

Portrayal brings local heroine to life

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Audience members were privy to an amazing performance by Sheryl Faye portraying Clara Barton at the Oxford Public Library. This one-woman show was full of facts, fun, and fantastic costume changes.

Clara Barton was born in Oxford in 1821. She was a Civil War nurse and founder of the American Red Cross. Barton was an intriguing woman and Faye paid her a great tribute by bringing Barton back to her home town to share her story.

Faye told tales through her interactive and expansive performance. She related facts and made the character come to life with her delightful attitude and dedication to the character. Faye brings history back to life in her acts, and it means so much to portray Clara Barton in her home town of Oxford.

"I had performed Clara Barton here at the library years ago. Many people liked my performance and by request, they wanted me back," says Faye.

Faye brought Clara Barton



Sheryl Faye portrays Clara Barton

back through time with spirit and an expansive knowledge of the woman Barton was. Faye wants to bring all the women she portrays back to life and teach as many young students

as she can.

Gracie Scott, age 11, was in attendance and loved the performance. Scott says, "I really enjoyed seeing Clara Barton, I thought it was fun how the

woman (Faye) changed costumes according to the scene. I learned that Clara was very close with her older brother."

Scott adored everything about the performance and so did the rest of the audience.

Faye played Clara Barton again the very next day at the Clara Barton School.

The Oxford Public Library is continually providing shows, information, and performances for the community of Oxford and surrounding towns. Bringing Faye back for another performance had everyone excited and engrossed in the material. Cathleen Sullivan, the assistant director states, "the adult participants really liked her performance."

Many said they adore what Faye does and love to see her perform. Faye did not just bring back Clara Barton, she brought back the entire time that Barton lived in, over 150 years ago.

"The whole set up, from set design, to costumes, to multi-media is designed to show who Clara Barton was

and how she lived," says Faye.

Faye spoke of the history and how society was back when Barton and others lived. The show was a completely immersive experience.

Faye travels all over to portray an array of historical women, including Helen Keller, Eleanor Roosevelt, Laura Ingalls Wilder, Anne Frank, Amelia Earhart, Sally Ride and Abigail Adams.

"I don't have a favorite character, I love all the women I portray, they all inspire me," says Faye.

Learning about history can be fun when someone like Faye is telling a story with props, costumes, and lively attention to details. Women have always been a big part in the nation's history and Faye keeps the stories alive.

"My hope is that I will inspire my audience of children and adults to learn more about these incredible women," says Faye.

To learn more about Faye and her performances visit: sherylfaye.com.

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