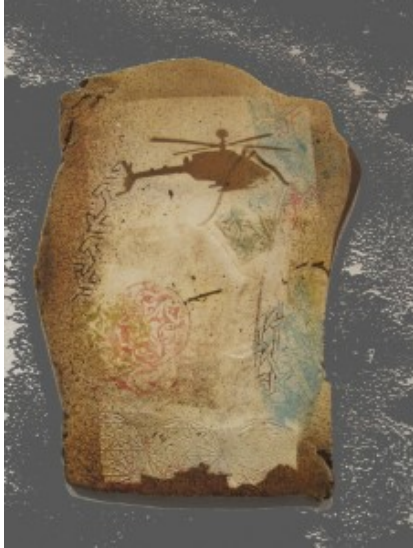


# Sidewalk Murals Commemorating September 11, 2001



James Mitschmyer's Murals will be at at Roosevelt Middle School.

By Joyce Rowley

This summer the City of New Bedford solicited local artists for sidewalk mural designs to commemorate the September 11, 2001 attacks. Four designs were selected from local artists Ron Fortier of UMass Dartmouth, Cate Nichols of Mosiacate, James Mitschmyer, and ArtWorks! staff Deb Smook, Cyndi Wish and Alicia Moretti.

Katie Hauswirth, who spearheaded the idea, said that the City welcomes other submissions for the 12 other schools in the district. "This will be an ongoing project for the schools."

"Many of the children that see these murals were not born at the time of the attacks," said Hauswirth. The designs were chosen to inspire reflection on the events of September 11 and its aftermath.

The designs are as varied as the artists who envisioned them.

Ron Fortier, professor of Art at UMass Dartmouth, will use active stain in the concrete to create his mural. The working title of the piece is "Tolerance Cannot be Defeated." As he describes it:

"The people, as represented by the hands of Americans of all races, are on a field of golden yellow symbolizing the warm light of unity. Blue, the predominant color, is a reminder of the crystal clear morning of 9-11-01 that was suddenly and violently shattered. The three crash sites (New York, Washington and Pennsylvania) are represented equally. At the foot of the piece, 09-11-01 and 09-11-11 commemorates the ten year anniversary juxtaposed with the time each airliner crashed."

ArtWorks! Education and Outreach Director Deb Smook, Executive Director Cyndi Wish and Artists Market Coordinator Alicia Moretti will use scrap metals, new ceramic mosaic to form a dove with an olive branch. ArtWorks! Partners for the Arts and the Community is a non-profit community arts center located at 384 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford.



Cate Nichols of Mosaicate, designed a tile mosaic dedicated to the 411 emergency service personnel lost that day. A red and white heart-shaped mosaic made of bits of ceramic hearts, leaves, and gems will abut blue Twin Towers containing the dates 9-11-01 and 9-10-11.

James Mitschmyer's design uses religious icons interspersed with symbols of war on five hand-made ceramic stepping stones. Progressing along the stones the symbols of war fade as the

symbols of peace become more prominent.

According to his narrative, "The religious icons, in my proposal, symbolize power and compassion. The dominant colors of the tiles being red white and blue are meant to strike a sense of patriotism and community. I include military images with the intent of honoring those men and woman who sacrifice so much so we can live in a safe free society as Americans. By making the finished form a steppingstone I hope to instill a feeling of moving forward towards a place of peace and prosperity."

You can watch the murals being installed on September 3, 2011 at the following locations:

9:00 a.m. James Mitschmyer at Roosevelt Middle School on the Frederick Street side.

9:30 a.m. ArtWorks! At Gomes Elementary School on the west side of the building near entrance.

10:00 a.m. Cate Nichols, Parker Elementary School on the County Street sidewalk across parking lot from entrance.

10:30 a.m. Ron Fortier at Hayden McFadden Elementary School, south side of building directly in front of entrance.

#### **ABOUT THE ARTISTS:**

Ron Fortier is currently a professor of Art at UMass Dartmouth, after teaching advertising and marketing at the Charlton College of Business, UMass Dartmouth. He received a BFA at SMU (UMass Dartmouth's precursor), and a MFA from the University of Miami. He is a member of Gallery X.

Cate Nichols was born in New Bedford and earned her BA in English/Communications from UMass Dartmouth. She has seven years experience in mosaics and is a Gallery X member. She resides in New Bedford. Mosaicate is her online studio at [www.etsy.com/shop/Mosaicate](http://www.etsy.com/shop/Mosaicate).

James Mitschmyer has a BFA from Maine College of Art in 2005.

