Downtown New Bedford Merchants to Host Trick-or-Treat Event

A FREE HALLOWEEN EVENT IN DOWNTOWN NEW BEDFORD!



Downtown New Bedford, Inc. is inviting all New Bedford area children to put on their costume, grab an adult, and head to Downtown New Bedford this Saturday, October 26th from 11:00am—2:00pm for trick-or-treating! Downtown New Bedford businesses participating in the second annual "All Treats, No Tricks" event will be handing out treats to elementary school age children dressed in costume.

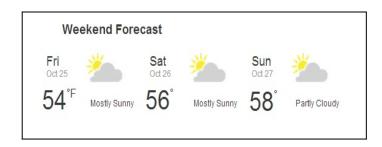
Downtown New Bedford Inc. Executive Director Diane Arsenault said, "This weekend is a great opportunity to visit downtown businesses and do some local shopping. We are encouraging the public to bring along their children in costume to collect Halloween treats from participating merchants."

Mayor Jon Mitchell said, "Downtown New Bedford will be bustling with activity this weekend as the City is hosting the Connecting for Change Conference and this is a great time for families to visit their favorite downtown restaurants and shops and check out new ones."

Children may collect treats from the following Downtown merchants:

- · be jeweled 26 Centre St.
- The Bedford Merchant 28 William St.
- · The Black Whale 29 Centre St.
- · Bristol Community College -188 Union St.
- Buzzards Bay Coalition -114 Front St.
- · Cafe Arpeggio 800 Purchase St.
- · Carter's Clothing & Footwear -55 William St.
- · Celia's Boutique 111 William St.
- Connecting for Change —Bee Exhibition Tent-Purchase & Spring Sts.
- · Dunkin Donuts 231 Union St.
- · Destination Soups 149 Union St.
- HDC Waterfront Visitors Center -Pier 3
- · LIVS, The Original 36 North Water St.
- · Moby Dick Retail 27 William St.
- · NB Art Museum (opens at 12 noon) 608 Pleasant St.
- · No Problemo Mexican Restaurant 813 Purchase St.
- · Ocean Explorium 174 Union St.
- \cdot St. Anne Credit Union (11am -Noon only) 93 Union St.
- · YMCA 25 South Water St.

14 Things To Do This Weekend (Oct 25-Oct 27)



The weekend's weather, can be described as a cool one. Friday will have a low close to freezing at 33 degrees. GULP. Otherwise we'll experience temperatures in

the mid to upper 50s. Some of you will have to break out the flannels, sweatshirts, and thermals! Of course, there are the die-hards who will wear shorts through December!

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Add a Haunted Ship to your Halloween bucket list!

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited chronic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system of about 30,000 children and adults in the United States (70,000 worldwide). For more information, and how you can contribute, go to www.cff.org.

Families Around the Bay - Beach Exploration: "Beach Exploration" at East Beach (10:30-11:30 am)

Get your whole family exploring and learning in the outdoors during Families Around the Bay, a series of three free outings on Saturdays in October and November. Through fun games and hands-on activities, your whole family can learn about Buzzards Bay's animals, plants and habitats. Recommended for families with elementary school-aged children. This event is free and reservations are required. For more information and to RSVP, contact Gracie Mullen-Thompson at mullen-thompson@savebuzzardsbay.org or (508) 999-6363 ext. 230.

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Games & prizes, face painting, pumpkin decorating, a Spooky Walk, Zombies and more!

Halloween Carnival (3:00 pm-7:00 pm)

In the Halloween Spirit? Get your costume on and head to the family oriented Halloween Carnival with games & prizes, face painting, pumpkin decorating, a Spooky Walk, Zombies doing a musical number, costume parade and wandering ghouls and goblins! Pony rides and bouncey slide too!

