

AHA! Night with Ruth and Abby, the 1850s ladies



*The Tapestry of Brotherhood" At
Masonic Lodge, New Bedford*

New Bedford's fraternal organizations wove a safety net for our community. Ruth and Abby, the 1850s ladies, will help to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Abraham H. Howland Jr. Masonic Lodge by sharing insights into the many community organizations of New Bedford's past on AHA! night, Thursday, May 14, from 5:30-6:30 at the Masonic Lodge, 435 County Street, New Bedford. As always, the event is open to all, and admission is free. For more information about AHA! night, go to <http://www.ahanewbedford.org/>

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States. The National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street

in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9 AM-5 PM, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10 AM-4 PM. The visitor center is wheelchair-accessible, and is free of charge. For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov/nebe or visit the park's Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP>.