He has been a ceramic instructor and studio manager at the Sharon Arts Center in Sharon, New Hampshire. This fall he will be attending UMass Dartmouth School of Visual and Performing Arts on a graduate assistantship.

ArtWorks! Partners for the Arts and the Community is a non-profit community arts center located at 384 Acushnet Avenue, New Bedford. Three galleries and an artists' market showcase local artists. Classes and outreach programs bring the artists into the community. Find out more about the programs and artists at [www.artworksforyou.org](http://www.artworksforyou.org).

Katie Hauswirth relocated recently from Detroit. This past summer she was an intern in Mayor Scott Lang's office and proposed the idea as a commemorative activity for September 11. Ms. Hauswirth is now the Assistant Principal for Nativity Preparatory Middle School on Spring Street, New Bedford, MA.

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## **B.B. King & James Montgomery at the Zeiterion Theatre**

By Joyce Rowley



Amazing. An icon. The King of Blues. The Ambassador of the Blues. These are some of the usual terms for B.B. King, who at 86 years old next month still does 200 shows a year on tour. And now this blues legend will be playing at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center on Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> Labor Day weekend.

AND James Montgomery, a blues legend in his own right, will open for him. How did New Bedford rate such talent?

Perhaps it was Zeiterion's Special Projects and Contemporary Music staff, Greg Morton, who in another life 30 years ago was the lead bass player for Duke and the Drivers, a band that James Montgomery worked with and still speaks of highly.

"Greg was a collector of obscure R&B," says Montgomery. "He got me into bands I'd never heard of like Betty Wright and "The Clean Up Woman." Gregg is a musicologist. He's well respected in the music business in the northern part of the country," he said.



Morton was far more humble. He mentioned his bass days and called James Montgomery “the gentleman of the blues.” As for B.B. King, Morton said it was a matter of luck and timing.

“B.B. played every year at the Cape Cod Melody Tent so that precluded us from booking him. This year we lucked out. He didn’t play Cape Cod and we were able to book him here. Both stars [of luck and timing] aligned, and we got him here,” said Morton.

Morton also said it was the team of professionals at the Zeiterion that has developed a reputation for high quality programming. Gregg said their goal is to bring the highest level of entertainment to the Z, whether music, comedy or theater.

“We’ve had Yo Yo Ma, Wynton Marsalis, Jerry Lee Lewis, James Brown, and Lily Tomlin. Bill Cosby is opening the season this year,” he said.

And now B.B. King at the Z, with James Montgomery opening. It doesn’t get better than that. There are still some good seats left, although it’s likely show will be sold out soon.

Tickets: \$60/\$75/\$85

8:00 p.m., September 4, 2011

Zeiterion Performing Arts Center

684 Purchase Street, New Bedford, MA

Box Office: 508-994-2900

[www.zeiterion.org](http://www.zeiterion.org)

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# Free Civil War Trading Cards



Carney Academy in New Bedford is named after William Carney.

Trading cards have been popular for generations, from images of sports figures to movie stars. Now, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is offering free trading cards featuring figures of the Civil War who had ties to the city.

The ten cards available at New Bedford are part of a series of 189 cards that may be obtained at participating national parks throughout the northeastern United States while the National Park Service observes the Civil War 150th anniversary (2011-2015). Ways to “earn” a trading card include participating in a ranger-led tour or answering a question about their visit to the park.

While the cards address both major battles and famous generals, they also tell the story of everyday people who participated in the Civil War. One card, for example, features William Carney of New Bedford, who was wounded three

times during the bloody assault on Fort Wagner near Charleston, South Carolina. For his bravery in the battle, he became the first African-American to earn the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award.

"The trading cards are vehicles for telling some 'lesser-known' stories—including the stories of civilians, women, and African-Americans," said Superintendent Jen Nersesian. "The trading cards are a great way to engage us in our history as a nation, both here in New Bedford and throughout the northeast United States." According to Superintendent Nersesian, the cards also provide an incentive to families to visit all 23 parks which offer the cards. Visitors may earn a set of Civil War Trading Cards at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in the following ways: Bring in trading cards to the information desk from another participating site; Take a photo in front of 54th Regiment Plaza on William Street and show it to park staff; Download "54," The Youth Ambassador Program (YAP!) song, from SoundCloud (<http://soundcloud.com/yap-2/54yap>) and show your Ipod to the information desk staff or recite lyrics from the song; Visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/nebe](http://www.nps.gov/nebe) and answer one of the questions about the 54th Regiment. In addition, all active-duty military, veterans, and their families qualify to receive a set of trading cards. A visit to two or more participating parks qualifies children (18 years of age and younger) to receive a free Civil War backpack simply by showing a card from another park.