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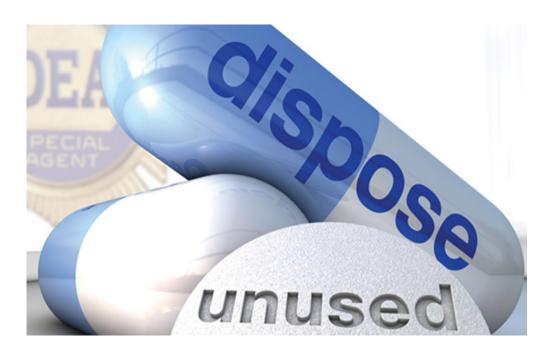
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October 26 is Sharps Drop-Off Day & National Drug Take-Back Day in New Bedford



New Bedford residents are encouraged to participate in Sharps Drop-Off Day and National Drug Take-Back Day on Saturday, October 26, 2013.

Sharps Drop-Off Day, sponsored by Walgreens and the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District, offers New Bedford and Dartmouth residents the opportunity to safely dispose of old syringes, needles, and lancets at Walgreens located at 1103 Kempton Street in New Bedford from 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday. To participate in Sharps Drop-Off Day, residents must show an ID and present all materials in a red biohazard container. A limited supply of free quart-sized, red biohazard containers is available to City residents through the New Bedford Recycling Office at (508) 979-1493. Biohazard containers may also be purchased at local pharmacies.

New Bedford residents may also take part in National Drug Take-Back Day, sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and local police departments. Residents may safely and properly dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs by bringing them to the New Bedford Police Department located at 871 Rockdale Avenue between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm on Saturday. National Drug Take-Back Day is open to everyone and disposal services are free and anonymous.

For more information on Sharps Drop-Off Day, please contact the Greater New Bedford Regional Refuse Management District at (508) 979-1493 or by email at recycling@newbedford-ma.gov. Additional information about National Drug Take-Back Day can be obtained by contacting Detective Kelly Almeida at 508-991-300 ext. 108.

Halloween Happenings 2013



By Shonna McGrai l Ryan

Whether you have little ones and are looking for a family friendly fall time celebration, or you are an adult looking for an excuse to dress up and party, Greater New Bedford has a lot going on. Below is a list we've compiled of those events that have shared information with us about their upcoming festivities. If we've missed something please share in the comments section below!

<u>Family Friendly Events:</u>

1. The Haunted Whale Ship at the New Bedford Whaling Museum

This not-too-scary event takes place on Saturday October 26th from 4:30-7:30 PM and is geared towards children 12 and under and their parents. Participants will get to meet ghosts from seafaring history and join in on fun activities such as a costume contest, a haunted scavenger hunt, arts and crafts, refreshments and more! Tickets are \$3 for children twelve and under, and \$5 for all others.

For more information, go to: http://www.newbedfordguide.com/the-haunted-whale-ship-a-family-friendly-halloween-event/2013/10/13

2. Halloween Hayride and Party at the Mattapoisett YMCA

This event takes place Friday October 25th at 6 PM and features a halloween hayride and family fun activities for kids of all ages! Refreshments will be available and there will also be a costume contest. Tickets are \$5 per child.

For more information, go to: https://www.facebook.com/events/215182075324889/?ref_newsf eed story type=regular

3. Audubon Halloween Family Spooktacular at Allens Pond Wildlife Sanctuary

This event takes place on Sunday October 20th from 2-4:00 PM and includes a kid-friendly spooky trail hike and special Halloween crafts and activities in the Stone Barn. Costumes are encouraged! Tickets are \$10 for both children and adult Audubon Member, and \$12 for others.

For more information, go to: http://www.massaudubon.org/catalog/listing.php?program_code=23 8-AP13FA1

4. Fall Fest at Journey Church

This family friendly event is geared towards both having fun and helping the needy! On October 31st from 5-8:00 PM Journey Church in Fall River will feature games, candy giveaways, music, a bouncy house and a photobooth while gathering donations to help the homeless and needy in the area. For more information about the activities and the types of donations being requested go to: http://journeychurch.ma/fallfest/



A LOT of Halloween Festivities going on!

