

The Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum

# BIRTHPLACE BANNER

FALL 2012

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## EVENT CALENDAR

**Rachel M. MacNair, Ph.D.**

**OCTOBER 7, 2012 - 3:00PM**

Quaker Meeting House - Maple Street, Adams  
Rachel MacNair, Quaker, activist and scholar, will share personal reflections on Quaker values and discuss Anthony's Quaker roots and how they formed her passion for women's rights and her fight for equality for all. **Free.**

**Spider Hunt & Halloween Games**

**OCTOBER 31, 2012 - 5-7PM**

Join the museum for old-fashioned fun as we offer traditional Halloween activities like apples on a string, bobbing for apples and a walk through the house for a scavenger hunt- counting all of the scary spiders! Each child will receive a spooky good treat and a coupon for \$1 off adult admission good until August 2013. No fear parents, all events are suitable for young children! **Free.**

**Women Voters Celebration!**

**NOVEMBER 6, 2012 - 6-8:30PM**

Now that you cast your ballot, join us for a special showing of the film *Iron Jawed Angels*, the story of Alice Paul and Lucy Burns and their fight for women's suffrage. Commemorative t-shirts will be sold. Space is limited. **Free.**

**Victorian Christmas: A Collaboration of SBABM & The Sterling and Francine Clark Art Institute**

**DECEMBER 1, 2012**

**Guess who will be making a visit?** Some call him Pere Noel, Babbo Natale, Swiety Mikolaj, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, but you can just call him Santa!

Come see Santa, make holiday ornaments and candles, learn Victorian customs, and listen to carolers. Children will receive a special small gift from Santa and visitors will receive 15% off gift shop items. This event is in collaboration with the Clark's program *"Lions and Tigers and Museums, Oh My!"* Tickets will be sold at both the Birthplace Museum and The Clark.

**SENIOR TOUR AND LUNCHEON**

Seniors, join us for a museum tour and delightful lunch of soup and sandwiches! Contact the museum for more information or check out your latest Berkshires Council of the Aging newsletter. Transportation is limited, call now!

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON**

The Birthplace Museum will be hosting its annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon in January 2013. Please email Mary Lou Beaudin for details: marylou@susanbanthonybirthplace.com

**WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU DO!**



## BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM GETS SET TO GROW WITH NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Colleen Janz came onboard just this summer as the Birthplace Museum's new executive director, but already she is reaching out to all corners of Adams and the northern Berkshires. "My experience working with all ages has prepared me well for this job of making the Birthplace Museum a focal point in the community," she says.

Her previous work as a history teacher and outreach and program coordinator for the Girl Scouts has given her solid experience.

While in college studying American history at SUNY Cortland, she worked at a senior center and nursing home. In just a short time in Adams, Colleen has reached out to diverse groups to plan holiday programs, lunch tours, picnics, story hours and a leadership series for girls.

Raised on Long Island, Colleen lived and worked in Vermont, Florida and New York before coming to the Berkshires. She and her husband David have two grown children, Coleen and Meghan, and two young ones, Jenah, 11, and David, 7. In her spare time, Colleen serves on the parent-teacher group, teaches religious education and is a soccer coach.

Colleen and Susan B. certainly have something in common:

They have a lot they want to accomplish and only 24 hours in a day!



Check out our new YouTube channel **SBABM.**

While you are there, don't forget to "LIKE" our video

**Susan B Anthony Birthplace Museum:  
Opening a Historic Home Museum In 7 "Easy" Steps!**

## MUSEUM & GIFT SHOP HOURS

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

10:00 am - 4:00 pm, Friday, Saturday, and Monday

12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sundays

Adults: \$6. Seniors & Students: \$4. Children 6 & Under: Free

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

## LET'S HEAR IT FOR OUR INTERNS!



(From Left) Lily Crane, Cassie Garvin, Gale Harrington, and Miriam Manda

### LILY CRANE, COLBY COLLEGE

"For my internship I researched Quakerism, values and the influence of the Quaker religion on Susan B. Anthony's life.

Being raised by a Quaker father and surrounded, especially during childhood, by Quaker values had an impact on Susan's political ideas, especially those concerning the rights of women. My project resulted in a paper comparing several of Susan's major political views with the views common to Quakers. The summer internship was a great experience!"

### CASSIE GARVIN, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

"The Birthplace Museum summer internship gave me the opportunity to do my own historical research and turn my knowledge into a tangible final product.

I'm excited that the booklet I wrote and illustrated on women's dress and the suffrage movement will be available in the gift shop! It was a pleasure to work with the very supportive and knowledgeable staff. I will always appreciate the opportunities I had at the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum."

### GALE HARRINGTON, YALE UNIVERSITY

While at the museum this summer, Gale coordinated the Birthplace Museum's outreach to the Leavenworth, KS, area. She worked with the Legler Barn Museum in Lenexa, where the Susan B. Anthony quilt is on display as a living exhibit, as volunteers hand sew the batting and backing to the cover that was made by the Quilting Guild in the Berkshires.

Gale also made connections for the Susan B. Anthony historical performer, Jeanne Gehret, to visit historical associations, schools and museums to spread the Susan's message about Temperance, Abolition, Suffrage and her Opposition to Restellism, as Kansas celebrates its 100th anniversary of suffrage. Upon completing her internship, Gale created a display about the quilt at the Legler Barn Museum.