Learn more about Civil War programs at [www.nps.gov/civilwar150](http://www.nps.gov/civilwar150). List of participating parks:

**MARYLAND** Antietam National Battlefield, Sharpsburg, Maryland  
Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park, Brunswick,  
Cumberland, Hancock, Potomac, and Williamsport, Maryland  
Clara Barton National Historic Site, Glen Echo, Maryland  
Monocacy National Battlefield, Frederick, Maryland.



**MASSACHUSETTS** Boston African-American National Historic Site, Boston, Massachusetts Boston Harbor Islands, Boston, Massachusetts Boston National Historical Park, Boston, Massachusetts New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, New Bedford, Massachusetts Lowell National Historical Park, Lowell, Massachusetts.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE** Saint-Gaudens National Historic Site, Cornish, New Hampshire.

**PENNSYLVANIA** Gettysburg National Military Park, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

**VIRGINIA** Appomattox Court House National Historical Park, Appomattox, Virginia Arlington House, Robert E. Lee Memorial, Arlington, Virginia Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, Virginia Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania National Military Park, Fredericksburg, Virginia Manassas National Battlefield, Manassas, Virginia Petersburg National Battlefield, Petersburg, Virginia Richmond National Battlefield Park, Richmond, Virginia.

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park Civil War Defenses of Washington George Washington Memorial Parkway Ford's Theatre National Historic Site National Mall and Memorial Parks

**WEST VIRGINIA** Harpers Ferry National Historical Park, Harpers Ferry, West Virginia.

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## South Coast Weekend Guide –

# Hurricane Irene Edition



by Ali  
Piva

Watch out New Bedford – Hurricane Irene is headed this way! The Weather Channel has put out a warning for an extraordinary threat as *“Hurricane Irene roars towards the U.S. as a potentially devastating Category 3 storm, impacting millions of people from the Carolinas to New England.”* To be totally aware of when to expect the worst of Irene, follow the hurricane tracker [HERE](#). The hurricane is not predicted to hit this area until Sunday night into Monday, and the weekend weather is as follows with mostly sunny skies on Friday with a high of 83°F. Thundershowers on Saturday and turning into heavy rain and wind on Sunday, with temperatures dropping to 76°F.

Definitely check out one or some of the many opportunities in the area to have a great time this weekend; listen to local music, enjoy nightlife, or benefit a good cause. Stay safe from Hurricane Irene and the nasty weather that is headed our way – stay dry! As always, most events discussed here are from LocalOracle. To have your events promoted for FREE, submit them [HERE](#). If you need directions, simply click on the event name for contact info and directions.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26**

Enjoy the night out in Providence at the very first annual Providence Music Fest.

This is an opportunity to enjoy the night out listening to great

live music in a festival setting while supporting a wonderful cause, as a portion of the proceeds from the fest will be donated to the Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Research Foundation. The Providence Music Festival starts at 8pm and is held on the streets adjacent to Sidebar Bistro in downtown Providence.



For other nightlife, this Friday is Ladies Night at Bar 908 (908 Purchase St.) where women get in for free all night long! Guest DJ Fahrenheit will be playing and there will even be free shots through the evening. Or enjoy the downtown bar scene at The Pour Farm Tavern (780 Purchase St.), Catwalk Bar and Grille (34 Union St.), Hibernia Irish Pub (109 William St.), Rose Alley Ale House (94 Front St.), or Cork Wine and Tapas (90 Front St.). Catch MRL + 2 at Down The Hatch on West Island in Fairhaven starting at 8 p.m.

For other events, check [HERE](#).

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**

If the weather holds out, find peace of mind with Yoga at Fort Tabor (1000C South Rodney French Blvd.) from 9am-10am. This is a vinyasa style, hour-long yoga class and attendees are required to bring their own mat or towel, and water. The class is only \$5 and proceeds benefit local charities.

This is a great way to start the weekend out with healthy exercise and good karma! Contact [southcoastyoga@gmail.com](mailto:southcoastyoga@gmail.com) with any questions or concerns.



Or find inner peace to prepare you for the hurricane by trying out a yoga class at Yoga On Union (corner of Johnny Cake Hill and Union St.). Saturday morning offers two classes; 8am-9:15 a.m. or 9:30 a.m.-11 a.m. Cost is 5 classes for \$60, 10 classes for \$110, and \$13 for drop-ins. For more information on yoga in the area, check [HERE](#). For Yoga any day of the week check out our Yoga Seven Days a Week article!