5. All Treats, No Tricks Downtown New Bedford

Trick-or-treating in Downtown New Bedford? That's right! Parents can take their children to participating businesses in the Downtown area on October 26th between the hours of 11 AM and 2 PM for some trick-or-treating fun!

For more information and a list of participating businesses, go to:

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21+ Halloween Parties

1. Halloween Party at the American Legion in Fairhaven

Rock Kings and Caution will be teaming up to provide a night

of dancing on October 19th, starting at 9 PM. Costumes are highly encouraged and there is no cover charge!

For more information go to: https://www.facebook.com/events/521080354628463/?ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular

2. CD Release Party for The Pourmen at The Inn on Shipyard Park

The Pourmen and special guests The O'Tooles will be performing at The Inn on Shipyard Park in Mattapoisett on October 25th, starting at 9 PM.

For more information, go to : https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=733764616650342&set=oa .640369815994449&type=1&theater

3. Silent Disco Halloween Party at Cork

On October 26th from 9 PM from 1:30 AM the upstairs level of Cork will be jamming with a Halloween themed Silent Disco dance party. Silent Discos are an exciting new way of experiencing music; each participant is given a wireless headphone set that allows them to adjust the volume and choose between two DJed stations. It should be said that Silent Discos ALWAYS result in dancing and good times. Costumes are highly encouraged. Tickets are \$20. If you enter the promo code "treatsNbeats" you will get \$5 off your ticket! (limited availability).

For more information, go to: https://www.facebook.com/events/346450332167370/



Are you heading out as a couple?

4. The Great Pumpkin Beer Fest at Pour Farm Tavern

Pour Farm's annual Great Pumpkin Beer fest is a wonderful time of year for both beer connoisseurs and Halloween lovers alike. The festival will be held in Pour Farm and Wings Court on Sunday October 27th from 11 AM- 6:00 PM. Festivities will include; live music by Viennagram starting at 5, Halloween costume contests, a pumpkin carving contest (come with your pumpkin already carved), a beard and mustache contest (proceeds go to charity) and of course pumpkin and fall beers will be featured! In addition to all this, Plaga Zombie in America (the zombie film being filmed in New Bedford) will be present with raffles, prizes, chances to win role in the film, Zombie makeup painting and chance to meet the actors!

For more information go to: https://www.facebook.com/events/566465493400846/

5. Hollerween Ball at Gallery X

The Dancing Dogs and Kowalski will be performing live music at this halloween party/ fundraiser on October 26th from 9-11:00 PM. There will be prizes for best costumes and light refreshments/ appetizers. The suggested donation amount is \$10.

For more information go to: https://www.facebook.com/events/1378146702424267

6. Vampires Ball 2013 at Leplace

South Coast Equality will be presenting its annual Halloween party on Saturday October 26th from 9 PM to 2 AM at Leplace in New Bedford. There will be a mini-show at 10 PM and a costume contest with a \$100 prize! The cover charge is \$5.

For more information, go to: https://www.facebook.com/events/164050740467110/

7. Homeport Halloween Bash

Miller's Homeport will be hosting it's annual Halloween party on October 26th and they expect this to be the biggest one yet! There will be costume contests, insane Halloween decorations, special Halloween cocktails, giveaways, a raffle and DJ JDubbs will be keeping the music going all night.

For more information, go to: https://www.facebook.com/events/178954602297804/?ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular

Other Events:

1. Halloween Dog Costume Parade

Pretty Paws Bakery is organizing a Dog Costume Parade on Saturday October 19th at 11 AM in Fairhaven. Owners are encouraged to dress up as well!

For more information, go to: https://www.facebook.com/prettypawsbakery

2. Rocky Horror Picture Show at the Zeiterion

On October 31st at 10 PM you can view the Rocky Horror Picture Show film with a live "shadow cast" performance. Dressing up is encouraged and props are allowed excluding open flames and food products. Tickets are \$15 and can be bought here: https://ticketing.zeiterion.org/public/daily events list.asp.

