



TOWNSHEND HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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CELEBRATE OUR SEVENTH YEAR Annual Meeting JULY 14, 2005 – 7:00 PM – TOWNSHEND TOWN HALL

Clarina Howard Nichols carried her passion for justice, women's rights, temperance and abolition from the hills of Vermont to Kansas and California, traveling and speaking in numerous other states along the way.

In 1852, she became the first woman to address the Vermont State Legislature. It was a historic evening, only one among many in her career.

Upon her death in January 1885, the *Ukiah Press* said "In Memoriam – Thus has peacefully passed away one of the brightest female intellects of the present century; one who has left her imprint upon the constitution of one State and the laws of several."

HISTORIAN MARILYN "LYN" BLACKWELL will share with us her extensive research on Nichols and insights into the dynamics that motivated her. It is a remarkable story.

Blackwell, who earned her doctorate in United States history from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, teaches at Community College of Vermont. She has written numerous articles on women's rights campaigns, beginning in the 1850s.

Susan B. Anthony and Clarina Howard Nichols were devoted friends as well as workers together in the temperance and suffrage movements. In 1882, Clarina wrote to Susan, "...it seems to me that we two more than any I know live in this woman movement because we see in it the divine development of humanity as a whole."
(from Elizabeth Cady Stanton, et al, *History of Woman Suffrage*, vol.3, 48-50 (New York, 1882) – Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe

THS SPONSORS TRIP TO
WADSWORTH ATHENEUM IN
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

By special arrangement we are offering an all-day trip on August 11th to view Theodore Robinson's paintings at the Wadsworth Atheneum.

A native Vermonter, Robinson is well known as an American Impressionist painter. His work is being shown together with selected paintings of Claude Monet.

More information on the flyer enclosed.

TOWN HALL ARCHIVAL COMMITTEE BEGINS WORK

A THS committee will inventory and catalog, according to Library of Congress standards, the contents of the Townshend Town Hall vault. This monumental task is expected to take several months. Archival materials will be provided for protection whenever possible.

OTHER ACTIVITIES?

Tell us what else you would like us to do.

Trustees meet the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Townshend Library.



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DUES FOR OUR 7TH YEAR ARE PAYABLE NOW. We use these funds for postage, printing and other small expenses. The price is right, so please continue as members.

Individual \$5.00 Family \$10.00 Patron \$ 100.

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