

## NOVEMBER'S FIRST FRIDAY EVENT

Join us for an educational reception:

# “Women’s Work: Textiles and the (Her)Stories They Tell.”

**SENECA MUSEUM**  
OF WATERWAYS AND INDUSTRY

An Evening with the Executive Director from the Susan  
B. Anthony Birthplace Museum

*Friday, November 6th, 2020*  
*Program starts at 5pm and the reception ends at 8pm*



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### CASSANDRA PELTIER

Cassandra Peltier is the Executive Director of the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum in Adams, Massachusetts.

Women are not present in many written narratives, and until recently in the US women’s valuable belongings could not pass reliably to daughters. This means students and scholars of Women’s History must innovate and compromise, learning through the material traces of women’s lives as much as through written word. Often textiles were the only way to pass on personal narratives, family traditions, advice, and identity through female lineage. When women could not speak loudly, publicly, openly, they could still communicate through fabric. Evidence of habits, travels, and financial standing can be discerned from the textiles left to us by previous generations: Structural seams in patches on quilts; Whether and where there are sweat stains; How carefully a tear was repaired; Mud on a hem; A cluster of scorch marks on the skirt; Tobacco in the pocket.



### SUSAN'S BLACK DRESS

Cassandra created a replica of Susan B. Anthony's black dress and that can be seen on our street-level top floor for the month of October through November 7th.



This talk describes the role of sewing in a woman’s life through the early 20th century and revisits the importance of recycling by passing clothing to younger family members, modifying dresses from decades earlier to fit current style, using old clothing that is too worn to create quilts or to stuff other household items, and using scraps for toys.



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