For more information go to: https://www.facebook.com/events/545631232173978/

3. 20th Annual Rocky Horror Picture Show at UMass Dartmouth

This annual tradition is still going strong at UMass Dartmouth will be showing the audience participation film, Rocky Horror Picture show in the main auditorium. The showings will be on October 31st at 8 PM, November 1st at 8 PM and November 2nd at 11:59 PM. Dry props only! Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$7 for UMD faculty, staff and alumni, and \$5 for current students.

For more information go to: https://www.facebook.com/events/216425165191400/?ref=3&ref_new sfeed_story_type=regular

15 Things To Do This Weekend (Oct 18-Oct 20)



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5th Annual Gleason Family YMCA Wine and Beer Tasting (Marion) (6:00-9:00 p.m.)

Entertainment includes Tarot Card and Tea Leaf Readers, music and more. Costumes are optional but encouraged. Tickets are \$50 advance and \$55 at the door. At Marion Music Hall. For information or tickets click on event title.



Salt of the Sea, Friday Evening at 7:00 pm

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Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series: "The Salt of the Sea" (POSTPONED) (7:00 p.m.)

When passion for fishing intersects with the power of politics, a century's old way of life is at stake. Producer Tom Garber captures the unique personalities, politics, and dangers of groundfishing in New England in this 2012 documentary. Salt of the Sea provides a rare look at what happens when independent traditions clash with bureaucracy and corruption. For more detailed info, click on the event title. UPDATE: POSTPONED DUE TO GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN!

Saturday, October 19th

New Bedford Whaling Museum's 37th Whaling History Symposium (9:00-4:00 pm)

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is pleased to announce the

program for its 37th Whaling History Symposium, to be held at the Museum on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20, 2013. The Whaling History Symposium, first established in 1975, brings scholars, collectors, armchair historians, and interested nautical enthusiasts to New Bedford from all over the country and abroad, to share interests in maritime history, nautical lore, and the many intriguing facets of whaling heritage worldwide. This time around, our own Home Port is the focus which, backed by sumptuous new exhibitions at the Museum, we find timely and compelling.

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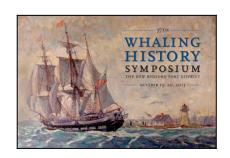
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South Coast Slam: Freestyle Motorcycle Show (Fairhaven, MA) (10:00-2:00 pm)

Fan of motorcycles? This Saturday is the South Coast Slam, a motorcycle show to benefit the Salvation Army featuring riders from Northeast Chill and a special music performance by Christina Rivera. Children welcome! Admission \$10 per person, includes a light lunch. For more information, call 508-997-6561.



King Richard's Faire - Last Chance! (Carver) (10:30 am-6:00 am)

"Entertainment, exciting rides and skilled games abound on the enchanting 80-acre site of King Richard's Faire. Hundreds of talented entertainers perform non-stop throughout the day. Visit any of our eight vibrant stages and be enthralled by acrobats, aerialists, jugglers, minstrels, dancers, fire eaters, puppeteers and exotic tigers. Enjoy our beautiful white lion and cute tiger cubs." Runs through October 20th.

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Interview: Lee Blake, Original Founder of Women's Center, Pioneer of the Women's Movement



Gala planned for Thursday, October 17th



by Ashley

This year marks the 40th anniversary of The Women's Center. Hard to even imagine, just 40 years ago, women faced barriers in nearly every facet of life — career, safety, healthcare, and so on. Today, many of these challenges have been mitigated thanks to the determination of those before us persistent on seeking change.

Knowing that grassroots efforts were the source of its success, I wanted to delve into the very founding of the The Women's Center — How did it form? Why? By whom?! What dynamic women chose to spend their energy fighting for women's rights?! This month, I was fortunate enough to interview one of those crusaders. Lee Blake, one of the original founders of The Women's Center, shares her story as a player in the women's movement and how The Women's Center came to exist. In fact, the earliest goals were not to improve services for battered women, but rather to fight for women's rights on a broad scale.

