

National Historical Park's 15th Anniversary Celebration



New Bedford Visitors Center
(33 William Street).

The Whaling History Alliance, the official fundraising organization for New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, will host an afternoon of family-friendly activities in celebration of the 15th Anniversary of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park on Saturday, September 8.

The event will feature a 2 p.m. award presentation, honoring Congressman Barney Frank and the late Senator Edward M. "Ted" Kennedy for their commitment and leadership which led to the successful adoption of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in 1997. Special guest, Victoria Reggie Kennedy, will be in attendance to accept Senator Kennedy's award on his behalf.

"In addition to celebrating the 15th Anniversary of New Bedford's National Park, this very special event will honor and thank two of the key individuals who played a vital role in the adoption of the legislation for the Park," said Joseph P. Lopes, New Bedford City Councilor and President of the Whaling History Alliance. "We invite the community to join the festivities and gather together as we present Congressman Barney Frank and the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy with a

commemorative gift as a symbol of our appreciation for their commitment and dedication to this notable cause.”

The public is invited to attend the 15th Anniversary celebration. The event will kick-off at **1:30 p.m.** on Saturday, September 8, with a performance by the National Park’s **Youth Ambassador Program** in the garden outside of the National Park Visitor Center, 33 William Street in New Bedford. The **award presentation** will follow in the Park garden at **2 p.m.** As part of the Park’s birthday celebration, guests are invited to enjoy complementary cupcakes provided by Emma Jean’s Cupcake and Ice Cream Shoppe.

At the close of the award presentation, the following activities, tours and exhibits will take place throughout the National Park:

National Park Visitor Center

The National Park Visitor Center will host free children’s activities organized by the National Park Volunteers’ Education Committee and a free origami whale making activity provided by ArtWorks! These activities will be available from the close of the awards ceremony (approximately 2:30 p.m.), until 5 p.m.

At 3 p.m., join the Grupo Folclorico Madeirense for a special performance in the Park garden. The Grupo Folclorico Madeirense is an all volunteer organization performing dances of Madeira Island to spread knowledge about Madeiran folklore, Portuguese heritage, the Clube Madeirense S.S. Sacramento, and the Feast of the Blessed Sacrament.

Corson Building

The following National Park partner organizations will host various types of exhibits at the Corson Building, 33 William Street, from the close of the awards ceremony (approximately 2:30 p.m.), until 5 p.m.

- National Park Service: Teacher Ranger Teacher Program
- Whaling History Alliance
- Schooner Ernestina Commission /Schooner Ernestina-Morrissey Association, Inc.
- New Bedford Historical Society
- Rotch-Jones-Duff House & Garden Museum
- Ocean Explorium "Touch Tank"
- Buzzards Bay Coalition

Join the National Park Stewards' at **4 p.m.** in the Park theater for the **Red Carpet Premiere** of the Park Stewards' documentary. The documentary is a compilation of the 2012 Park Stewards' six week program on the various forms of art, visiting artists in residence programs at National Parks in New England, and their own art creations.

Tours

The following tours are free of charge and will run from the close of the awards ceremony (approximately 2:30 p.m.), concluding at 5 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

- Tours of the National Park Visitor Center and Corson Building conducted by Park Rangers and Park Volunteers. The Visitor Center and the Corson Building are located at 33 William Street.
- National Park Service Scavenger Hunt throughout the Park's historic area conducted by Park Rangers and Park Volunteers. Scavenger hunts will leave from the National Park Visitor Center, 33 William Street.
- Shuttle tours highlighting New Bedford's authentic working waterfront, the downtown's premier historical and cultural institutions, and the cobblestone streets filled with burgeoning businesses, vibrant art galleries and diverse dining establishments conducted by Anne Louro, City of New Bedford Historic Preservation Planner. Shuttle tours will leave from the National Park Visitor Center, 33 William Street, at 3 p.m., 3:20 p.m.

and 3:40 p.m.

- Walking tours of Front Street and the Route 18 re-design construction project. Today the project is on budget and ahead of schedule with an expected completion of Spring 2013. The tours will be conducted by Derek Santos, Director of Business Development at the New Bedford Economic Development Council, and will leave from the National Park Visitor Center, 33 William Street.
- Free tours of the Ocean Explorium with pass provided at National Park Visitor Center. The Ocean Explorium is located at 174 Union Street.

New Bedford Whaling Museum



New Bedford Whaling Museum.

