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### LET'S HAVE TEA: AN AFTERNOON WITH FREDERICK DOUGLASS AND SUSAN B. ANTHONY

SUFFOLK, VA (October 28, 2020) Reserve your place at the tea table with two iconic figures! In celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment and the women's right to vote, you are cordially invited to the Stillwater Tea House on Saturday, November 14, 2020, for tea, light fare, and conversation with the great suffragist Susan B. Anthony (portrayed by Lee Ann Rose) and abolitionist Frederick Douglass (portrayed by Nathan M. Richardson). The cost is \$30 for full tea service or \$5 for lawn seating (boxed lunch available for \$10 with advance order), at either 11am or 3pm. Social distancing restrictions apply; this is an outdoor, tented event. Tea hats, dresses, and Victorian finery are encouraged but not required. Advanced reservations required and may be made online at [www.StillwaterTeaHouse.com](http://www.StillwaterTeaHouse.com) or by calling 757-353-5694. This event is sponsored by Suffolk Tourism, the Suffolk Art League, and Stillwater Tea House.

Anthony and Douglass joined forces during the 19th century to fight for the causes of women's suffrage and abolition of slavery. Their friendship was defined by frequent conversations about women's rights over tea. Although their efforts to achieve universal voting rights for all men and women did not happen in their lifetime, the 15th Amendment (1870) gave black men the right to vote and set the foundation for the 19th Amendment in 1920.

Lee Ann Rose (Susan B. Anthony) is the co-owner of Shades Of Our Past, LLC, which provides historical education and entertainment ranging from America's founding to WWII. She received her Theater Degree at Davis and Elkins College; she also studied at Richmond College in London, England. Lee Ann is not only an historical interpreter but also a playwright, writing such plays such "Are We Not One," and "Back To Our Kitchens." She is currently doing a one-woman show called

“Stowaway on D Day,” about Martha Gellhorn. Along with Susan B. Anthony, she plays suffragist Victoria Woodhull and First Ladies Martha Washington, Mary Todd Lincoln, and Eleanor Roosevelt.

Nathan M. Richardson is a published author, performance poet, and Frederick Douglass historian. His poetry collections include “Likeness of Being,” “Twenty-one Imaginary T-shirts,” and “The 7 Last Poems of An Unarmed Citizen.” His work has been widely republished in anthologies, magazines, and newspapers such as *The Channel Marker*, *The Cupola*, *Coastal Virginia Magazine*, and *The Washington Post*. Nathan teaches a variety of workshops for emerging writers.

Richardson is now in the sixth year of The Frederick Douglass Speaking Tour—a living history performance in which he captures the complete physical and spiritual essence of former slave, writer, orator, and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. With more than 300 performances across the country, the series has also achieved film credits with the National Park Service, Alabama Public Television, and RTE-Irish Public Service Television. You can find more about Nathan Richardson and his work at [www.SCPublishing.com](http://www.SCPublishing.com).

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