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A Double Take on Lynching: Two Views

Oct. 27, 2 pm, Fisherman's Hall
317 S. West Street, Charles Town, WV



"Flag, Announcing Lynching, Flown from the Window of the NAACP Headquarters on 69 Fifth Ave." New York City [1936]. Library of Congress.

The topic of lynching in America has too long been overlooked. This talk features two compelling speakers--noted historian Susan Strasser and award-winning poet Marcia E. Cole, with two different 'takes'--one emphasizing facts and images; the other, a personal interpretation.

Susan Strasser's presentation is the second of a series of illustrated talks, *A White Historian Reads Black History*, helping people grappling with the important contemporary issues of race and racism. Marcia Cole performs her powerful poem, "A Bitter Suite," offering a personal, complementary approach to this difficult topic.

*Sunday, Oct 27, 2 pm, Fisherman's Hall
Charles Town, WV. Book signing at 3:15*

"Even for me, a 62-year-old African American who grew up in the Jim Crow South, Susan Strasser's talks are deeply informative and inspirational. I have a better understanding of the institutional and historical forces that resulted in African American enslavement, lynching, housing segregation and voting rights. Because her presentations encourage audience participation, I have learned how Americans of different generations perceive African American history and how they perceive the way forward to a more just society."— Sabrina McCarthy

For more info: www.susanstrasser.net