In honor of the National Park's 15th Anniversary celebration, the New Bedford Whaling Museum will host an afternoon of free activities between the hours of 2:30 and 5 p.m. The following activities will take place on the Museum plaza.

- Harpoon challenge. Practice to become a harpooner. Guests are invited to try their hand at throwing a kid-safe harpoon through a target.
- Scrimshaw. It may not be legal to carve on sperm whale teeth in 2012, but you can use soap, shoe polish and a carving stick to create your own masterpiece to take home.

- *Pequod*. Make a floating model of the famous whale ship from '*Moby-Dick*'.

Voyage Around the World. Join Museum docents in the Jacobs Family Gallery for experiential activities to highlight the common thread of history that connects New Bedford with Alaska and Hawai'i.

Enjoy a staged reading of '*Moby-Dick*' with the Boston Experimental Theatre Company in the Cook Memorial Theater. Join the imaginary voyage aboard the *Pequod* with Captain Ahab, Ishmael, Queequeg and the rest of the crew as they pursue an infamous white whale across the treacherous waters of the globe. Meet the characters, share their perils and immerse yourself in the beauty and harshness of Melville's finely drawn portrait of a doomed whaling expedition.

The New Bedford Whaling Museum will host this staged reading of a script adapted from Herman Melville's classic novel *Moby Dick*. After the reading, there will be a talk back session with BETC. (This staged reading precedes a full production to be performed in Boston in January by the members of BETC.)

In addition to the free activities listed above, the Whaling Museum will offer buy one, get one free admissions for the day.

10 Unique Date Ideas



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When you've lived in the same area for a while it becomes easy for everything to take on a "been there, done that" vibe.

Trying to be inventive with date ideas can really leave a person stumped, and that goes for all ages and relationship types. If you feel like all of your date ideas have boiled down to the same restaurant, movie theatre or bar maybe it's time for some fresh ideas. Luckily, Greater New Bedford has plenty of fun things to do that are often overlooked.

Hopefully in this "10 Unique Date Ideas" article, you will find at least one thing you've never done before that will bring a little fun back into your relationship... even if it's not a relationship of the romantic variety! A lot of these ideas are bound to work just as well with a group of friends as they are with a significant other.

1. Go Kayaking

You are sure to have a memorable experience at Osprey Sea and Surf Adventures. Located at 489 Old County Road in Westport, Osprey offers a variety of kayak rentals as well as Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP). Osprey is situated at the head of the East



Branch of the Westport River, which is a truly picturesque area. Not only are kayaking and SUP excellent workouts, they allow you the chance to take in the beauty of the area at your own leisure.

Osprey caters to paddlers of all levels. If you and your date are beginners looking for lessons they offer them. On the other hand, if you are looking to amp up your kayaking or SUP skills by going into the waves you can also gain further

instruction from their experts. Osprey also offers SUP and kayak tours that range from scenic and casual to adventurous and physically demanding.

Whether your idea of fun is bird watching on the river or testing your limits against currents, Osprey Sea and Surf Adventures can help you get there and make for an unforgettable date. For more information on rental costs, courses and tours go to: <http://ospreyseakayak.com/>.

2. Find Your Inner Child

No matter your age, acting like a kid can be a lot of fun. If you're looking for a way to loosen up on your next date, consider doing something you haven't done in a long time. If you're really looking to bring out that 12 year old self, there's always Lazer Gate (<http://www.lazergate.com/>) located at 288 Plymouth Avenue in Fall River. Decked out with black lights and cool laser guns you can team up together to take opposite sides and navigate the mazes and catwalks as you exchange laser fire. If you're worried about being surrounded by actual children, go late at night, especially on weeknights (you're an adult, you get to make your own bedtime!). Lazer Gate is open until 10 PM weeknights and until midnight on weekends. With events like college nights and free mom and dad nights you won't be the only big kid there anyways.

And speaking of black lights, indoor mini golf puts a crazy spin on an otherwise typical date cliché. Ocean's 18 (www.oceans-18.com) in New Bedford creates an under the sea theme and actually serves wine and beer to those 21+.

Additionally, Ocean's 18 has a golf simulator for those looking to practice their swing.

3. Take a Hike

While Southeastern Massachusetts may be rather built up with cities, highways and other developments, it is not without beautiful reservations and state parks. No matter what the time of year is, you are subject to find some breathtaking views if you are willing to put on some walking shoes and take a short drive.



