

Seven Must-attend Events for June AHA!



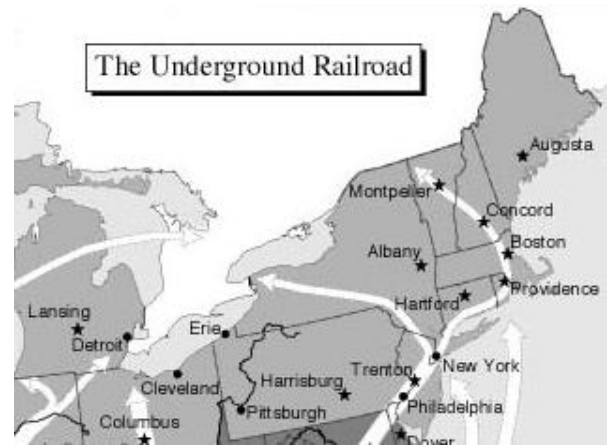
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We at New Bedford Guide love AHA! No ... really, we love AHA! and even wrote an article about how much we love AHA! If you are new to the AHA! experience we recommend you read that article to get up to speed.

This month's AHA! is Thursday, June 14th with the "Walking Tours" theme (full schedule here.) There are eight walking tours scheduled, at least nine art galleries displaying art, lots of live music and tons of other programming that kicks off at 5 p.m. We recommend ALL of June's AHA! programming, but realize visitors can't always experience every AHA! event. As a seasoned AHA! veteran, I feel that I have enough experience to recommend the gems and help you maximize your experience. Here are my top seven June AHA! events.

1. 19th Century Neighborhood Architectural Walking Tour (6 p.m.)

Did I mention that this month's AHA! theme is Walking Tours? Unless you have a time machine, there is no better way to experience the history of New Bedford than this 19th Century Walking Tour. The tour kicks off from the Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum (396 County Street) at 6 p.m. sharp and will be led by Bruce Barnes of the Preservation Society. Visitors are welcome to stop by the at 5 p.m. to check out the inside of the museum and the gardens in full bloom.



New Bedford was a major underground railroad destination.

2. Underground Rail Road Walking Tour (6 p.m.)

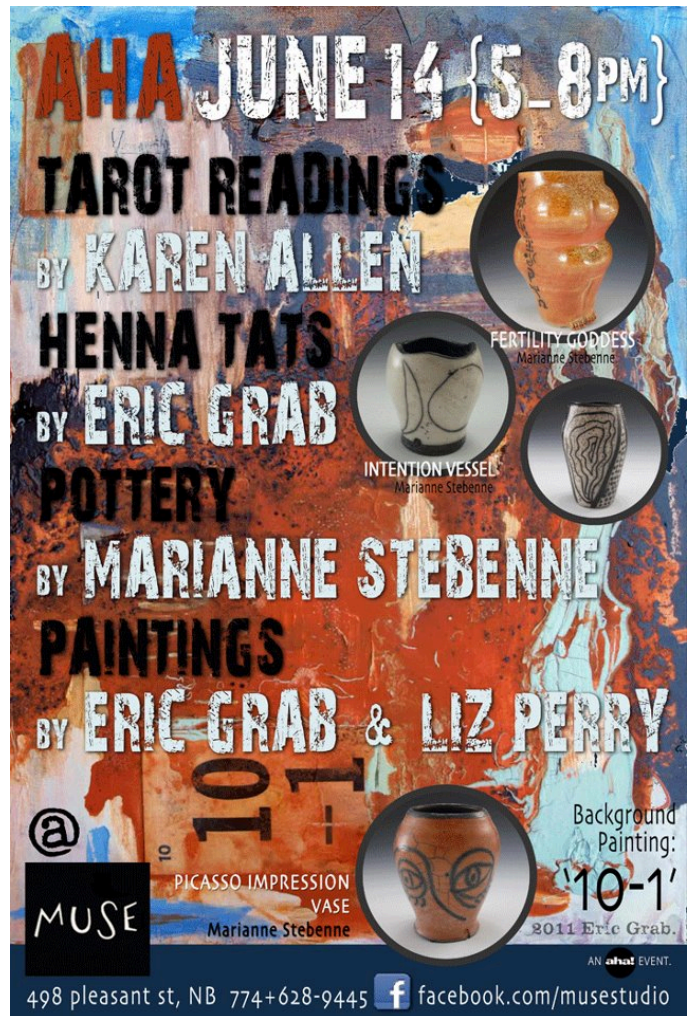
The Underground Railroad is an important part of New Bedford's history. Check out my article on the "Most Notable New Bedford African Americans" to learn more about some of the most famous African Americans to come out of our city. The tour will be led by the New Bedford Historical Society and steps off from Custom House Square (Fountain Side, across the street from Freestone's) at 6 p.m.

3. A Lantern Tour with the 1850s ladies (7 p.m.)

After soaking up some history with Bruce Barnes or learning about the Underground railroad, hustle over to the New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Visitor's Center (33 William Street) where Ruth and Abby will "dish the dirt" on their lives and times.

4. 100 Hiking Trails (5-9 p.m.)

Looking to add some hiking to your summer activities? The Buzzards Bay Coalition has information on over 100 hiking trails throughout the region. Visit their center (114 Front Street) to view our new interactive web map of trails and get information from conservation groups across the region.



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5. Tarot Readings, Henna Tattoos, Pottery and Paintings (5-8 p.m.)

MUSE Studio (516 Pleasant Street) is providing a wide assortment of entertainment to include Tarot Readings by Karen Allen, Henna Tattoos by Eric Grab, and Pottery and paintings by several artists. You may want to stop here first and ask Karen Allen if you are in for a good night and where to go next!

6. Q@X IV: Do Ask, Do Tell (5-9 p.m.)

Gallery X is hosting their 4th, "Do Ask, Do Tell" gallery to support lesbian and gay service members. From their website: "With the repeal of the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy allowing lesbian and gay service members to serve openly in

the military and same-sex marriage continuing to be hot political topics nation-wide, now more than ever, it's important to make the visions, experiences and opinions of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning artists & their straight allies known in the community."

7. Neal McCarthy Problem Live at the Pour Farm Tavern (9 p.m.)

Neal Mccarthy is one of my favorite musicians and is one of the best blues guitarists in the world. The Neal Mccarthy Problem brings together some of the best musicians the south coast has to offer. Swing by The Pour Farm Tavern (780 Purchase Street) for an amazing selection of craft beers and the best music in town!