA. 413-776-7372.

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## JOIN US! BIRTHPLACE LECTURE SERIES

Come to the Birthplace Museum's lecture series  
**WOMEN, THE BERKSHIRES, & THE WORLD.**

All talks are held at 3:00pm, June through October at the museum, 67 East Road, Adams, MA (unless otherwise noted). Talks are free and open to the public.

### Sunday, June 5, Don Pecor

*"Opposing Equality: Different Attitudes, Different Outcomes."* Don Pecor is an adjunct professor of history at MCLA and a retired educator/administrator at Drury. B.A. North Adams State M.A. Siena College and an honorary doctorate from MCLA. Author of Secondary Curriculum Guide For Women's History published by Massachusetts Department of Education.

### Saturday, July 30, 2011, Paul Marino

*"Important Visitors to the Northern Berkshires"* A virtual "walking encyclopedia" of local history, Paul W. Marino is famous for his Cemetery Walks and local history tours, which he does with a sense of humor and showmanship, pointing out what there is to see, what used to be on a site, and backing up what he says with photographs, drawings, maps, and more than a decade of research.

### Friday, August 12, 2011, Carol Crossed

*Westchester Country Women's Equality Day Event* Westchester County Courthouse, NY County Legislative Chambers Rotunda 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601 Guest speaker: Carol Crossed, President, SBABM.

### Wednesday, September 14, 2011

*Williamstown Chamber Night* Mary Lou Beaudin and Sean Carollo will speak at Williamstown Chamber night. This wine and cheese event has a special event charge of \$5. For more information on event location please call 413.458.9077

### Sunday, October 2, 2011, Emily Button

*"Gender Roles in New England Whaling Communities"* Emily Button will discuss the ways in which whaling communities negotiated gender roles despite the separation of families. She will explore Native American and Quaker women's economic and social leadership in the home ports of New England, the creation of all-male social norms on board ships, and the new dynamics of American and Inuit cross-cultural interaction in the Arctic.

### Wednesday, October 5, 2011, Sean Carollo

*"Susan B. Anthony: House Museums in Berkshire County"* Sean Carollo, museum site manager, discusses why the home of an historic figure is often the perfect entrance to the details of their lives. This event will be held at 6:00 pm at the Bascom Lodge Series, located at the top of Mt. Greylock.

### Friday, October 23, 2011, Brian Lee, Ph.D.

*All Girls Allowed:* Harvard graduate and gendercide expert Brian Lee, Ph.D. is Executive Director of All Girls Allowed (AGA), a Boston nonprofit exposing human rights violations caused by China's One-Child Policy. Lee will discuss the book by AGA founder and Tiananmen Square activist Chai Ling titled *A Heart for Freedom: The Remarkable Journey of a Young Dissident, Her Daring Escape, and Her Quest to Free China's Daughters.*



## GET YOUR TREASURED TRINKETS SUFFRAGE JEWELRY MAKES DEBUT



Among our new gift shop items are a stunning collection of reasonably priced suffrage jewelry, some designed by Berkshire crafter Keith Bona and inspired in part from authentic vintage pieces exhibited in the Birthplace Museum.

A hatchet charm represents Carrie Nation's intolerance of alcohol, and is a sparkling emerald-green stone and gold handle. Nation, featured in the Museum's exhibit on Temperance, was known for using a hatchet to break bottles of alcohol in bars and saloons.

A stunning collection of British suffrage pins highlight the traditional green, purple and white colors that represent the call for woman's vote across the pond. These lapel pins match their historical counterparts that supporters of suffrage would wear to identify their cause at rallies and other events.

A banner pin with silver trim representing the Women's Social and Political Union (WSPU), and a gold lettered flag pin make a strong "Votes for Women" statement.

The unique flower WSPU pin highlights the efforts of suffragists with its memorable phrase, "Loyal Service: Deeds Not Words," written and outlined in gold.

## EXHIBITS READY TO COME TO YOU

The Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum traveling walls replicate historical photos and information on display in the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum in Adams, MA. These powerful education tools are suitable for Schools, Libraries, Museums, Historical Societies, Conferences/Events/Town Hall/Town Buildings.

Although all museum exhibits are slated to be reproduced as traveling walls, two have been completed as of January 2011 and have been on the road since production. The walls in circulation are "Opposition to Restellism" and the other is the SBA Amendment...Victory. For more information about the walls, or to schedule a traveling wall for your event, please visit: [www.susanbanthonbirthplace.com/travelingExhibits.shtml](http://www.susanbanthonbirthplace.com/travelingExhibits.shtml)

So far the exhibits have been featured at The Yale Club, New York City; Ashland Library's Documentary Film & Discussion Series, Boston, MA; Girl Scout Educational Outreach, Rochester, NY; State Capitol, Albany, NY. Other locations include Springfield, MA; Philadelphia, PA; and locally in the Berkshires.



From far left left : Girl Scouts view SBA Amendment Wall. Opposition to Restellism wall. Above: Board member Lynn Lewandowski discusses the early life of Susan B. Anthony and the 19th Amendment. Board member, and Anthony family descendant, Eric Anothony at discussion series in Boston, MA.

## MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP: JOIN NOW

### INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$25

- Free admission to the SBABM 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" copy of Susan B. Anthony's childhood image.

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E-MAIL US AT [INFO@SUSANBANTHONYBIRTHPLACE.ORG](mailto:INFO@SUSANBANTHONYBIRTHPLACE.ORG).

## "BRAZEN HUSSIES or CIVIC HOUSEKEEPERS: Who were the real suffragists?"



*Dr. Jennifer Popiel was the speaker at the February 13th talk and birthday celebration of Susan B. Anthony.*

## The Ralph and Margaret Anthony Memorial Garden

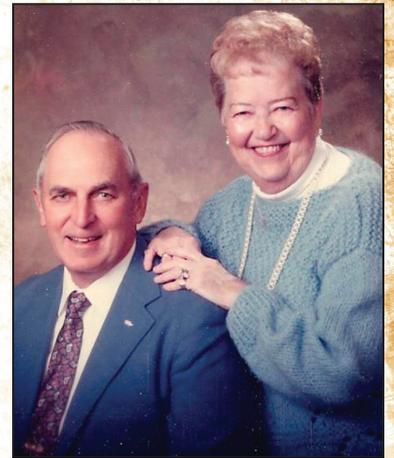
This summer the Birthplace Museum will create a memorial garden in honor of **Ralph and Margaret Anthony**, parents of board member and Adams resident Lucy Anthony Czaja. **Margaret (Haggerty) Anthony**, 90, passed away on March 14. **Ralph E. Anthony Jr.** passed away seventeen days later, on March 31.

Anthony Family descendants, Ralph and Margaret Anthony were both graduates of Adams High School. They married on July 6, 1946 and remained in Adams as active members of the community. Ralph and Margaret were honorary chairs for all events in Adams that pertained to Susan B. Anthony.

Margaret was responsible for creating Susan B. Anthony Days in Adams, an annual art fair held at the end of July that has run for more than 30 years.

The couple is survived by three daughters, Linda A. McDonald, Czaja, and Virginia Gajda, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

In her parents' memory, Lucy Czaja and the museum board will plant a memorial garden next to the Birthplace Museum. The Birthplace Museum is accepting donations for the garden. Donations may be sent to: The Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum, P.O. Box 244, Adams, MA 01220



*"I am honored and proud of the work my parents did in the community and grateful for the chance to have a living memorial at the museum's Anthony garden."*

*-Lucy Czaja*

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