The Dartmouth National Resources Trust (DNRT) maintains 40 acres of walking trails that includes the much talked about Daffodil Field which is a popular sight in the Spring. To learn more about the Daffodil field, read our article (<http://www.newbedfordguide.com/daffodil-field-at-parsons-reserve/2011/04/20>). To learn more about the trails and the DNRT, go to <http://dnrt.org/>.

Another beautiful area in Dartmouth for walking paths is the Lloyd Center for the Environment (<http://lloydcenter.org/>). Featuring 5 trails, this area has stunning views of Buzzards Bay, Demarest Lloyd State Park, Mishaum Point and the islands.

If you are more into paved paths, two great local state parks offer incredible ocean views and plenty of nice picnic spots. The first is Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven, and the second, Fort Tabor is located right across the New Bedford Harbor. Both have interesting historical context and easy to walk on paths.

4. Challenge Your Taste Buds

If you find that dinner usually consists of the same old pub food or pizza, maybe it's time to try something with a little ethnic kick to it. There are numerous intriguing places to eat in the South Coast, and



spicing up dinner a little can spice up your date as well.

If you're interested in getting sushi for dinner check out my article on 5 Spectacular Sushi Spots (<http://www.newbedfordguide.com/5-spectacular-sushi-spots/2012/04/24>). Testing out new sushi rolls and eating with chopsticks can be an engaging way to spend your date night out!

Of course, Portuguese cuisine is a staple of New Bedford culture. My personal favorite place for Portuguese food is Antonio's Restaurant which offers huge servings of authentic Portuguese foods. For more information about Antonio's, or to look at the menu, go to <http://www.antoniosnewbedford.com/>.

Thai food is also delicious and a personal favorite of mine. If you're looking for a restaurant off the beaten path, check out Sivalai Thai Cuisine in Fairhaven. Located in a cute little place it has a charming atmosphere and amazing food that ranges from sweet Pad Thai to spicy Pad Kee-Mao. You can also stick to the downtown area and share a Thai dinner at the equally charming Spicy Lime restaurant.

Finally, if you've been missing the rich flavors of Korean cuisine ever since Ginger Grill changed to Commons, drive over to Dartmouth and check out From the Seoul. New Bedford Guide's Elsa Yeung called it "the best, most authentic Asian food in the area" and I have to agree! To read her whole review go [here](http://www.newbedfordguide.com/restaurant-review-from-the-seoul/2012/04/28) (<http://www.newbedfordguide.com/restaurant-review-from-the-seoul/2012/04/28>).

5. Find a Unique Event

There are often many interesting and one-of-a-kind happenings in the South Coast, but they often go unnoticed due to a lack of advertising or just not knowing where to look. The New Bedford Guide's Event Calendar is a great way to stay in the loop about fun upcoming events and to plan a date night that ventures away from the monotony of the "same old thing".



Next time you are stumped for a date idea, check out the calendar. You and your date could go to a Yoga or exercise class together, or hit up a farmers market and cook a fresh and local dinner at home. You could go to a free informational documentary viewing, or take in the sights with a New Bedford harbor tour. Whether you're into the bar scene, running in road races or anything in between, there's a lot to be found on the calendar.

Of course, it nearly goes without saying that AHA! night in downtown New Bedford is perfect for finding unique events for your date night. There are always lots of art showings, musical performances and other activities and demonstrations that will make you glad you got out of the house for the night. For more information on the next upcoming AHA! night, go to <http://www.ahanewbedford.org/>. For more about why you should factor AHA! into your social calendar, check out this article

(<http://www.newbedfordguide.com/5-reasons-aha-is-great/2012/05/10>)

6. Check Out Some Local Music

Whether you like to dance or just prefer sitting back and taking in some relaxing tunes, Greater New Bedford has a variety of music offerings. If you're looking to bring your date out to check out some tunes, 5 Live Music Spots in

Greater New Bedford
(<http://www.newbedfordguide.com/5-live-music-spots-in-greater-new-bedford/2012/07/20>) can help you find a promising location. Of course, the New Bedford Guide Event Calendar also often posts about upcoming musical performances.

