

THE CLARA BARTON BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM

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Dear Jessa,

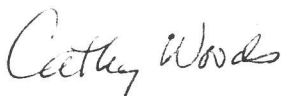
The Clara Barton Birthplace Museum would like you to do a portrayal of Clara this fall as the centerpiece of a special event. Last spring you invited me to see your portrayal of Clara at a nurses group's meeting. You beautifully captured the quiet, compassionate woman known to many as "the angel of the battlefield."

The Quinebaug Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor is promoting a region-wide Walking Weekend from October 7 through 9, the Columbus Day weekend. An "Open House at Clara Barton Camp and Birthplace Museum" is scheduled for Monday afternoon, October 9. Beginning at noon people are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and dine on the lawn behind the house or in the camp's dining hall, depending on the weather. Your presentation will begin at 1 pm, followed by a short description of Clara Barton Camp's programs. Visitors can then take a guided, easy walk through camp and visit the museum, where we hope "Clara" can stay to chat as she did during her last visit. Admission is \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for children ages 5 through 12, and free for children under five. Walkers can supplement their picnics with cider and cookies which will be available for sale.

When we discussed this earlier in the summer, you estimated a 45-minute formal presentation including questions, followed by the informal portrayal, would total a full three hours.

On a separate note, the Worcester Women's History Project does indeed have a variety of events scheduled for the Women 2000 Convention weekend. The museum will have a booth in the Convention Center on Saturday; it's sure to be an interesting and informative symposium.

Yours,



Cathy Woods
Curator