With a vision for change, in 1972 at around the age of 20, Lee teamed up with a small group of friends and began hosting "consciousness-raising groups." She says, "We were a mix of working career women, college students, and single mothers raising young children alone. We met on a regular basis discussing 'women's issues' until we decided to organize other women and found the Women's Center."

Thanks to Blake and that group of friends, The Women's Center exists today, providing 24/7 access to resources and programs that serve women in need. In fact, The Women's Center has the distinction of being one of the first centers organized by working-class women on the East Coast.

The early days:

"It probably seems trite now, but all we were aiming for was

fair and equitable treatment. We wanted to bring attention to the way women were discriminated against across the country and in the City. We were pushing for changes in standard practice that discriminated against women" adding that at the time, both work opportunities and access to healthcare were extremely limited.

"As single women, we had difficulty finding adequate information on birth control from area doctors. We had to face the attitudes of many that sexually active single women should suffer the consequences of their sexual choices. We were active during the Roe vs. Wade debates around abortion rights and rights to knowledge and control about our own bodies."

As a result, "Our whole initial work was on birth control. We hoped to begin to tackle one major issue affecting all women and to create a foundation to grow into other issues that women would identify as a priority. We wanted to develop a strong understanding of the issues and challenges facing women that would have to be undertaken to move forward."



The fantastic crew of the Women's Center

Despite great determination, Lee and her friends faced a number of challenges. "The ideas of the Women's Movement weren't welcomed at the time and the movement was seen as a middle-class movement that didn't have much in common with working women." According to Lee, common ground, however, was

found surrounding issues of women's health.

Calling her group "a pretty egalitarian bunch" Lee says their objectives were to collaborate to run a Women's Health Hotline and to access the attitudes of local gynecologists regarding contraception for single women and gain access to abortion rights. Over time, Lee worked on outreach in the community, started up more consciousness-raising groups, and eventually helped research funding and development opportunities to open the doors of The Women's Center.

An 'attitude evolution':

"Changing the attitudes on the role of women and advocating for our human rights was a legal process as well as an attitude evolution. For many of us, the issue of domestic violence stemmed from a belief that women actually had few rights once they were married or lived with a male partner."

"Family violence and violence toward women was seen by the larger and law enforcement community as a private affair, a place where people felt they should not intrude even when the lives of women and children were threatened."

"There really was no framework to discuss it or to help women who were trapped. The Women's Center helped to change that dynamic in the city and the women's movement changed the hands-off attitude across the country."

Making strides:

While today The Women's Center primarily serves victims of violence and assault, Lee says her earliest goals were to change practices that barred women's access to birth control as well as enhance work opportunities for women. "We wanted to bring attention to the limited career choices women had. As single mothers worked to raise and care for their families, real options for jobs that paid a living wage were in short supply," says Lee. "Equal pay for equal work gets a fairer

hearing now than it did 40 years ago," noting that women's career roles have also greatly evolved.

"I worked on opening the doors for women in nontraditional occupations like construction, police, engineering, etc.," — jobs which Lee says offered quick training and manageable hours for women to work and still raise a family. "My concern was about the discrimination that women faced in traditionally man's occupations, but also I was working to create a pathway to economic stability for single women with children."



If you need help, counseling, or shelter, call the Women's Center

With hard work, innovation, perseverance, and dedication to the women's movement, Lee notes the many successes that resulted, including better jobs, equal access to education, and nontraditional employment opportunities. "Women's issues are certainly paid more attention to now and there is an understanding that women's issues are often family issues and impact our entire society."

Broad change:

Lee notes that the women's movement also created success on a national level. "There is an acknowledgement now in the U.S. that limiting the role of women limits our democracy. The understanding of the importance in development of our human capital across gender, culture, and race is a success of the civil rights and women's movement."