If you're willing to spend a little more money to catch some music, the Zeiterion Theatre is always featuring varied performances. Located in downtown NB, the Zeiterion Theatre is a beautiful place with great acoustics. In the upcoming year the Z will house acts that range from big names like Art Garfunkel and Lyle Lovett to national cover bands and even theatre productions and classical music performances. Check out their site to find tickets to an event that will dazzle your date! (<http://www.zeiterion.org/>)

7. Indulge in some Microbrews or Local Wine

New Bedford may not be on the same level as Portland, ME or Burlington, VT when it comes to microbreweries and brew houses, but it isn't without variety when it comes to delicious brews. If you and your date are beer lovers, a fun night can be had testing out some unusual brews. Two microbrewery locations that frequently change up their beer options are the Pour Farm Tavern and Rose Alley Ale House.



On the Pour Farm Tavern's website they claim "We Always Choose Creative Brews" and this is very true. PFT features dozens of drafts beers that are often difficult to find anywhere else.

Additionally, they have numerous bottled and canned selections, and a decent list of 22 oz bottles that are great to share. Nearly every Thursday PFT hosts taste testing at 8

PM.

Rose Alley Ale House also prides itself on having an incredible beer selection, which features “40 constantly rotating taps with some of the finest beers from around the world”. The basement portion of Rose Alley is only open at certain times, but focuses mostly on “local micro brews and Belgian beers as well as a few of the all time favorites.”

Conversation over an international brew and a tasty appetizer at Rose Alley Ale House is certainly a great way for beer lovers to spend some time together.

If you are more into wine tastings, Westport Rivers Vineyard Winery (www.westportrivers.com) is a local place with beautiful views and frequent tastings and weekend tours. In addition to its wine offerings, the grounds of Westport Rivers are breathtaking, and it’s not a bad idea to buy a bottle after the tasting and find a spot to sit and enjoy.

Travessia is also part of the “coastal wine trail” and is an urban winery located right in downtown NB. They are open Thursday- Saturday from noon to 6:00 PM and Sunday from noon to 5:00 PM. You can test out their delicious wines and buy some bottles to add to your home collection or enjoy with dinner when you get home. For more information, go to <http://www.travessiawine.com/>.

8. Share a Romantic Dinner

Some say that romance is dead, but it can be found if you know where to look! Greater NB is host to some wonderful restaurants where you can wine and dine your date in a cozy intimate setting, or even with beautiful ocean views. Check out New Bedford Guide’s “5 Greater New Bedford Romantic Restaurants”

(<http://www.newbedfordguide.com/new-bedford-romantic-restaurants/2012/08/14>) to find the ideal location for your next big date.

9. Go Rock Climbing

Carabiner's indoor rock climbing facility in New Bedford is a great way to have some fun while exercising. It is sure to be a day neither of you will soon forget as you challenge yourself to scale the massive walls. Even if you have never been rock climbing before, Carabiner's is designed to be accessible and unintimidating, offering a personal belayer at the rate of \$50 for 2 climbers. Of course, you can also "learn the ropes" for yourself by



taking the belay course which is \$35 per person and includes an hour of training, a day pass and all rental equipment.

Learning to belay on your own is well worth it if you plan on making this thrilling date a regular activity. For more information on rates and options go to <http://www.carabiners.com/>.

10. Check Out a Museum

You don't have to drive to Boston or Providence to check out a museum. While the museums may not be as large in scale, they can provide a fun and cultured afternoon. New Bedford has three museum-type places that I would recommend checking out.

The first is the New Bedford Whaling Museum (<http://www.whalingmuseum.org/>) which has become a major part of the city and has a long history in and of itself. The concept of a whaling museum in New Bedford was first set out in 1903, and since that time the collection of artifacts, exhibits and information has grown greatly. If you have never been to the museum but live in the area, it really is a worthwhile endeavor as the whaling history of this region is rich and imperative to how the city developed. The museum

isn't dry and boring either, it has plenty of intriguing artifacts to check out.

The New Bedford Art Museum (<http://newbedfordartmuseum.org/>) is relatively young as far as art goes, having gotten its start in 1996. However, it changes its exhibits frequently to reflect both local and global collections. One of my favorite exhibits I saw there featured old photos of New Bedford. It was interesting to see how the city has changed in some ways but is very familiar in others. The museum is not huge, but its thoughtful exhibits make it a good time if either you or your date happen to be an art lover.

Located in the historic New Bedford Institute for Savings building, the Ocean Explorium is much like an aquarium, featuring exhibits that focus on marine life and the ocean.

