

2009 Exhibit "Isabel Howland's Legacy"

Isabel Howland, granddaughter of Slocum and niece of Emily, was active in the suffragist movement, traveled the world extensively and made her home in Sherwood.

This year's exhibit will include photographs, letters, and other materials from her life as well as original architectural blueprints of her Sherwood home as drawn by Albert L. Brockway for the early 20th century expansion of the home originally built by her father William. Long-time residents may remember having attended events at Isabel's home. The rest of us will be able to view numerous photographs of the home's interior and its wonderfully maintained exterior grounds.

What's New at the Museum?

- Many are aware that the HSSM acted on an opportunity to acquire the Isabel Howland property in the fall of 2008. What had once been a showplace in the hamlet of Sherwood, the home and its grounds had been abandoned for nearly thirty years and left to the ravages of weather and intruders. An *ad hoc* committee has been appointed, to propose a viable plan to for appropriate use of the property.
- Thanks to the new heating system, our accessioning project (documenting our collections and assigning numbers to items) has made great strides during the winter months. We have completed work on most of the archival materials and soon will move on to "artifacts" and "library."
- Additional posters have been shrink-wrapped to allow for their display.
- Work will continue this season on exterior cobblestones and foundation and much-needed repairs to the basement entrance.

The Howland Stone Store Museum

The store was built in 1837 by Slocum Howland and is important as a graceful and virtually unaltered example of a simple Greek revival cobblestone building. Slocum, who arrived in this area in 1798 with his parents, was a devoted Quaker, wool buyer and entrepreneur, anti-slavery advocate, local banker, large landowner, prohibitionist, and local leader. His daughter, Miss Emily, was avidly involved in women's rights, temperance, education, world peace, abolition, Political Equality clubs, and rights for Negroes. Members of the Howland family maintained the store for a hundred years.

The building served as a store from 1837-1881. When "the block" next door was built, the cobblestone store was relegated to storage use. In 1942, it was renovated to accommodate a library and museum of the items that had been collected by Miss Emily and Isabel Howland, her niece, during their travels. For twenty-three years, Mrs. Alice Koon oversaw the library and museum; upon her death the building and its contents were left to the Cayuga Museum in Auburn, NY. In 1987, the Cayuga Museum wished to divest itself of the Cobblestone Store, at which time the Friends of the Howland Stone Store was formed and accepted ownership. The group charged itself to maintain the store as a vital part of the community—a tangible reminder of history and the many causes supported by the Howland family.

In April 1996, the Howland Stone Store Museum was granted an Absolute Charter by the New York State Board of Regents.

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Box 124, Aurora, NY 13026
www.HowlandStoneStore.org

Programs for 2009

*All meetings and socials will take place at the museum. This year most programs have been scheduled for **7:00 pm**. Though donations are gratefully accepted, entrance to The Howland Stone Store Museum and its programs are free unless otherwise indicated.*

May 17, 2009 7:00 p.m.

"Historic Markers of southern Cayuga County"

How many times have you wondered why there are so many historical markers posted along our roads? What are the stories behind those so briefly written texts? Members of Trustee Barbara Casper's 2007 SCCS Local History class will present their class project, explain how it was conducted, and describe what they learned along the way. They have published their research and booklets will be available for purchase.

The annual meeting of HSSM will be conducted prior to the program and will include presentation of the budget and election of trustees.

Sunday, June 21, 2009 2-5:00 p.m.

"A Circle of Friends"

Our fundraiser this year will focus on a number of houses and historical sites related to the Howland family. Houses open for touring will be Emily Howland's first school, Jethro Wood's home, and the Sherwood Road Howland residence. Cemeteries in which Howlands are buried and additional drive-by sites will be included on your map. Tickets and map will be available at the HSSM. Donation is \$5 per person.

July 19, 2009 7:00 p.m.

"Albert Brockway -Miss Isabel's Architect"

Beth Crawford, a senior associate and project manager for Crawford & Sterns Architects and Preservation Planners, will recount the history and architectural career of the classically trained, turn-of-the-century architect, Albert L. Brockway. His 19th century design for Isabel Howland's home in Sherwood is a particularly fine example of Colonial Revival architecture. Ms Crawford will show examples of his work as well as photos and blueprints of "Opendore."

August 23, 2009 7:00 p.m.

"Lincoln and Seward- Rivals/ Colleagues/ Friends"

Learn more about the backgrounds of Abraham Lincoln and William H. Seward and the relationship between them. Paul McDonald will present this program.

September 27, 2009 2:00 p.m.

"The Beautiful Soul of John Woolman, Apostle of Abolition?"

John Woolman is recognized as the founding leader in the abolitionist movement, but little has been understood about him beyond his formulaic autobiography. Thomas J. Slaughter, professor of history at the University of Rochester, is inspired to explore historical events from an unconventional viewpoint. His biography of Woolman is described as "gripping as a suspense story and simultaneously heartbreaking." This program offers a unique opportunity to understand the

Quaker social reform movement from its earliest beginnings. **Note the 2:00 pm start!**

October 25, 2009 7:00 p.m.

"Why They Look Different: Shaker Barn-Building in the 1850s"

In the mid-19th century farmers in New York and the New England states built large dairy barns based on popular interest in "scientific farming" principles. Shaker builders, however, were outsized four-level structures larger than anything built by their neighbors. Lauren Stiles, an independent scholar interested in Shaker architecture and agriculture, will talk about how the design developed and how it differed from other barns.

Sunday, November 15, 2009 4:00 pm

"Be a Party to Miss Emily's 182nd Birthday"

Last year there was an impromptu gathering to celebrate Emily Howland's birthday (November 20). This year everyone is invited to celebrate the natal anniversary of a benefactor of schools, the women's rights movement, and the hamlet of Sherwood. Join us for refreshments and brief remarks.

Group Tours If your club or group would like a special tour of the Howland Stone Store Museum (outside of regular hours), we would be happy to accommodate you. Please contact us via the postal address or phone number listed on the front of this brochure.