When asked about safety and security for women who have been

assaulted and abused, Lee adds, "Although we still have a way to go to, we really have achieved a safer world for women here in the U.S. The issues of rape and sexual violence are much better addressed than in the past. Laws and practices of police departments and other social service institutions have evolved. When the Center was forming initially, women felt little to no support in reporting sexual violence."

Engage for change:

Despite great success, there is still more to be done. Lee says, "We have to remain vigilant and keep up the good fight. I firmly believe that people need to get involved at a greater level. Communities do not move forward without a vision and others pushing and poking the system to move forward. It's the ability of those who provide the "vision" or the "alternate vision" to collaborate with others and organize people to implement that vision."

As we may look to women like Lee for inspiration, Lee also refers to the success of others who had 'visions' of change. "I go back to quotes from others who have managed to push our society forward toward greater democracy for all. Towards the end of a long life as a progressive, Frederick Douglass was asked how to keep forward movement on a progressive agenda. I hold his words dear to my heart and have followed them most of my years as a community organizer as he was heard to whisper "Agitate, agitate, agitate."

October film considers impact of regulations of New England's groundfishermen



Dock-u-mentaries film series continues Friday, October 18th with Salt of the Sea

The Dock-U-Mentaries Film Series continues on Friday, October 18th with Salt of the Sea, a 2012 documentary which considers the impact of recent regulations on the New England groundfishing fleet. Dock-U-Mentaries is a co-production of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and the Working Waterfront Festival. Films about the working waterfront are screened on the third Friday of each month beginning at 7:00 PM in the theater of the Corson Maritime Learning Center, located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. All programs are open to the public and presented free of charge. This program is subject to the re-opening of the National Park which is currently closed due to the federal government shutdown. If the Park remains closed, the screening will be postponed.

When passion for fishing intersects with the power of

politics, a century's old way of life is at stake. Producer Tom Garber captures the unique personalities, politics, and dangers of groundfishing in New England in this 2012 documentary. Salt of the Sea provides a rare look at what happens when independent traditions clash with bureaucracy and corruption.

The Working Waterfront Festival is a project of the Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA, a non-profit organization. The free festival, a family friendly, educational celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, features live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. It all takes place on working piers and waterfront parks in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on the last full weekend in September.

New Bedford Preservation Society's Annual Holiday House Tour



New Bedford Preservation Society's Annual Holiday House Tour, December 14 (4-8 p.m.) and 15 (1-5 p.m.)

New Bedford Preservation Society's Annual Holiday House Tour will be held December 14 (4-8 p.m.) and 15 (1-5 p.m.). For 22 years the society has showcased the city's magnificent and varied architecture on this popular annual event, the society's signature fundraiser. This year's tour will feature the historic Acushnet Heights neighborhood, winding its way through the city, ending in the city's West End. The self-quided tour takes approximately two hours to complete.

The starting point for both tours will be Gallery X at 169 William Street, in New Bedford. The First Universalist Church built this religious building in 1855. It subsequently became the home of the Frederick Douglass Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church and is the only extant church building associated with this early African American congregation. Since 1994 it has been owned and occupied by Gallery X, an art studio, where visitors will enjoy a tour of this interesting Italianate-style building and the art exhibition on display. The Preservation Society's Holiday Raffle and Silent Auction will also be held there during tour hours.

This year several residences will be shown that have never before been open for the tours; all beautifully decorated for the holidays. Unlimited arrays of design ideas abound in the varied architecture and interiors, which are as diverse as the owners. Visitors will also enjoy the costumed historic portrayals, which will take place at one of the residences. Tickets are \$19 (with \$2 discount to society members) if purchased in advance. All tickets are \$23 on the days of the event.

Discounted tickets will go on sale mid-November at the following presale ticket locations: in New Bedford at the Arthur Moniz Gallery, Surrey Shoppe and New York Shoe Repair (credit card orders); in Dartmouth at Baker Books (relocated at 2 McCabe Street), Davoll's General Store and The Ultimate Touch Nail Salon; in Fairhaven at Periwinkles; and in Marion at the Marion General Store. For further information, please call the New Bedford Preservation Society office (388 County Street, New Bedford) at 508/997-6425. Visit us on Facebook or at www.nbpreservationsociety.org for a look at homes featured on previous tours.