Spend the afternoon being visually stimulated; enjoy the In the Flesh Exhibit at Gallery X (169 William St.) from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

For music Saturday night, check out Johnny's Basement at the Ice Chest Bar and Grille (136 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven) at 9pm. Or, weather permitting, head back into Providence and enjoy Saturday night at Providence Music Fest. For more information and a schedule of bands, check [HERE](#).

For other events, check [HERE](#).

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**

Unfortunately Hurricane Irene has impacted one of my personal favorite events of the summer: the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chowder Festival presented by Downtown New Bedford Inc. This is a delicious event, serving fresh chowder from 20 local restaurants. YUM. The event was scheduled for the 28<sup>th</sup> but has been postponed to Sunday, September 18.



For finish the weekend with music, Two Across will be playing at the Ice Chest Bar and Grille (136 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven) from 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Or check out Sunday Night Jam Session at Pour Farm (780 Purchase St); starting at 7 p.m. and hosted by local musician Matt Antunes. Support independent,

local musicians who are looking to get their music out to you!

For other events, check [HERE](#).

Have a great weekend, but definitely take precautions to ensure your safety if the hurricane hits hard! Follow the hurricane [HERE](#). For more information on hurricane safety tips, check [HERE](#).

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## **Sharks Come Cruisin Free New Bedford Performance (25 Aug)**

On Thursday, August 25, at 6:30 PM, New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park will be hosting Mark Lambert of the Sharks Come Cruisin and Friends, presenting original and traditional singalong songs. They will be the featured artists for this



coming Thursday Evening in the Park event. Each week in July and August the park offers a free concert in its garden at 33 William Street, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Mark Lambert is a singer/songwriter from Providence, Rhode Island who has been performing regionally and nationally since 1990. Lambert, who spent much of the 1990's performing in punk bands, was inspired in 2003 by the character of Quint's rendition of 'Spanish Ladies' in the film Jaws and began researching traditional Sea Shanties. By 2004 he began performing these all but forgotten songs under the name Sharks Come Cruisin. Lambert's performances are an energetic mix of

original and traditional sing-along songs, keeping the themes of audience participation and celebration at the center of his music and live performances. Lambert has performed both solo, and as Sharks Come Cruisin, at numerous festivals up and down the East Coast, from Florida to Maine, including the Working Waterfront Festival in New Bedford, MA, maritime festivals in Salem, MA and Portsmouth, NH, and The Fest in Gainesville, FL. Lambert's original songs and arrangements of traditional sea shanties have been compared to Flogging Molly, The Pogues, and the Dropkick Murphys.

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## **South Coast Weekend Guide (August 19-21)**



by Ali  
Piva

This weekend, expect typical New England summer weather: warm temps, scattered thunderstorms, and partly cloudy skies. There is a chance of storms on both Friday and Saturday, and skies should be clear by Sunday. Temperatures will range from 79°F to 82°F.

Definitely check out one or some of the many opportunities in the area to have a great time this weekend; listen to local music, enjoy nightlife, explore your artistic side, or benefit a good cause. As always, most events discussed here are from

LocalOracle. To have your events promoted for FREE, submit them [HERE](#) or send an e-mail to [info@newbedfordguide.com](mailto:info@newbedfordguide.com). If you need directions, simply click on the event name for contact info and directions.



Mary Chapin  
Carpenter at The  
Z tonight at 8  
p.m.

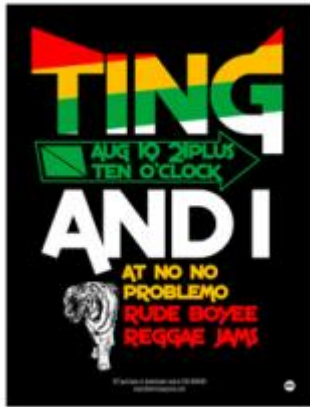
## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 19**

Tickets went on sale today for the upcoming release of Jay Burke's Whaling City Film. The film is scheduled for a one-time showing at the Zeiterion Theatre on 24 September at 8 p.m. Get your tickets now because they are going fast! Full details [here](#).

Want to enjoy the evening outdoors? Take a short trip to Providence, Rhode Island to visit the Roger Williams Park Zoo (1000 Elmwood Ave., Providence) for their ZooARTyssey. Explore the zoo and experience the animals while being entertained by performance artists and live music! This event is appropriate for all ages, and there will be beer and wine available for sale for adults. Tickets are \$15 for Adults, and \$10 for Children and Seniors. The event is from 6-9 p.m. Check [here](#) for more information.

