

Voices of the Past event: A day of activities and history of people from New Bedford's past.



Maria Fleetwood w/ children – she escaped slavery in the South and came to New Bedford

Would you like to make candy from 19th century confectioner Polly Johnson, or test your skill throwing a harpoon? The past will come to life, on Thursday, February 20, as people from New Bedford long ago make an appearance at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park. Costumed re-enactors will take on the personages of abolitionist and confectioner Polly Johnson, toggle harpoon inventor Lewis Temple, escaped slave Henry "Box" Brown, and Civil War hero William J. Carney, Jr. Ruth and Abby, the national park's 1850s ladies, will be chatting about their friend Maria Fleetwood, who made her home in New Bedford after escaping Southern slavery. The events take place between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM, and all events are free and open to people of all ages. New Bedford Whaling National Historical

Park is located at 33 William Street, downtown New Bedford.

Activities include candy making, creating pin cushions, harpoon-throwing, and related craft activities. Hunt for hidden clues in the park's visitor center to win a prize, or try out the park's new Kids' Corner.

Plans are already being made for an April vacation activity day called "Welcome Home, Charles W. Morgan." Further information on this and current activities may be found at the park's website at www.nps.gov/nebe.
