

EveryMother's Day and The Sherborn Library present



Jane Smith Bernhardt as Julia Ward Howe

Julia Ward Howe Crusader for World Peace

a solo performance on the
writings of an American hero

Mother's Day began as the passionate mission of Julia Ward Howe, poet, reformer, abolitionist, and visionary. Although she wrote the lyrics for that famous war anthem, *The Battle Hymn of the Republic*, she turned away from war after witnessing the ravages of the Franco-Prussian and Civil wars.

Howe resolved to set aside a day to be marked each year as Mother's Day for Peace, the forerunner of what we celebrate today as Mother's Day. She envisioned the holiday as a day "devoted to the advocacy of peace doctrines." She worked to convene an international congress of mothers for world peace, "...to awaken women to the knowledge of the sacred right vested in them as mothers to protect the human life which costs them so many pangs."

This thirty-minute performance traces Howe's journey from dutiful 19th century wife and champion of the Union cause to suffragette and crusader for world peace.

Members of **EveryMother's Day** will be present to introduce their effort to return Mother's Day to Julia Ward Howe's original vision and to present an alternate way to honor the women in your life. More information is available at www.everymothersday.org.

Jane Smith Bernhardt is an actress, artist, and teacher. A graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Manhattan, she worked in theater and television in the New York area before moving to Boston's North Shore. Ms. Bernhardt has developed several solo performance pieces, notably "Love, Ety: the Journal of Ety Hillesum," which she performed in many parts of the U.S. and in Europe, and "Encounters," a series of original vignettes based on first-person encounters with Jesus in the New Testament.

When: Thursday, April 3, 7 PM

Where: Sherborn Library, 4 Sanger St. (off Rt. 16)

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All are welcome