All proceeds will benefit the work of the society in its efforts to maintain and promote historic preservation in New Bedford. To those ends, the Society has undertaken several major projects including historical building markers, biannual historic house tours, historical cemetery tours, summer walking tours, a tree-planting program (Re-Leaf), the publication of self-guided walking tour brochures, lectures, and other efforts.

Whaling History Symposium to focus on New Bedford Port District, Oct. 19-20

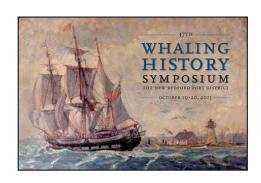


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The New Bedford Whaling Museum is pleased to announce the program for its 37th Whaling History Symposium, to be held at the Museum on Saturday, October 19 and Sunday, October 20, 2013.

This year's theme is the interdependence and integration of various communities and commercial interests in the New Bedford Port District and their relation to the whaling industry that was the main economic focus of the region. Michael P. Dyer, Senior Maritime Historian, will open the session with an overview history of the District and its "Outports," the galaxy of seacoast towns lying between Cape Cod and Rhode Island that shared with New Bedford and Fairhaven the risks and prosperity of the whaling industry, and suffered together in its decline. Next up, Erik A.R. Ronnberg, Jr., one of America's most celebrated ship modelers and a former curator at the Whaling Museum, will present "Whaleship Models: Research and Reconstruction," describing the unique features of whaleship models and the challenges of building them, and will provide a systematic examination of their value as historical documents, sublime aesthetic

byproducts of local seafaring, and relics that pay homage to a unique maritime heritage. Mr. Ronnberg will be followed by Judith N. Lund, also a former curator of the Museum, to introduce the current exhibition "The Art of the Ship Model," which she co-curated with J. Michael Wall.



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Following a break for lunch, New Bedford historian and publicist Arthur P. Motta will speak about "Lighthouses of New Bedford" and their integration into the fabric of The Life and Times of the Whaling Capital, one of the nation's greatest seaports. Arthur has long been involved in the preservation of New Bedford's three extant lighthouses. This will be expanded upon by Dr. Stuart M. Frank, Senior Curator Emeritus, with "Beacons and Blubber: The Amos Baker Family and four generations of whaling, lighthouses, journals, watercolors, scrimshaw, and artifact collecting," a pictorial extravaganza that delves deep into museum collections to explore the unusual history of this exemplary family of lighthouse keepers and whaling captains. Capping the all-day plenary sessions will be Dr. Alfred H. Saulniers, economist and noted local historian, addressing "Franco Americans in the New Bedford Whale Fishery, 1790-1910," a little-known but crucial component community of participants in the city's great Age of Sail. To close out the day, Dr. Frank will introduce another current exhibition, "Harbor Views," which focuses on visions

of the estuary, waterfronts, and waterborne traffic by some of the most proficient and expressive local artists, from William Bradford and Albert Van Beest to L.D. Eldred and Clifford Ashley.

Scheduled for Sunday at 10:30 a.m. is an optional field excursion: a harbor tour and special close-up narrated cruise around the port's three historic lighthouses. Tour seating is limited.

The Whaling History Symposium, first established in 1975, brings scholars, collectors, armchair historians, and interested nautical enthusiasts to New Bedford from all over the country and abroad, to share interests in maritime history, nautical lore, and the many intriguing facets of whaling heritage worldwide. This year's Symposium focuses on the home port, whose name was "known in every seaport on the globe."

Registration: \$50 for members and \$65 for non-members (includes lunch and admission to all museum galleries) by October 17. Optional Lighthouse Harbor Tour, \$25 additional. To register, call the Admissions Desk: (508) 997-0046, ext. 100 or email: frontdesk@whalingmuseum.org

The Whaling History Symposium is sponsored in part by the Samuel D. Rusitzky Fund.

