



## KENOSHA COUNTY GENEALOGY SOCIETY

*where we gather together to trace our lineage*

Originally from Pennsylvania, Jessica Michna developed a love of American history at an early age, visiting the many Revolutionary and Civil War sites in the area. Her love of both history and the theater was encouraged by an older brother. During her high school years she appeared in various productions and designed and constructed costumes. She was offered a scholarship to the Goodman School of Theater in Chicago.

Jessica's theatrical aspirations were put on hold while she raised a family of four daughters. She earned a degree in psychology from the UW and worked several years as a research and teaching assistant.

After several years in the healthcare field Jessica decided to return to her two great loves, history and the theater.

The result was the birth of "First Impressions". After almost two years of research, script writing, costume construction, and endless rehearsals, Mary Todd Lincoln was ready for her public. Audiences loved Mary, but wanted more. In 2005, Eleanor Roosevelt made her debut. In the fall of 2008, Abigail Adams joined the troupe. She is a lady from the 18th century to tell the story of the birth of this great nation. In the summer of 2009, Jessica introduced her first fictitious character, Sari (Ma) Semple, the Appalachian storyteller. Who will be the next? .



**Jessica Michna**

**Genealogical Speaker will present**

### **Mary Todd Lincoln—"Preserve the Union"**

Mary recalls her early years and education in Lexington, Kentucky. She tells of her move to Springfield, Illinois where she would meet and marry the young prairie lawyer. Mary introduces the audience to life in Washington, regaling her listeners with stories about her boys, including her biggest boy Mr. Lincoln. In this time of national strife, the Lincolns would suffer personal tragedies, concluding on that day in April of 1865.

The Kenosha County Genealogy Society is happy to grow our membership. We would love to have you as one of our members. If you are interested in researching your heritage, please join us:



**Monday, January 9, 2017**



**6:30 pm Registration, Conversation & Business Meeting**



**7:00 pm Program — FREE to the Public**



**Kenosha Gateway Technical College, 3320—30th Avenue, Madrigano Auditorium**