

# New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park Celebrates Women's History Month

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is proud to offer a month of activities in recognition of Women's History Month. All of these events, starting Saturday March 11th and ending Saturday April 1st are free of charge.

Saturday, March 11, 2023, 2:00 – She Went a Whalin'  
Corson Building Theater, 33 William St, New Bedford, MA 02740  
Presented by National Park Service Volunteer, Sharon Chown

"Man may work from sun to sun, but woman's work is never done". Imagine yourself in the 1850s your husband has just been given command to a New Bedford whaleship and wants you to come along. Do you want to go? What does this life look and feel like for a woman on a trip around the globe in 1850? Join Sharon Chown and learn how captain wives prepare for whaling voyages and what to expect. Hear about the experiences of the pioneering women that chose this way of life.

Prior to retirement, Sharon Chown was partner and co-founder of Industrial Economics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She has an undergraduate degree in mathematics from UC Davis, and an MBA from Carnegie-Mellon University. Chown fell in love with the South Coast on various sailing trips with her husband and began volunteering as an interpreter here at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park in 2014. Lately, Chown has been researching the women who went whaling in the mid-1800s.

Saturday March 18, 2023, 2:00pm – Hetty Green Blazing Trails  
Corson Building Theater, 33 William St, New Bedford, MA 02740  
Presented by National Park Service Volunteer, Irene Duprey-Gutierrez

Hetty Green's reputation precedes her. Known worldwide for her financial success, frugality, and yes, even a few idiosyncrasies, Hetty Green believed that everyone should use the talents they've been given. While she didn't consider herself a woman of the movement, or a feminist, Hetty Green blazed trails that women today are still following. How might her life have been different had she been a man? Has history shaped or reshaped how Hetty will be remembered? Join us, with Irene Duprey-Gutierrez and she shares her research and understanding of this local financial giant.

Irene Duprey-Gutierrez, Ed.D., is an educator, writer, local historian, interpreter, and a long-time New Bedford resident. Duprey-Gutierrez's life-long obsession with Hetty Green began as a very young child. Duprey-Gutierrez's grandfather told stories of riding the trolly in New Bedford with Green, and her parents often attended the Green's Round Hill mansion in Dartmouth on Saturday evenings when the grounds were open to the public for singing and dancing.

Saturday, April 1, 2023, 1:00pm – Harriet – 2019 Feature Film starring Cynthia Erivo

The incredible true story of one of America's greatest heroes, Harriet Tubman. From her escape from slavery to the dangerous missions she led, setting free hundreds of enslaved through the Underground Railroad.

Join us FREE OF CHARGE as we view this film, and stay for a conversation, and Q & A with Rangers Denise DeLucia and Rufai Shardow about Harriet Tubman's life as a spy, as a Women's Rights Advocate, and her work with the aging in Auburn, NY.