From Roger Williams Park Zoo: *"Enjoy an unforgettable*

*experience as you journey through Roger Williams Park Zoo on a summer evening during the magical sunset hours and discover enchanting and engaging living art characters created by Rhode Island's renowned performance artists, TEN31 Productions. Enjoy the living art as well as all the animals on exhibit and live music. Delicious food and an array of beverages including beer and wine will also be available for purchase."*



Enjoy a concert when Mary Chapin Carpenter plays at The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center Friday night. The show starts at 8 p.m., and tickets are available [HERE](#).

From The Z: *"Mary Chapin Carpenter has always chosen her own path. From her first gigs as a rising star on Washington D.C.'s folk scene in the early 1980s, she has made a reputation as both a singer and songwriter with a mind of her own. Over the course of her recording career, Carpenter has won five Grammy Awards and sold over 13 million records. She has scored 12 top 10 singles, including "He Thinks He'll Keep Her," which was nominated for a Record of the Year Grammy."*

For music and a meal, check out reggae band Ting and I while enjoying delish Mexican food at No Problemo (813 Purchase St.) at 10pm. No Probs recently extended their menu – yum! Or jam out with jazz and rock band Greg Lee Ensemble at Airport Grille (1569 Airport Rd.) at 8 p.m. For more on what you can enjoy at Airport Grille, check out NBG's article [HERE](#). Catch the J.Kelly Band at Down the Hatch on West Island in Fairhaven from 8 p.m. to 12 a.m.

For other events, check [HERE](#).



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 20**



Whaling City  
Clippers play at  
New Bedford High  
School starting at  
6:30 p.m.

Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. is Operation Clean Sweep hosted by the Whaling City Clippers Football team. Lunch pizza will be provided by Domino's Pizza. People are asked to meet-up at Keith Middle School to pick-up equipment and get your assigned areas. Tools and gloves are provided. Pre-register at [www.operationcleansweep.net](http://www.operationcleansweep.net) or call 508.979.1493. Catch the Whaling City Clippers kick off the second half of their football season at New Bedford High School starting at 6:30 p.m. General admission is \$5, \$3 for senior citizens and active duty military, veterans and children under 12-years old get in for free.

Saturday is the beginning of second (and last!) weekend of an incredible annual, local event, the South Coast Artist's Open Studio Tour 2011. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year of this very special event in our area that showcases the artistic talent and creativity of many of our local residents. The South Coast Artist's Open Studio Tour 2011 is a self-guided tour that

travels across highways and through rural and farm landscapes; exhibiting art in Tiverton, RI, Little Compton, RI, Dartmouth, MA and Westport, MA. Along this tour will be many different local artists opening up their studios for exclusive tours of their one-of-a-kind artworks. The tour is free to the public, and all ages are welcome.



From South Coast Artists: *"This is your chance to visit the studios of some of the best artists living, working and exhibiting in the four beautiful coastal towns of Tiverton, Little Compton, Westport and Dartmouth...Along the way you'll discover the work of welcoming artists working in such diverse*

*mediums as oils, acrylics, watercolors, photography, sculpture, basketry, fiber arts, ceramics, glass, wood, metal, jewelry, paper and mixed media. All you have to do is follow the map in the brochure and look for the blue and white Open Studio signs and windsocks marking each studio or gallery."*

The South Coast Artist's Open Studio Tour 2011 is being held for the second time this summer on August 20-21. For more information on the check out the online brochure, or click [here](#) for the open studio tour map. Check [here](#) for the full list of South Coast Artists.

The McCarthy & Legge Huckleberry CD Release Party is from 3-7 p.m. at Rose Alley Ale House. Chris Richards and Steve Mazza will join Butch and Dori. Swing by to catch some great music and pick up a few copies of their CD!

For music Saturday night, check out The Morons at Ice Chest Bar and Grille (136 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven) and the Blood Moons, Octave Claw, and Dropouts at The Blackwatch Bar (266 Dartmouth St., New Bedford) at 9 p.m. For other nightlife,

enjoy the downtown bar scene at Catwalk Bar and Grille (34 Union St.), Hibernia Irish Pub (109 William St.), Rose Alley Ale House (94 Front St.), or Cork Wine and Tapas (90 Front St.).

For other events, check [HERE](#).

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 21**



The J. Kelley Band plays at Down The Hatch Friday and Ice Chest on Sunday.

