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A friendly afternoon, 2024

Acrylics on canvas, framed by artist
100 x 80 cm

€3,250

Location: artist studio, Amsterdam



DESCRIPTION/NOTES

Elizabeth Cady Stanton was frustrated and furious that her husband had all her financial resources after she married him. That inequality was highly unfair and had troubled her now for years.

When her friend Lucretia Mott invited her for a friendly afternoon, Cady Stanton spewed bile. She poured out, she recalled, a "*torrent of my long accumulating discontent with such vehemence and indignation that I stirred myself, as well as the rest of the party, to do and dare anything*".

On the spot, the five friends decided to organize the first convention for women's rights. They then listed, just as in the Declaration of Independence, a whole series of grievances that had led to the oppression of their sex, which the new movement had vowed to remove. They called it the 'Declaration of Sentiments'.

Two weeks later, on Wednesday, July 18 and Thursday, July 19, 1848 at 10:00 a.m. in the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls the first Woman's Rights Convention was held.

They had no idea whether people would come, but it was a great success. Eunice and her husband Eleisha were also present and signed the declaration enthusiastically.