



# TOWNSHEND HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

## N E W S L E T T E R

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### A JOYFUL ANNOUNCEMENT

"A STITCH IN TIME: TOWNSHEND, VERMONT, 1753-2003" has gone to the publisher. The community's outpouring of materials, journals, and photographs, plus personal interviews has created a well-documented history that will stand the test of time. Castle Freeman Jr.'s contribution as principal writer is notable. The result is a 288 page, hardcover book of the highest quality possible. After seeing a galley proof, Archer Mayor said, "War, politics, the economy, and a coterie of social issues are all addressed here, clearly, insightfully, and with a wonderful touch of humor."

The anticipated publisher's bill seems staggering to us, and we need to sell more than 500 copies to break even. The price of \$25.00 per book is lower than we ought to have charged, but we wanted everyone to own a copy and buy copies for children and grandchildren. Please help us by ordering pre-publication copies using the coupon herewith, or come to the Townshend Library on Saturday morning April 26th between 10 AM and 1 PM to reserve your copies. If you make a donation above the purchase price of \$25.00 it will be dedicated solely to paying the publisher's bill. Thank you in advance for your support.

## T O W N S H E N D

### TOWNSHEND VERMONT 250TH CELEBRATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Saturday June 7, 2003

10:00 AM - Strolling with the Heifers parade in Brattleboro. Townshend 250th committee float in the parade and a booth on the Brattleboro common.

#### Saturday June 7 and Saturday June 14

Karl Decker Photo Exhibition - "The People of Townshend" will be displayed at the Townshend Country Inn, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Call (802) 365-4141 for additional information.

#### Sunday June 8 and Saturday June 14

Throughout the day group photos of 6 to 10 townspeople at a time will be taken on the common and will include all residents of Townshend.

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Time Capsule to be opened in 50 years - Each family in town can place one small item in the time capsule, which will be available in the town offices until Saturday, June 14th.

#### Sunday June 8

11:00 AM - Church service on the common by Townshend's four churches.

12:00 PM - Pot Luck Lunch on the common. To attend, please bring a dish to feed a minimum of 6 and don't forget to bring your chair!

1:00 PM - Band Concert presented by the 40th Army National Guard Band. Bring your chair or blanket.

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### Tours of Cemeteries and old Cellar Holes

Cemetery Tours - Sunday 3:00 PM; Wednesday 10:00 AM (adults only) and 3:00 PM (families)

Cellar Hole Tours - Monday 10:00 AM; Thursday 10:00 AM (adults only) and 3:00 PM (families)

Town cemetery maps are available in the Selectman's Office.

### Friday June 13

6:00 to 8:30 PM - Town Picnic at Townshend Lake. Results of the scavenger hunt will be announced.

8:30 PM - Awesome fireworks display at the dam. Parking is available by the beach.

### Saturday June 14

10:00 AM - Town parade.

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM - on the common

Major exhibit of present day local products, arts and crafts to include: sheep cheese, painted glass, lenses, furniture,

violins, wood chairs, toys, maple syrup, vegetables, fruits, painting and art works, crafts, pottery and quilts.

Old time crafts, spinning demonstrations and a petting zoo.

Food sold courtesy of the Ladies Church Circle.

Souvenir envelopes with commemorative postal date stamp will be on sale.

Townshend Historical Society's history book, "A Stitch in Time," will be on sale.

5:00 to 7:00 PM - A down-home Vermont country ham dinner, \$5.00 per person. Ceremonial sealing of our time capsule and cutting of our birthday cake.

Free parking available in town!

Town Office hours: Mon; Tues; Wed; Thurs; 9AM to 4 PM -

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## PRE-ORDER FORM FOR "A STITCH IN TIME: TOWNSHEND, VERMONT, 1753-2003" Hardcover book of Townshend's History

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of "A Stitch in Time: Townshend, Vermont, 1753-2003."

I understand this is a pre-publication order and that books will be available in June 2003. The book is hardcover, with 288 pages and many photographs.

PRICE PER BOOK @ \$25.00: \_\_\_\_\_ . SHIPPING ADD \$5.00 PER BOOK: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to make a donation above the book price in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This money will go directly towards publisher's bill and will be very welcomed by the Townshend Historical Society.

TOTAL HEREWITH: FOR BOOKS \_\_\_\_\_; FOR DONATION \_\_\_\_\_;

You will receive a written receipt by mail.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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