

March AHA! Night: Favorite Things

This Thursday, March 10th, is AHA! Night, when we celebrate the people and places, stories and songs that make New Bedford one of our favorite things. Hear about what people collect & visit one of the largest spaces for antiques in New England. Art New England magazine has made NB one of their favorite things and will be releasing their new issue on AHA! night.



PROGRAMS

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park (33 William Street) **Arthur Bennett** will be giving a talk on OUR favorite thing—NEBE! Come hear a history of the park from an honored local resident who advocated for a National Park in New Bedford and has continued to volunteer at the Park. Also, **Abby and Ruth, the 19th Century Ladies**, will be talking “Play Ball” about the early baseball leagues of New Bedford.

Rotch-Jones-Duff House and Garden Museum (396 County Street) offers the **second lecture in a series that explores the epic growth of port cities in New England during the 19th and 20th centuries**. Hear how these cities have transitioned, through time, to use the strength of their historic fabric to support contemporary creative economies. The speaker in March is **Robert Emlen, Brown University Curator and Senior Lecturer of**

American Civilization, Art and Architecture. 7pm in the Museum.

ECHO Performing Arts Festival hosted at the **New Bedford Whaling Museum** (18 Johnny Cake Hill). Through **song, dance and stories** life's challenges and triumphs are viewed through the lens of many cultures to reveal the commonality of the human experience. This **multicultural story includes performers from Hawaii, Alaska, and Mississippi.** 7pm

It's My Fave: Collectors show & tell hosted by **Shelley Cardoos.**

7-9pm at **mediumstudio** (38 Bethel Street)

Judith Klein Art Gallery (752 Purchase Street) hosts a closing party for the "4 R LOVE" show. Enjoy **music**, artist demos, good food and many of our favorite people including Anthony Miraglia, Adrian Tio, Alison Horwitz, David Baggaly, Judith Klein, Justin McGonigle, Lori Bradley, Laurie Bullard, Sandee Krupp, Mary Harman, Marc Deisle, Valorie Sheehan, Elaine Fisher, Marion Wilner, Peter Martin and Sheila Oliveira.

Artist Demos include **paper cuts, print making, painting, mixed media, clay sculptures, photography, and jewelery making**, from 7-8pm. Plus **recycled and found object collage workshop for kids**, from 6-7pm.

South End Trolley Tours with Bruce Barnes & the NB Preservation Society . Finish with an **Open House at New England Demolition & Salvage and Circa Vintage Wear** (located in the Hathaway Mill, 73 Cove Street)—tour the building and enjoy a reception with hot chocolate and local pastries.

New Bedford Art Museum (608 Pleasant Street) and **Art New England** host a **magazine release party** for the upcoming issue of ANE featuring New Bedford. 6:30- 7:30pm

MCC celebrates NB! Come to the NB Art Museum (608 Pleasant Street) to **celebrate with AHA!** Hear about our new funding from

the Adams Grant of the Massachusetts Cultural Council at 6pm.

UMass Dartmouth CVPA @ the Star Store (715 Purchase Street)

• Excerpts from the film, *Who Does She Think She Is?*, a documentary by Academy Award winning filmmaker Pamela Tanner Boll. Following will be a panel discussion of artists on "Combining Art & Motherhood". Sponsored by the University's Women's Resource Center as part of the annual Women's History Month: Knowing Our History, Knowing Ourselves. Lecture Hall, 6-8pm

• **UMass Dartmouth Spring Sale of Artwork** in the Crapo Gallery, 6-8 pm.

Coalition for Buzzards Bay (114 Front Street) Get ready: Swim Buzzards Bay and Watershed Ride kick-off event! At The Coalition for Buzzards Bay, our favorite thing is to get out and enjoy Buzzards Bay and its watershed and the best way to do that: As a participant in **Swim Buzzards Bay and The Watershed Ride**. It may be cold now but warmer weather is coming and you can sign-up now to participate in two of the best outdoor events in the region. During AHA! night guests can register, watch videos of past events, and talk with experts in biking, swimming, and fundraising. Get ready to get out and enjoy Buzzards Bay this summer. 5-7pm

First Unitarian Church (Corner of Union & County Street)

AHA! Family Faves! Brown paper packages tied up with string...paintbrushes, spring colors, and musical dreams! March up the hill for some fantastic "family favorites" as we create, imagine, and enjoy our freedom! **Make a family tree, get your green on, rock the boat, jump rope!** From 5:30-7pm

Love Life Lens Photography & the New Bedford Public Library (613 Pleasant Street) present a **St. Patrick's Day craft**, in the Children's Room.