### MIRIAM MANDA, WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Miriam just finished an internship at The Presidio of San Francisco. A recent Wesleyan University graduate, Miriam will work on an archeological dig where Susan's great, grandfather Joshua Read's farm once was. She will do research on the Read family and the cultural dynamic of Lucy and Daniel's marriage in respect to the religion and social norms of the time.

Miriam admires Susan's strength and perseverance, and has seen these qualities in her own mother, who is Sudanese and studied pharmacy in Russia. Miriam was born in Zambia and lived in South Africa, where she attended grade school in a predominately white, private school. She then moved to Philadelphia with her parents and brother.

## MAGIC AT THE MUSEUM

Performances by Old Sturbridge Village's Robert Olsen kicked off the town of Adams' Susan B. Anthony Days in July. Portraying Mr. E.A. Davis, a magician from the 1870s who traveled the country entertaining families in private homes, Olsen wowed children and adults.

The event was funded in part by a grant from the Northern Berkshire Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

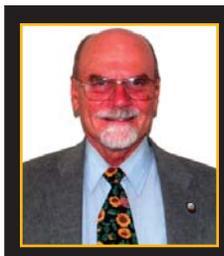
*"On August 3 Robert Olsen came to the Birthplace Museum to do a magic show. Olsen 'became' E.A. Davis to do some magic for his guests. His tricks were very amazing. Mr. Davis did a card trick, a ball trick, and a trick with a ring, where he made a man's wedding ring disappear! I think the best trick that E.A. Davis did was the card trick because each volunteers' card danced."* - Jenah Janz, age 11



## VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

### Sam Kissel

Brings Knowledge and Enthusiasm to his Job



Volunteer docent Sam Kissel is a history aficionado, especially for local history.

Museum visitors love his informative tours, stories of yesteryear and helpful suggestions on how to make visits to the Berkshires even more memorable.

When not 'on duty' at the Birthplace Museum, Sam enjoys hiking, his dogs and his morning coffee with friends at the Savoy General Store. He also likes to read about the Berkshires, Susan B and current politics. An active member of the community, Sam is affiliated with many other organizations, such as the Elks Club, Chamber of Commerce, Historical Society, and Norman Rockwell Museum, where he was also a docent.

Thank you Sam - your dedication to the Birthplace Museum and the Berkshire makes you one great ambassador!

Don't miss out on special events at the Birthplace Museum  
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# 2012 EVENT SERIES AT THE BIRTHPLACE

## PENNY COLMAN

Award-winning author Penny Colman spoke about her research, writing process, and the life lessons she learned while writing her book, "Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony: A Friendship That Changed the World."

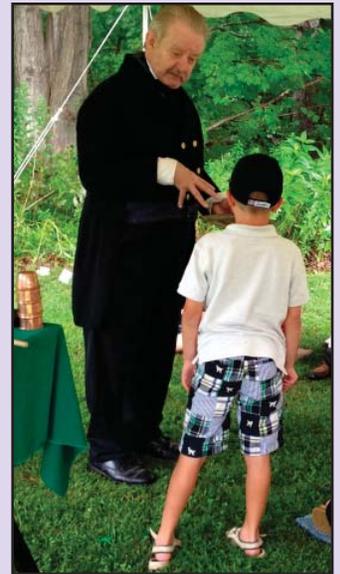


## SUZANNE SCHNITTMAN

Historian, writer and activist Suzanne Schnittman spoke about the 'super moms' of the 19th century, their daughters and the Women's Rights Movement. Mixing humorous stories with lesser-known facts, Schnittman revealed surprises about America's Founding Mothers and their daughters from letters they exchanged during a 100-year period.



Participants in the 2012 Event Series have included the Bob Warren Ensemble (above), Author/Historical Performer, Jeanne Gehret (bottom-left) and Historical Magician Robert Olsen (bottom-right).



This program is funded in part by Mass Humanities, which receives support from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and is an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Shopping for the Holidays? Don't forget to visit the gift shop!

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# MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP: JOIN NOW

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$25

- Free admission to the Birthplace Museum 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 inches copy of Susan B. Anthony's childhood image.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT THE BIRTHPLACE AT 413-743-7121, OR E-MAIL US AT [INFO@SUSANBANTHONYBIRTHPLACE.ORG](mailto:INFO@SUSANBANTHONYBIRTHPLACE.ORG).

## BE PART OF THE LEGACY: BECOME A VOLUNTEER

The Birthplace Museum is seeking volunteers for the fall/winter season. Positions are available in the gift shop and as a docent. Anyone interested in learning about and sharing the legacy of Susan B Anthony with visitors is welcome to apply.

Benefits include free museum membership, gift shop discounts and meeting lots of interesting people! If you are interested in volunteering or have any other talents/professional skills to offer, call Mary Lou, gift shop manager, at 413-743-3516.

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- Henry David Thoreau

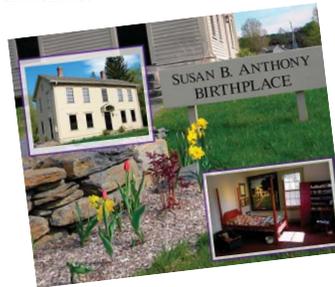
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## ABOUT THE SUSAN B. ANTHONY BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

In 2006 Birthplace Museum founders took on the task of restoring the house, which had been vacant for 11 years and formally privately owned. The SBA Birthplace Museum opened in the spring of 2010.

This rural, Federal-style home, now listed in the National Register, contains a portrait gallery, legacy room, and birthing room — depicting family and work life in the early 1800s— as well as authentic period pieces, ephemera, and a detailed timeline.



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