SCHEDULE

All Saturday Symposium events, including registration, plenary sessions, coffee break, and lunch, take place in the Jacobs Family Gallery and Cook Memorial Theater. The Sunday component is a boat trip on the Acushnet River, reserved in advance. Museum galleries are open daily to all registrants. A Symposium discount room rate is available at the New Bedford Fairfield Inn and Suites.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

9:00 a.m. - Registration & coffee

10:00 a.m. — Welcome & Opening Remarks

10:15 a.m. — "The entire business of the place is the whale fishery": Specialization and Management in the New Bedford Port District, 1789-1884. — presented by Michael P. Dyer, Senior Maritime Historian, New Bedford Whaling Museum.

11:15 a.m. — "Whaleship Models: Research and Reconstruction" — presented by Erik A. R. Ronnberg, Jr., ship model artist and historian; former Associate Curator of Maritime History at the New Bedford Whaling Museum.

12:15 p.m. — Introducing "The Art of the Ship Model" Exhibition — presented by Judith Navas Lund, Curator Emerita, New Bedford Whaling Museum.

12:30 a.m. — Luncheon, Jacobs Family Gallery.

2:00 p.m. — Lighthouses of New Bedford. — presented by Arthur P. Motta, Director, Marketing & Communications, New Bedford Whaling Museum.

3:00 p.m. — "Beacons and Blubber: The Baker Family and four generations of whaling, lighthouses, journals, watercolors, scrimshaw, and artifact collecting, 1825-1940" — presented by Stuart M. Frank, Ph.D., Senior Curator Emeritus, New Bedford Whaling Museum.

4:00 p.m — "Franco Americans in the New Bedford Whale Fishery, 1790-1910" — presented by Alfred H. Saulniers, Ph.D., Economist and Historian, New Bedford.

5:00 p.m. — Introducing the "Harbor Views" Exhibition. — presented by Stuart M. Frank.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Optional Field Trip — narrated by Arthur P. Motta: a tour of

New Bedford harbor (weather/seas permitting), with a sail past Palmer Island Light (1849), Butler Flats Light Station (1898), and Clark's Point Light (1869). Morning departure at 10:30 a.m. aboard the harbor tour boat, Acushnet, from Fisherman's Wharf, returning in time for lunch on your own on shore. Seating is limited.

"The Haunted Whale Ship" a family-friendly Halloween event!



Whaling Museum hosts family-friendly Haunted Whale Ship, Oct. 26

Set sail on "The Haunted Whale Ship," the New Bedford Whaling Museum's family-friendly Halloween event, geared for children 12 and under and their parents on Saturday, October 26, 4:30

p.m. to 7:30 p.m. See the century-old museum in a new (dim) light and meet ghosts from New Bedford's seafaring past. The not-too scary fun includes a costume contest, haunted scavenger hunt, arts & crafts activities, spooky stories & tours, refreshments, and more!

In partnership with members of the New Bedford Preservation Society, a few notable spirits of Old Dartmouth and New Bedford will roam museum galleries and greet visitors with tales of long-ago. Reenactors will also include museum docents, staff and high school apprentices with special apparitions of Hetty Green — "The Witch of Wall Street" — played by Lucy Bly, and of Deborah Doubleday — innkeeper during the 1778 burning of Bedford Village — played Judy Roderiques. David Brownell rises as Captain Ahab.

Tickets are required in advance: \$3 for children 12 and under; \$5 for all others. Call (508) 997-0046, ext. 100 or email: frontdesk@whalingmuseum.org. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Established in 1903, the New Bedford Whaling Museum is the world's most comprehensive museum devoted to the global story of whales, whaling, and the cultural history of the region. A cornerstone attraction within New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park and a park partner, the Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill in the heart of the city's historic downtown. Wheelchair accessible. For more information, visit the Whaling Museum online at www.whalingmuseum.org.