Love Life Lens Photography (14 Rodman Street) is also offering 1/2 off (\$20) **mini-sessions with their Spring Rabbit**. The

mini-sessions are by appointment.

Pour Farm Tavern (780 Purchase Street)

- **Ask the Brewer Series** continues! Enjoy a **tasting & presentation with craft brewer of the month Tom Ryan from the Cape Ann Brewing Co.**
- **NEW art on the walls by Marc St. Pierre.**

EXHIBITIONS

Crowell's Fine Art (382 Acushnet Avenue) **NEW SHOW! Charles Boucher: *Continuing Work***

Charles Boucher earned his BFA from the Swain School of Design in 1986. In the 25 years since, Charles has continued to hone his vision and has participated in over 30 exhibitions. Through his paintings, Charles has brought color and movement to the eyes of his viewing audience.

The strength of his work comes from a rich understanding of the history of painting and the ability to incorporate that knowledge into each brushstroke and color decision. The result is an artistic vision that resonates like a visual form of jazz.

Gallery X (169 William Street) presents **Beauty in the Beast: An art show of, about, for and by animals.** Check out the menagerie of an exhibit of everything animal. **Curated by Nilsa Garcia-Rey and Susan Hauck.** A portion of the proceeds from fees will be donated to a local animal shelter. Plus a **Teen Art Show** with the same theme in the newly renovated Douglass Gallery.



New Bedford Public Library (613 Pleasant Street) exhibits **“An Illustrative Journey: Work by UMass Junior Illustration Students.”** An exhibit showcasing the work of junior year illustration majors organized by **Professor Jean-Francois Allaux**. Opening from 6-8pm.

Ginger Grill (778 Purchase Street) **Live music with Marlana Johnson**, the 1st New Bedford Idol Winner from 6-8pm. Plus, photographer **David A. Neitz** showcasing **“The Devil is in the Details”**.

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(715 Purchase Street) **EXQUISITE: Work by Sarah Bliss, Allison Paschke and Sand T.**

New Bedford Art Museum (608 Pleasant Street)

3 EXHIBITS: • **David Loeffler Smith Retrospective** curated by **Kate Levin & Don Beal**

- **Vault Series: Susanna Coffey** curated by **Joan Backes**
- **Paintings of Finn Gudmundsson – A New Bedford Primitive** curated by **Severin Haines**

ArtWorks! (384 Acushnet Avenue) **Continuing exhibit: “One Passion, Many Voices”**. Also, **Journey Dance with Juliet Loranger**. A demonstration from 6:30-7pm in the Main Gallery.

“Journey Dance is a grooving celebration that will have you loving your body and loving your life! Weaving simple, guided movement sequences and free exploration, Journey Dance reconnects you with your innate state of joyous well-being. Your mind becomes clear, free, and positive, and your body feels supple, energized, and powerful. Practiced to inspiring world music, your dance is an empowering journey to self-acceptance and transformation.”

MUSIC

Celtic Coffee House (42 North Water Street) presents **Aoife Clancy** and the spirit of the month of Irish celebration. Short sets at 5:30 and 6:15pm.

Pilgrim United Church (635 Purchase Street) hosts **"Mental Note,"** a **spectacular acapella group from UMass Dartmouth.** 7pm in the Church Sanctuary.

Café Arpeggio (800 Purchase Street) **Open Mic featured performers** will be the **sister duo "Seeztahs".** **Cathy (Comeau) Bonas and Jeanne (Comeau) Murphy** are "Seeztahs" who have been playing guitar and singing together since they were children. Over the years, although they have been involved with a variety of musical projects on the side, they have mainly been focused on raising children and making a living. They have always tried to make time, however, to get together in the basement to sing and play, even if it was just for their own enjoyment.

They arrived unannounced at a regular weekly Open Mic a few months ago... and delighted the audience with their songs, both originals and covers, and their sweet sisterly harmonies. Their visits to the Cafe have been enjoyed thoroughly and they have quickly become "Fan Favorites."

"Seeztahs" go on from 6-7pm, followed by the regular weekly **Open Mic** from 7-10pm, **hosted by "New Bedford's Troubadour" Art Tebbetts.** Cafe Arpeggio is a family friendly venue, and all are welcome. Come prepared to perform, or just to listen and enjoy!!