Sunday is the very last day to enjoy the South Coast Artist's Open Studio Tour 2011. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity to support local artists.

Sleep in and enjoy a late brunch or lunch date at Cork Wine and Tapas (90 Front St.) or Dog Day Sundays with your BFF (best furry friend) at Hibernia Irish Pub (109 William St.).

For music, J Kelley will be performing at the Ice Chest (136 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven) from 4-8 p.m. Or check out Sunday Night Jam Session at Pour Farm (780 Purchase St); starting at 7pm and hosted by local musician Matt Antunes. Support independent, local musicians who are looking to get their music out to you! If you want to jam, give Matt a shout at [straightlacedproductions@comcast.net](mailto:straightlacedproductions@comcast.net).

For other events, check [HERE](#).

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# Whaling City Film at Zeiterion Theatre (24 Sept)



by Eric  
Tripoli

For over 10 years, Dartmouth native Jay Burke has been working to complete his first feature-length film, *Whaling City*. What began as a script he wrote as a student at Columbia Film School, *Whaling City* is finally nearing completion. The film is set in New Bedford, Massachusetts in the rapidly changing world of the modern fishing industry. It tells the story of Sean, a third-generation independent commercial fisherman, struggling to keep a grasp on his way of life, and a long-held family boat. While developing an unlikely relationship with a marine biologist, he is tempted to do whatever it takes to keep his boat.

Jay Burke wanted to make the film as authentic as he could, so he shot it in and around the New Bedford area, using local actors and crew members when possible. Principle photography has been complete for almost a year, and as the post-production process rolls on, anticipation for the film's completion is building all over the city. This multi-year project could not have been possible without the help of the local community and those who had a hand in its creation have been patiently waiting for the film's release.

On September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 8pm, the Zeiterion Theatre will play host to the official New Bedford screening of Jay Burke's *Whaling City*. Tickets are on sale now at the theater's Box Office. Here is a break down of the ticket prices:

\$49.00 Tickets include: VIP Seating, 1st Edition DVD/1st Edition Soundtrack, Autographed Photo of Cast/Director, Admission to Private Pre Party at the Zeiterion.

\$29.00 Tickets include: Premium Seating, 1st Edition DVD/1st Edition Soundtrack.

\$12.00 Tickets include: Admission to Film.

In the weeks leading up to the film's screening, New Bedford Guide will be bringing you exclusive articles and interviews about the film. We'll be talking to writer/director Jay Burke, as well as some of the main actors who brought this film to life. In addition, we'll be talking to many of the local people who played integral parts in the creation of the film, both on- and off-screen, to get their take on what it was like to be part of a feature film production.

So keep coming back to [NewBedfordGuide.com](http://NewBedfordGuide.com) for more updates and articles about the forthcoming screening of Jay Burke's feature film *Whaling City*.

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## **“Medium Mom” Maureen Hancock**

# at Zeiterion Theater

by Joyce Rowley

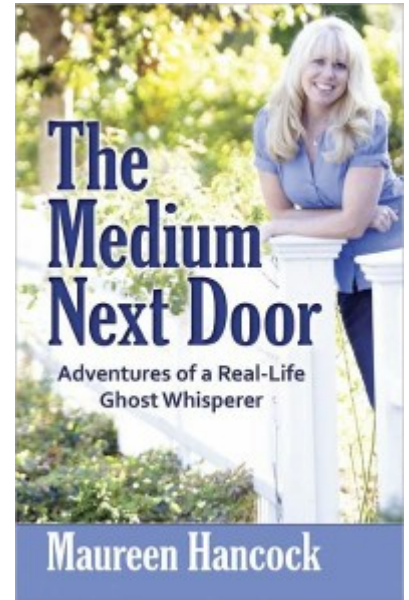


She delivers “Postcards from Heaven,” solace to those who want to re-connect with loved ones in the afterlife. Mom, comedienne, and medium Maureen Hancock comes to the Zeiterion tonight at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased [here](#).

According to her memoir, “The Medium Next Door—Adventures of a Real-Life Ghost Whisperer,” it started when she was a child—hearing and seeing dead people, that is. But she suppressed much of it until a near fatal car crash reawakened the ability to communicate with the dead in 1992. Still, she did not go public with her talent until after September 11, 2001. That tragedy left her with the conviction that she needed to share her ability with others. She began performing to larger audiences at local clubs and cafes.