While the Ocean Explorium is a great pull for children, it has intriguing exhibitions and presentations that are sure be educational and interesting to any age group. For example, there is a ray and shark touch tank where you can actually feel the aquatic creatures. There are also presentations done for general audiences (not just kids!) that feature the very cool Science on the Sphere, which is a spherical projection system that creates an image of the planet in 3-D. Of course, the Ocean Explorium can also make for a great family outing if you're looking to plan to get out with the kids as well!

Hope Takes Flight: A Butterfly Release

Southcoast Visiting Nurse Association, known in the community as Southcoast VNA, will host "Hope Takes Flight: A Butterfly Release" on September 15 to benefit the agency's Hospice program.



Hope Takes Flight will take place on Saturday, September 15, from 1 to 4 p.m., with the butterfly release occurring at 1:30 p.m. The event will be held at the Fairhaven Senior Center, 229 Huttleston Avenue in Fairhaven, and will take place rain or shine.

This inaugural event is being offered to the community as a way to honor and remember loved ones and friends and will support Southcoast VNA's Hospice program. Activities for families and children will include musical performances, inspirational readings and a live butterfly release. Light refreshments will be served.

Butterflies to honor a loved one can be purchased for a \$25 minimum donation. Butterflies purchased before August 24 will include a listing of a loved one's name in the event program book. Contact Southcoast VNA Community Affairs at 508-973-3472 or by email at scvnacommunityaffairs@southcoast.org to order your butterfly today. Butterflies will also be available to order at the following Farmers' Markets:

Tuesday, August 7, from 3 to 7 p.m.
Old Rochester Regional High School
135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett

Thursday, August 9, from 2 to 6 p.m.
South Coast Business Center
200 Mill Road, Fairhaven

Tuesday, August 14, from 3 to 7 p.m.
Old Rochester Regional High School
135 Marion Road, Mattapoisett

Thursday, August 16, from 2 to 6 p.m.
St. Luke's Hospital (Taber Street)
101 Page Street, New Bedford

Friday, August 17, from 1 to 6 p.m.
Rex Field
351 Elm Street, Dartmouth

Sunday, August 19, from 1 to 4 p.m.
Fairhaven High School
12 Huttleston Avenue (Route 6), Fairhaven

Presenting sponsor is Mallard & POPS Printing. Monarch Sponsors are BayCoast Bank, McKesson and PSS World Medical Inc. For more information about the event contact Southcoast VNA Community Affairs at 508-973-3472 or by email at scvnacommunityaffairs@southcoast.org.

Modern Parent, Relish the Experience of Motherhood



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Becoming a parent is and always will be a mixture of

excitement, anticipation, hard work, and yes, a bit of nervousness. In modern times, some of the needs of new parents can be met through online resources such as parenting blogs and shopping from home. However, if you just had a new addition to your family or have one on the way, you probably have already discovered that the sheer number of sites out there can be overwhelming. For the modern parent looking for a little help, local woman and mother Denell Pepin has an innovative new blog site called MoPa.

MoPa (short for Modern Parent) is a trendy blog that is just getting its start but already has a lot to offer when it comes to highlighting everything from baby gadgets to back to school fashion. The website and social media components of MoPa are dedicated to today's modern parent lifestyle and celebrating parenthood as well as highlighting the individuality of mothers everywhere. In addition to frequent posts highlighting cool new products, MoPaShow.com also posts a monthly "Modern Mom Series" which shares interviews and photos of unique moms who have blended their lifestyle and motherhood into a successful package.



Denell and her two boys.

I sat down with MoPa creator Denell Pepin the other day to find out more about her blog and about the idea of a "modern parent." I do not have any children myself, but having friends and family who have recently had babies I have learned

that it can be both exciting and overwhelming. Denell explained to me that too often new mothers find that their own sense of individuality comes under strain within the first few demanding years of raising a child. This is a concept that Denell is no stranger to, having been both a trend forecaster in NYC for Cotton Incorporated and now living the role of mother to two boys. Thus, Denell created MoPa as a landing page for moms to both shop at and get daily inspiration from.

Denell was very excited to talk with me about MoPa's first upcoming event on September 23rd. This event is intended to take the idea of MoPa offline and into real time by providing a night out where attendees can interact with both local and national sellers while enjoying mocktails, light refreshments, music and workshops. According to Denell, participants should expect the event to be much like a beautiful baby shower that combines shopping and educational opportunities together to create a "chic and contemporary modern day expo" where new and expecting parents can mingle and chat with others from the area.

There will be five program rich workshops at the September 23rd Modern Parent event including how to best approach a baby registry and some health inspirations from the ladies at Boutique Fitness. The MoPa event will be attended by national brand representatives such as Bumble Ride, and there will also be local participants such as the New Bedford-based, internationally acclaimed jewelry artist Isabelle Grace.

Since MoPa is all about the lifestyle of the modern parent, all sales aren't just directed towards baby gear; there will also be exhibitors for beauty products, parenting services, and much more. Additionally, some lucky mothers will be eligible to win incredible giveaways for attending.

For new and expecting parents, this is really a great opportunity, and Denell expressed her hope that in the future this will be "an event that women look forward to every year."

She explained to me that MoPa online and offline is geared

towards giving women a chance to relish the experience of motherhood and enjoy the lifestyle of being a modern mom; “We’re all about discovering trends in baby gear & gadgets, accessories, furniture, clothing, skin care, parenting services, and more.” It is her intention that this first MoPa event will be a night of celebrating parenthood for all in attendance. Additionally, Denell seemed thrilled to be bringing so many quality vendors to Greater New Bedford and hopes that this event will open the door for MoPa to be involved with many other community events in the future.

The Modern Parent event will take place at the Hawthorne Country Club in North Dartmouth. Festivities begin at 3 PM on Sunday September 23rd and end at 7 PM. For tickets, go to www.mopashow.com. Tickets are \$15 for one person, or \$20 for two people. All participants will receive a Swag Bag and the first 50 people to sign up will receive a VIP Swag Bag with great products. For current and soon-to-be parents, this is a do not miss evening!

Historic Park to Celebrate French Canadian Culture

Summertime is the best time to enjoy free entertainment in your local national park! Fleur de Lis will be performing French Canadian music in the garden area of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in downtown New Bedford on Thursday evening, August 23 from 6:30 to



7:30 PM as part of its Thursday evening summer concert series. Then, on Saturday, August 25 from 12 noon-2 PM, Ron Tor Bendiksen will be demonstrating the art of net-making in the garden, while Ruth and Abby, the national park's 1850s ladies, offer a fun hands-on activity for children. The Saturday afternoon activities are part of the park's Maritime Heritage series. The concerts and maritime crafts are offered free each week at the park during July and August.

In addition to the Thursday evening concert, there will be a video on life in Canada (5:30 – 6:30), artifacts of French Canadian life, as well as posters, and books pertaining to French Canadian culture.

Call for Artists – Celebrate Buzzards Bay Art Show

Artists who are inspired by Buzzards Bay are encouraged to submit works for consideration for the exhibition titled, *Interpretations: Artistic Celebrations of Buzzards Bay*. The exhibit is the



result of a collaboration between the Falmouth Artists Guild and the Buzzards Bay Coalition and will be displayed in both Falmouth and New Bedford.

The Buzzards Bay region has long served as inspiration for artists who interpret the Bay and its watershed, from headwaters to harbors, as a place for work, for play and reflection, and to understand the interaction between nature

and man. This exhibit will celebrate works that capture the beauty, diversity, and character of the Bay and its watershed.

The call for entries is now open and artists may deliver works of all media for consideration to the Falmouth Art Center (137 Gifford Street) on Monday, August 20th, from 9:30-4:00. Jurying will take place on the 21st and the exhibit will open in Falmouth on August 23rd.

Eligible art pieces must be recent work that has not been previously exhibited at the Falmouth Art Center. While artists may submit multiple pieces for consideration, only one piece per artist will be accepted. Accepted works are at the discretion of the jury panel and all accepted works will be posted on the Falmouth Art Center website upon the completion of the jurying process at www.falmouthart.org.

Additional requirements and downloadable prospectus can be found at www.falmouthart.org or by contacting the Falmouth Artists Guild at 508.540.3304 or info@falmouthart.org.

New Bedford Chowder Festival 2012





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Without a doubt, New Bedford has come to host some awesome annual festivals. Whether it's the thousands of people cramming into Madeira Field for the Feast, dozens of bands taking the stage all weekend at Summerfest or locals providing demonstrations of the fishing industry at the Working Waterfront Festival; New Bedford can pride itself on being rich with varied cultural experiences.

However, even as we watch the final weekends of summer dwindle away, there is still much to look forward to for the fall.

One fall festivity that has become incredibly successful and is a must-attend community event of the year is the annual New Bedford Seaport Chowder Festival. Taking place on Sunday October 7th, the Chowder Festival tends to pack Custom House Square in downtown New Bedford and provides participants with tantalizing tastes from 25 regional restaurants.

If the idea of taste testing dozens of seafood chowder, kale soup, quahog and clam chowder samples sounds like something you'd enjoy, here's the 101 on the New Bedford Seaport Chowder Festival:

1. When, Where and Costs



Custom House Square – Photo by Sally Spooner.

As always, the Chowder Festival takes place under a large tent covering Custom House Square in downtown New Bedford. The tent allows for the event to resume come rain or shine. This year the Festival will be on Sunday October 7th, which is the day before Columbus Day. The combination of a three day weekend and cool early fall time weather should allow for people to be able to enjoy themselves all day long.

The festival starts at noon and ends at 5 PM. Tickets for this event tend to sell fast, and the tent is often very crowded so buying tickets in advance or getting there early is recommended. Tickets bought in advance are \$15 and can be purchased at the Downtown New Bedford Office which is located at 105 William Street on the second floor. Also, tickets can be bought on their website; www.downtownnb.org or at other participating locations which will be announced soon. Tickets bought at the door are \$18 and children ages 6-12 are only \$5. Children 5 and under are free.

2. Chowder Show Down



Winner trophies and plaques
– photo by Sally Spooner.

For those of you who have never been, the Chowder Festival is a competition between the twenty-five participating restaurants. Over the past six years, local eateries have faced off to win 1st, 2nd or 3rd place in either the People's Choice Award or the Judge's Choice Award in five categories.

The categories are; best clam chowder, seafood chowder, kale soup, stuffed quahog and table presentation.

As with any similar food festival, participants are given a voting card to fill out once they have sampled to their heart's delight. The votes are submitted (usually at the center of the tent) and tallied later to determine the winner. The Judge's Choice award is determined by a blind taste test, which eliminates the issue of favoritism.

Since 2006 the New Bedford Seaport Chowder Festival has amassed an impressive Hall of Fame of past winners. Last year's coveted Best Clam Chowder People's Choice Award went to Bittersweet Farm. Freestone's pulled off Best Seafood Chowder according to the people, River's End Cafe was elected Best Stuffed Quahog, and Best Table Display went to Marlees Seafood. Interestingly enough, the People's Choice Award for Best Kale Soup went to none other than St. Luke's Hospital, which also placed second in two other categories... now that's some good hospital food!

For a full list of Hall of Famers in for both People's Choice

and Judge's Award since 2006, [click here](#).

3. Food & Drink



Photo by Sally Spooner.

As previously mentioned there are 25 booths that will be participating in this year's New Bedford Seaport Chowder Festival. The booths are set up in a circle around the perimeter of the tent so that traffic can flow from one station to the next. So far, announced participants include; Braza Rotisserie, Cedars Assisted Living, Cotali Mar Restaurant, Emeritus at Dartmouth Village; Freestone's City Grill, Inner Bay Cafe & Grille, Lafrance Hospitality, M & C Cafe, Madeira Cafe, Me & Ed's, Mike's Restaurant, The Pasta House, River's End Cafe, The Sail Loft; Southcoast Hospitals Group, Seaport Inn & Marina; St. Michael's Restaurant, Vivvy's and Whaling City Diner. Some of these eateries are new to the festival, while others have been competing every year from the very start.

For those who aren't big on seafood, Cafe Arpeggio will be selling coffee, homemade ice cream and sandwiches. There will also be drink vending available outside of the tent which features local beers and wines as well as soda and mixed drinks. All food and drink items besides the samples are not included in the ticket price.

4. Entertainment

The Chowder Festival can get very crowded, but it is also

dedicated to family fun for those with young children. The YMCA Lobster Races are always a big draw for children, and there will also be craft activities organized by the New Bedford Ocean Explorium and Global Charter School.

This year's musical entertainment will be provided by a very talented Eagles tribute band called Another Tequila Sunrise.

Another Tequila Sunrise is considered to be one of the premiere Eagles cover bands in the nation and have been touring the country for over ten years. In addition to this band bringing an exciting musical experience, Another Tequila Sunrise also features Keith Brindle who is a New Bedford native.

Photos from the 2011 New Bedford Chowder Festival – Provided by Sally Spooner

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Digital Cameras Donated for Kids Photography Project



Charlotte Joep; photo taken
by Jennifer Chyten Joep.

Ten new digital cameras were donated this past week to ArtWorks! by the Photographic Historical Society of New England, in support of the Kids with Cameras side of the *'Postcards From New Bedford: a Photostory Project'*. Project organizers have extended the registration deadline to Friday, August 17th and encourage city youth ages 8-18 to participate. The donated cameras are available for city youth to use, but the project is open to all Southcoast youth interested in New Bedford as a photography subject.

The Photographic Historical Society of New England is an organization of people interested in the collection and history of photographic equipment, processes and images. Its goal is to promote a wider understanding and appreciation of the full legacy of photography and its relevance today.

"On behalf of ArtWorks! I want to thank the Photographic Historical Society of New England for their generous donation to support the project and invest in the artistic and educational growth of New Bedford's youth," said Deb Smook, Education and Outreach Director at ArtWorks! "We look forward to the glimpses and the inaudible stories brought to life through the photographs. The Kids with Cameras event and exhibit is a tremendous opportunity for youth to see their city with fresh eyes. Composing objects through a viewfinder might be the easiest part of this project!" added Smook.

This photography project has sparked the interest of eight-year-old Charlotte Joep, and her mother Jennifer Chyten Joep, a professional photographer. Charlotte is excited to pick up the camera for the first time to participate in this project. Charlotte's mom stated, "I have thoroughly enjoyed viewing the world through her photographs and seeing the things that she finds compelling. We are both looking forward

to experiencing the different stories and striking images that are captured by others participating in the postcards project.” The Jopes, transplants from Boston to the Southcoast, are delighted to embrace the city of New Bedford and its thriving art community.

All Southcoast area youth, 8-18 years-of-age, who are interested in participating should contact Alicia Moretti at ArtWorks! no later than Friday, August 17 by phone at 508-984-1588, email at aliciam@artworksforyou.org, or in person by appointment at ArtWorks! located at 384 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford, MA 02740. Additional camera donations wanted in order to allow a greater number of youth to participate.

The ***Postcards From New Bedford: a Photostory Project*** is the brainchild of Beatriz Oliveira who has partnered with fellow photographer John Hodgson and the ArtWorks! organization to bring this project concept to life. Oliveira is a local Marketing/Events Planning professional and Hodgson is a retired CPA and former partner at Hodgson Pratt, Pratt & Saunders; both share a passion for photography and a love for the city of New Bedford. ArtWorks! is a non-profit community arts center that develops and supports community through educational partnerships, classes, exhibitions, and outreach programming.

This photography project exhibition is planned for the month of October in the ArtWorks! gallery. The opening is scheduled for Friday, October 5, 2012 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. A special opening for the Kids with Cameras side of the project is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, AHA! night, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Something Fishy Release at the Seamen's Bethel Today

The Working Waterfront Festival is pleased to announce the release of Something Fishy, a live recording of poetry and stories from the Festival. Over the past 8 years every Festival performance has been recorded. This CD compilation represents



some of the best stories and poems and features festival favorites: Dave Densmore, Moe Bowstern, Jon Campbell, Charlotte Enoksen, Bob Quinn, Geno Leech and others. Please join us Thursday, August 9th at 7:30 PM at the Seamen's Bethel to celebrate the release of this unique recording. Jon Campbell, Charlotte Enoksen, Colin Williams, and Dawn Clifton-Tripp will read their work. Signed copies of the CD will be sold at the event with proceeds benefiting the Festival.

This year, taking a page from the Astoria Fisher Poets Gathering, poets, prose writers, and songwriters are invited to craft an original, new piece incorporating the following phrase: "Fishing, it's in the blood". Participants will share their piece at the Working Waterfront Festival's Fisherpoetry Finale on Sunday, September 30th at 4:00 p.m. on the Steamship Stage. The audience will choose the winner who will take home a Festival t-shirt and copy of the Something Fishy CD.

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 in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on the last full weekend of September. Navigate to us at www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org.

Johnson Girls Concerts at Historical Park

Summertime is the best time to enjoy free entertainment in your local national park! The Johnson Girls will be performing maritime music in the garden area of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in downtown New Bedford on Thursday evening, August 9 from 6:30 to



7:30 PM as part of its Thursday evening summer concert series. Then, on Saturday, August 11 from 12 noon-2 PM, Liz LeValley will be demonstrating the art of scrimshaw in the garden, while Ruth and Abby, the 1850s ladies, offer hands-on crafts for children. The Saturday afternoon activities are part of the park's Maritime Heritage series. The concerts and maritime crafts are offered free each week at the park during July and August.