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OCT. 28TH MEETING WILL FEATURE A READING FROM LUCY TYLER'S JOURNAL ABOUT HER GRANDFATHER JOSEPH TYLER, TOWNSHEND'S FIRST SETTLER.

The journal was recently acquired, via eBay, and contains lively details about Tyler's life, including his service in the Revolutionary War with General Samuel Fletcher, and his adventures making a home in Townshend as early as 1764. We believe homestead land costs at the time were "four and sixpence," or seventy cents per acre.

On display in the Town Hall will be the recently restored Charter of Johnson's Gore (later Acton) of approximately 5,000 acres, now incorporated as part of Townshend, and the incorporation papers and early minutes of Leland and Gray Seminary. Informal descriptions of these important artifacts will be given by Townshend Historical Society members.

Mark your calendars for Sunday afternoon, October 28th at 2:30 PM in the Town Hall. This meeting is all about Townshend's history and should prove interesting to all.

AMERICAN IMPRESSIONIST LUCY HARIOT BOOTH'S PAINTINGS OF TOWNSHEND AND THE WEST RIVER VALLEY ARE NOW ON EXHIBIT AT THE TAFT HILL COLLECTION AND FINE ART GALLERY THROUGH OCTOBER 29TH.

In 1895, Booth studied with renowned American Impressionist Theodore Robinson. It was while studying under Robinson that Booth painted some of her finest landscapes, capturing the Vermont hills in vibrant colors of blues, greens, tans and pinks.

Robinson's influence is undeniable in the broken dashes of color and the angular composition and brushstrokes. Robinson died in New York City in 1896. Booth returned to Townshend in 1904 and later built a house above Willard's Mill in Harmonyville. She lived in that house until her death in 1952 at the age of 82. She is buried in Oakwood Cemetery.

Taft Hill Collection and Fine Art Gallery is located one mile south of the Townshend Common at 1096 Route 30. The gallery is open daily from 10 to 5.



Lucy painting by the pond, children looking on

A SURPRISE THIS YEAR – NO 2008 THS CALENDARS, INSTEAD A COLLECTION OF FIVE OF OUR MOST CHARMING PHOTOS PRINTED ON PLAIN WHITE NOTE CARD STOCK WITH ENVELOPES.

The annual calendar proved to be an artistic success and a financial loss, and we have selected instead an assortment of five very attractive photos, ready for mailing with your personal message. The package of five sells for \$10.00 and will be available at the Pumpkin Festival on the Common, Saturday, Oct. 13th.

If you want to order cards by mail, fill out the blank herewith. We will mail the cards to you without additional charge, so please send your order as soon as possible. You may pay your dues and buy cards with the same check to the same address. We want it to be as easy as possible. See order form herewith.



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Dues fund our regular operations, and your continued membership is greatly valued. Donations above the dues amount are deductible as permitted by law.

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