Along with her book hitting the stands this summer, on July 30<sup>th</sup> Ms. Hancock was featured in the one-hour documentary “Psychic in Suburbia” on the Style network produced by Sander/Moss, executive producers of ABC’s “Ghost Whisperer.” The show highlights her teaching two mediums-in-training, her nieces Candace and Stassia, at her suburban Boston home where she’s a typical mom, wife, and, oh yes, psychic.

The book, the documentary, and now the Postcards Tour are all part of a dream to reach as many people as possible. That reach extends to those in need when loved ones go missing. Ms. Hancock co-founded Mission for the Missing, which provides assistance for parents who have lost children. She also lends her talents to the other non-profit she co-founded, Seeds of Hope, for cancer patients. As a Reiki master and holistic healer, she offers pro bono holistic care and support to patients and their families.



Whether you're a believer in spirits or not, she is always entertaining as she delivers wit and humor with her Postcards from Heaven. And who knows? You may walk even away with your own special delivery.

If you go:

- Where: Zeiterion Theater, 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford
- When: 7:30 p.m., Thursday, August 18, 2011
- Cost: \$25 per ticket at the door

Information for this article was provided by Ms. Hancock's website [www.maureenhancock.com](http://www.maureenhancock.com).

For more information on her non-profits, visit [www.seedsofhope.com](http://www.seedsofhope.com) , and [www.missionforthemissing.com](http://www.missionforthemissing.com).

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# South Coast Weekend Guide (August 12-14)



by Ali  
Piva

Happy weekend! Even though summer is on its way out, the weather could not be more beautiful! This weekend look forward to warm temperatures and sunny skies on Friday and Saturday, with temperatures reaching a high of 86°F. On Sunday however, there is a chance of scattered thunderstorms. Weather predictions are provided by The Weather Channel.

This weekend, definitely check out one or some of the many opportunities in the area to have a great time; listen to local music, enjoy nightlife, benefit a good cause, or spend some evening outdoors. As always, most events discussed here are from LocalOracle. To have your events promoted for FREE, submit them [HERE](#). If you need directions, simply click on the event name for contact info and directions.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12



Rock out Friday night with Led Zeppelin tribute band Get the Led Out at the Zeiterion Performing Arts Center (684 Purchase St.). Get the Led Out, or GTLO, is bringing the ultimate Led Zeppelin concert experience to New Bedford this summer with their performance

at the Z. This is bound to be an amazing show with GTLO



playing the best songs ever, like *Dazed and Confused*, and, of course, *Stairway to Heaven*, among many more from Led Zeppelin's 80+ song catalog. The concert starts at 8pm; tickets are \$30 and are available for sale [HERE](#).

*From The Z: Get the Led Out is the ultimate Led Zeppelin concert experience consisting of six world class musicians whose mission is to bring the studio recordings of 'the mighty Zep' to life on stage. This is not an impersonator act but rather a group of musicians who were fans first, striving to do justice to one of the greatest bands in rock history.*

For nightlife, enjoy the downtown bar scene at Catwalk Bar and Grille (34 Union St.), Hibernia Irish Pub (109 William St.), Rose Alley Ale House (94 Front St.), or Cork Wine and Tapas (90 Front St.). Or for something different, check out recently opened Top Shelf Bar and Grill (1825 Acushnet Ave.), or enjoy your Friday Night at Bar 908 (908 Purchase St.) with special guest DJ Eric Garcia.

For other events, check [HERE](#).

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 13**



Enjoy some exercise and local history with a Walking Tour of New Bedford. This is a free guided walking tour of the New Bedford Whaling National Historic Park and departs from the National Park Visitor Center. Tours are held 10:30

a.m.-11:30 a.m. or 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. Comfy sneakers recommended! For more information on Walking Tours, check out NBG's article [HERE](#).

On Saturday, celebrate Cape Verdean heritage by taking a short trip towards Cape Cod to Onset for the Onset Cape Verdean Festival. The Festival features many different vendors who

range from serving traditional Cape Verdean meals, to selling Cape Verdean artifacts, various arts and crafts, and hand-made jewelry. The Festival is FREE and will be held from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. in downtown Onset, with parking available for \$5 along Onset Ave.

Saturday night, take a ride out to Providence for WaterFire Providence. This beautiful, outdoor event takes place in downtown Providence, RI along Memorial Blvd, Providence River and Woonasquatucket River. Sunset will be at 7:47 p.m., so make sure you are in Providence at that time to enjoy an evening outdoors, experiencing an event unique to Providence. Parking is available on the street or at the Providence Place Mall, for more information check [HERE](#).

*From WaterFire: WaterFire's over eighty sparkling bonfires, the fragrant scent of aromatic wood smoke, the flickering firelight on the arched bridges, the silhouettes of the firetenders passing by the flames, the torch-lit vessels traveling down the river, and the enchanting music from around the world engage all the senses and emotions of those who stroll the paths of Waterplace Park.*

Saturday night, enjoy music by Abby Normal at the Ice Chest (136 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven) at 9 p.m. Or check out the Jethros and the Throttles at Black Watch Pub (266 Dartmouth St.), also at 9 p.m.

For other events, check [HERE](#).

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 14**



Sleep in and enjoy a late lunch or brunch at the Ice Chest Bar and Grille (136 Huttleston Ave., Fairhaven); open 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Ice Chest will be hosting their Second Sunday Blues Brunch with featured blues performer Neal McCarthy. There will be a full brunch provided along with

bloody-marys and mimosas – yum!

WHALE will be serving up a heaping helping of fun, food, and music at the Grill and Chill fundraiser on from 4-8PM at the Howland House, 38 South Sixth Street in New Bedford. The 1834 Howland House is WHALE's latest preservation project having been rescued from demolition and neglect in 2010. Seating is limited so feel free to bring a lawn chair or blanket. The event will take place rain or shine. Tickets are \$30 for WHALE members, \$40 for nonmembers, and \$15 for kids. Tickets include one complimentary beverage. For tickets call the whale office at 508-997-1776 or go to [www.waterfrontleague.org/donations](http://www.waterfrontleague.org/donations) to purchase your tickets online.

Don't forget about Sunday Night Jam Session at Pour Farm (780 Purchase St); starting at 7 p.m. and hosted by local musician Matt Antunes. Support independent, local musicians who are looking to get their music out to you! Want to jam? Give Matt a shout at [straightlacedproductions@comcast.net](mailto:straightlacedproductions@comcast.net).

For other events, check [HERE](#).

Have a lovely weekend!

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# Tax Free Weekend in Massachusetts (13-14 August)



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Get your wallets and credit cards ready because Massachusetts has brought back a tax-free weekend (August 13-14, 2011) for most sales in the state. At one time the tax-free holiday was an annual event, but was stopped in 2009 due to state budget short-falls. Despite heavy criticism, Governor Deval Patrick brought the tax-free weekend back, by signing a tax-free bill into law on August 1st, 2011. While this tax-free weekend will reduce state tax revue by an estimated \$20 million, retailers are jumping for joy because it will boost their bottom line in a time when sales are usually down.

Massachusetts is the 19th state to offer a sales tax-free holiday. Currently, Rhode Island does not have one. Consumers from the state of Rhode Island will be traveling, crossing borders to save, which will also add to purchases this weekend. New Hampshire does not have a tax-free holiday because they don't have a sales tax in the state.

What are the stipulations for the sales tax free holiday?



- Any item or items that are purchased for less than \$2,500 are not subject to state sales tax (6.25%): anything that is for personal use.
- Alcohol does fall under this the tax free exemption, which helps since the state started to tax alcohol back in 2009.
- Any item that is purchased by a corporation is subject to the state sales tax.
- Motor vehicles, boats, meals, gas and tobacco products are taxed.
- Clothing. No sales tax unless cost exceeds \$175. For example, if you buy an expensive pocket book for \$400, it is tax free, but if you buy a wedding dress for \$2,550; tax is due on \$2,375 (\$2,550 – \$175). Per [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).
- Multiple items. Buying multiple items on one receipt totaling over \$2,500 is not subject to tax. For example, a TV \$800, Stove \$1,200, TV stand \$600, all totaling \$2,600 is not taxed. However, items that are bundled for an amount over \$2,500 are taxed! For example, a computer, monitor, and printer are bundled for a price of \$2,700 will be taxed.
- Coupons. You may use coupons on an item that brings the price down under the \$2,500. For example, if you buy a furniture piece that costs \$2,575 and you have a coupon promotion for \$200 off of the piece of furniture, the

total purchase price is now \$2,375, and so it is not taxed.

- Internet Sales. The same rules apply to any purchase made over the internet on the sales tax free holiday weekend.

This can be a good time for families that need to purchase items and want to save some money. Even though you're technically only saving 6.25%, every bit helps. Experts say consumers should focus on things you need. For example, making purchases like lumber and other items to renovate your home are good items to purchase this weekend. My recommendation is to shop early because the lines will be longer and the stores to be much busier than usual.

Regardless of what you purchase, this tax-free weekend is a win for consumers and retailers and we all love the feeling of saving money. For more information on this event go to [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov).