The Haskell Gardens Spring Plant Sale Starts May 26th in New Bedford

Spring has sprung!

It's time for you to get your gardening tools ready! Spring is here!

At Haskell Public Gardens they are always ready to get our hands dirty, and what better way to start the season off is with some new plants!



Members are welcome to come and shop at 9:00am. All are welcome at 10:00am-1:00 pm on Saturday May 26th.

We will be extending the sale all week long but be sure to show up early for choice plants!

This year's selection will feature time- tested Haskell favorites, some hot new introductions with a special focus on edibles, pollinator and native plants! Trustees staff members will be on hand to answer your questions.

FREE event and Open to the Public.

RSVP to their event on Facebook:

https://www.facebook.com/events/230391044369753/

Follow their page:

https://www.facebook.com/thetrusteessegardens/

Haskell Public Gardens 787 Shawmut Ave. New Bedford MA.

Phone: (508) 636-4693



World Fiddle Day Event Brings Communities Together in New Bedford

World Time Fiddle Session will be hosting a multi-cultural, interactive, traditional music event called "World Fiddle Day" at Hatch Street Studios in New Bedford on May 20th.

The event runs from 12:30 to 5:30 pm and includes open playing opportunities for musicians, children's activities, vendors, workshops, dancing, and a full schedule of performances by traditional fiddle music acts. In celebration of the world's

diverse fiddling traditions, featured performances include Old-Time American, Canadian, Cape Verdean, European, Gypsy, and Yiddish offerings. Cape Verdean fiddler John Miranda and Australian fiddler Mark Russel will be bringing the more distant traditions to New Bedford, while New England style caller Louisa Pugh will help reinforce native roots.

"Building community through traditional music is the goal with World Fiddle Day, as it is at all Old Time Fiddle Session events," says the organization's founder Jeff Angeley. As such, interactive activities for children and adults round out the day's offerings. Some highlights of the programming include a Children's Art Lab instrument painting station, contra dancing for beginners, henna design by Unravel Henna, and a selfie station with real instruments for props. Open Old Time, Irish, and Quebecois jams and workshops for musicians will also run for the full length of the event. There will be food and craft vendors, raffles, and games as well.

Tickets are \$15 for individuals and \$40 for family passes. Online sales are available at Eventbrite. In person sales can be found at the Hippo boutique in New Bedford, The Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, and Children's Art Lab in Mattapoisett.

About Old Time Fiddle Session Old Time Fiddle Session and Community Gathering was founded in January of 2017. Its mission is to provide traditional fiddle music programming for the South Coast of Massachusetts in an interactive, community-based format. In addition to "World Fiddle Day," 2018 programming includes plans for regular monthly sessions, involvement in the New Bedford Folk Festival, and a late-year "Breaking Up Christmas" event.

Noah's Place Playground Opening Day for the 2018 Season is Saturday, May 5

On behalf of the Team Noah Foundation in collaboration with the New Bedford Department of Parks, Recreation & Beaches, join us for a Spring Celebration at Noah's Place Playground in Marine Park on Pope's Island on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Families are invited to enjoy the great playground on its official Opening Day for the 2018 Season, along with music, food and activities.

18 Things To Do This Weekend (May 4 - May 6)

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Friday, May 4th

FREE Open Farm Day at Round The Bend Farm (Dartmouth) (10:00am-5:00pm)

A great time to visit the farm, meet the team, purchase farm products from RTB and other local farmers, and be embraced by a like-minded community that is striving to create resilient communities for all to enjoy. Always free and open to the public!

Open Farm Days Include: A chance to visit the farm, the animals and meet the team, free, guided farm tour at 11am & 2pm, non-GMO & grass-fed meat, seasonal & chemical-free produce, local honey from hives on the farm, MA maple syrup, herbal teas & tinctures and much more! Round the Bend Farm, 92 Allen Neck Rd., South Dartmouth.



Check out the sky tonight!

Dartmouth High School Theatre's spring musical, Disney's "Beauty and the Beast" (7:00pm)

Dartmouth High Theatre Company takes you into the enchanted world of Broadway's modern classic, Disney's Beauty and the Beast. "Most everyone can remember the classic animated movie, Beauty and the Beast. We are so excited for you to see the Dartmouth High Theatre Company, (DHTC), bring to life the cursed residents of the enchanted castle. From the beautiful costumes to the very detailed sets, we know you will enjoy every moment of our Disney family musical." Dartmouth High School, 555 Bakerville Rd., Dartmouth.

FREE Stargazing at The Bogs (Mattapoisett) (8:00pm-9:30pm)

Join the Astronomical Society of Southern New England and the Buzzards Bay Coalition for a stargazing walk at The Bogs. Far away from the city lights, the 500-acre Mattapoisett River Reserve offers visitors a dark, expansive sky to view the stars. As you gaze through telescopes at the wonders of deep space, you'll look for planets, constellations and galaxies. Please dress warmly in multiple layers and bring a flashlight. Telescopes will be provided. The Bogs, 138 Acushnet Road, Mattapoisett.

Pub6T5 w/ "Girl Friday" (8:00pm-12:00am)

No cover. Girl Friday is the hardest working bar band on the SouthCoast. Real. Live. Rock. 736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

"DJ Hankster" at The Bar (10:00pm)

DJ Hankster is a Metal DJ that also spins Rock, Country and occasionally "Oldies." The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

Saturday, May 5th

Relay For Life Spring Craft Fair (9:00am-2:00pm)

Mark your calendars! There will be over 40 vendors and crafters offering a variety of items to dazzle you. A great

way to find that unique Mother's Day gift!

Edaville Family Theme Park Activities (10:00am-5:00pm)

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See the classic come to life!

Admission includes all rides & attractions. MA/RI Residents save up to \$7 per date-specific ticket online only. Restrictions apply. Discount applied after applicable billing address entered. Edaville Family Theme Park, 5 Pine St. Carver.

16th Annual Spring Celebration (12:00pm-5:00pm)

Sip, savor and toast to the seasons' newest wine releases at our 16th Annual Spring Celebration! A day full of grape stomping, wine tasting, potato sack racing goodness. Enjoy live music from the Blue Light Bandits while sipping on our new releases and noshing on food created by scratch from our culinary team (food items available for purchase). Feeling competitive? You could be called to compete in our Grape Stomp Competition OR our Potato Sack Race Through the Vines! Or simply relax and capture the memories with a photo of you and one of TEN31 Productions live wine statues. Just added — Bully Boy Distillers will join us and offer tastings of their spirits! (Add'l charge.) Newport Vineyards, 909 East Main Rd. (Route 138), Middletown, Rhode Island.

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3rd Annual Viva Portugal! 2018 (1:00-7:00pmpm)

The third annual Viva Portugal! festa harnesses the power of The Z and 13 local Portuguese-American organizations for an event that lauds the culture and heritage of so many in our community. Four downtown New Bedford blocks will be filled with the sights, sounds and flavors Portugal, including lectures on the contributions of Portuguese-Americans, readings, live music, cooking demos, folkloric dance and more. Don't miss the free festa that's fun for the whole family!



Cinco De Mayo Dance Party!

Paskamansett Concert Series at the Dartmouth Grange: "The Rosewood Trio" (7:00-9:00pmpm)

Christopher James Farias (guitar, vocals, harmonica), Tom Laureanno (percussion, vocals), and Alicia Ruggiero (fiddle, vocals). \$15 general admission (\$12 for children under 18, seniors 60 and over, and college students); \$35 family

admission. Bring along dinner or snacks and non-alcoholic beverages if you wish. Tickets available at the door starting at 6:30 pm. Dartmouth Grange 162, 1133 Fisher Rd., Dartmouth.

Cinco De Mayo Dance Party at PUB6T5 (9:00pm-1:00am)

Saturday Night. Cinco De Mayo. Taco and Margarita specials. \$20 margarita pitchers & \$1 taco specials. Top 40, Reggaeton & Dance. 21+ after 9pm. 2 DJs back to Back Playing all of your favorite hits. Arrrrriba!!! 736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

"PoZeR" at the Bar (9:30pm-12:30am)

PoZeR returns to The Bar, we had a great time our first time and can't wait to rock The Bar again! Let's make this another special night of rockin' to 80's best hair metal hits. Let's pack The Bar! The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

Sunday, May 6th

Sunday Morning Family Walk in the Woods "Loving God's Creation" (Mattapoisett) (10:00am-11:00am)

The Mattapoisett Congregational Church Sunday School and Mattapoisett Land Trust will lead a spiritual walk for children and their parents to explore emerging Spring beauty, the importance of salt marshes, local history and ways to be Stewards of the Earth.



19th Annual Petfest!

It is an easy walk, on an unpaved road, wide and flat, to a beautiful cove and the "healthiest waterway on Buzzard's Bay's western shore". We will walk on one the oldest roads in townoriginally an oxcart road and property once owned by THE John Hancock. Munn Preserve, 189 Mattapoisett Neck Rd.,

Mattapoisett.

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Sunday Night Karaoke at PUB 6T5 (5:00pm-9:00pm)

Join us for Karaoke on Sunday nights from 5-9pm. Hosted by Mario Figueirido. 736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

Want to sponsor this weekend guide? Contact info@newbedfordguide.com for more details.

Shakespeare in Buttonwood to return, announces auditions for Macbeth

Shakespeare in Buttonwood Park, New Bedford's free Shakespeare event, is holding open auditions for its second summer. The announcement of Macbeth follows the event's successful launch last summer with a performance of Romeo & Juliet. Shakespeare in Buttonwood marks the second collaboration between the City of New Bedford including the New Bedford Free Public Library, Department of Parks, Recreation, and Beaches, and Mayor's Office, and local fringe theater company, The Glass Horse Project.

Macbeth tells the story of a young general who, by the prophecy of three witches, sets out to become the King of Scotland. "You always want to produce something relevant," Founding Artistic Director of Glass Horse Project Korey Pimental says. "I think it's is a story about how far we'll go to fulfill our desires, which is always an interesting thing to explore and dig deeper into."

Last summer's adaptation and production of Romeo & Juliet brought New Bedford to a post-apocalyptic matriarchal society where class and gender lines divided the two lovers. This year, Shakespeare in Buttonwood takes the city audience to the highlands of Scotland for a more "traditional" production of the Bard's tragedy.

Alyssa Steen, who audiences may remember as scene-stealing Mercutio from last year's production, trades jumping out of a trash can for the director's seat in this year's production.

"Macbeth is a very dark show from start to finish," Steen said as she glanced up from editing the script for this year's production. "From start to finish we have war, betrayal, and political chaos. The thing about it though, is that the audience can view those themes through an objective lens while still having them be relatable. There's a magnetic pull to the difficult things in life we try to understand. Theatre helps us make that connection, and I'm beyond thrilled to help bring it to life."

"My favorite thing about theater as a craft and an entity is the communal aspect of it. Everyone coming together, putting their trust in each other, and working together to create magic," remarks Pimental. Last year's launch included a one-day showing of Romeo & Juliet and 140 people attended the production. "Last year, we did the show with nine actors. I'm hoping to see friendly returning faces and a bunch of new ones coming to try something they may have never thought to try before. Shakespeare in the Park, as an entity, is about community and working together to create some magic, so I'm excited to see where this year will take both the production and the event." he adds.

Open auditions for Shakespeare in Buttonwood's production of Macbeth will be held on Saturday, May 19 at The New Bedford Free Public Library on 613 Pleasant St in New Bedford. Everyone is welcome to audition. General auditions are 11 am to 3 pm and as needed callbacks are from 4-5pm on the same night; please come prepared with a Shakespearean monologue, not exceeding one minute in length. Although it is preferred the monologue is memorized, it is not necessary. The performances will be in the middle of August, with an exact date to be announced. The date will be provided during auditions to prospective actors. Rehearsals will be every

Saturday from 1 to 5 at the New Bedford Free Public Library. Please send any questions to theglasshorseproject@gmail.com, or find The Glass Horse Project on Facebook.

The 12th Annual Mother's Day Tiara 5K is happening on Sunday, May 13th

New Bedford, MA, — The 12th annual Mother's Day Tiara 5K Fun Run/Walk will be held on Sunday, May 13, 2018, it's time to register!

The first 300 to register will receive the official Women's Fund Tiara 5K race t-shirt. Early registration is \$20 for the 5K and \$5 for the kids fun run. Registration costs will increase to \$30 on May 1 for 5K runners, Kids Fun Run participants will remain at \$5. Register here: https://racewire.com/register.php?id=7902

Many friends and families have made Mother's Day morning with the Women's Fund Tiara 5K their annual tradition. A scenic course, festive t-shirts, music and kids activities draw an enthusiastic crowd. Through the efforts of these runners and walkers, and many generous sponsors, the Women's Fund Tiara 5K has become the largest fundraising activity of the Women's Fund, as well as its signature event. Last year's event attracted more than 700 participants and raised over \$56,000. Join the team now and register at www.womensfundtiara5k.com.

The race will start and finish at the Oxford Creamery in Mattapoisett. Registration opens at 7:00 AM, with the Children's Fun Run starting at 9:00 AM and the 5K starting at

Celebrate Mother's Day in a different way this year. No breakfast in bed. No sleeping in. Instead, wrap around Ned's Point lighthouse with your family and loved ones in Mattapoisett at the 12th Annual Women's Fund Tiara 5K. You don't have to clock your fastest time — just the best time with those you love! Check out their Facebook event page: https://www.facebook.com/events/399176533868754/

Prizes will be awarded to the largest team and most creative team uniform in addition to the fastest runners in age and gender categories.

Tiara 5K is also seeking volunteers to support the race. Interested volunteers should email tiara5kvolunteer@gmail.com .

The mission of the Women's Fund at the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts is to advance the educational attainment and economic security of women and girls in Southeastern MA. Organized by a committed "Tiara Team" of volunteers, the Women's Fund Tiara 5K began 12 years ago to offer women and their families the opportunity to engage in a philanthropic, family friendly, Mother's Day activity on a day that celebrates women and motherhood. Revenue from the Tiara 5K will support all Women's Fund activities.

For more information about the Women's Fund, to become a sponsor, or to register for the Tiara 5K visit www.womensfundsema.org or call 508-717-0283.

Register online: https://racewire.com/register.php?id=7902



National Park to offer Youth Leadership Program

Local middle and high school students will once again have the opportunity to acquire new skills, learn about National Parks, and give back to the New Bedford community this spring. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park continues its support of New Bedford's young people with its Youth Leadership Academy, or YLA. Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) is a free and immersive 3-month program for community members in Grade 5-12 from the Greater New Bedford area. This program offers experiential learning and volunteer opportunities for the youth of New Bedford.

The free program will offer these middle and high school students the opportunity to travel to a nearby National Park, volunteer at a hunger relief program, as well as learn about Frederick Douglass and what he accomplished while in New Bedford. Their culminating event will take place on June 14, AHA! Night, when they make a presentation about their experiences and share what they've learned in New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's theater.

The park will be working with local artist and teacher Lauren Savoia to run the program this spring.

Lauren Savoia is best known for her implementation of 21st century art education programs, and for creating both bronze sculptures and mixed media paintings. As an accomplished artist, art educator, program coordinator, and researcher, Ms. Savoia's passion for serving her community through art is self-evident. Ms. Savoia studied at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, earned a Bachelors of Fine Arts in 2006, and is completed her Masters of Art Education degree in 2017.

Ms. Savoia is a certified art educator in both public schools and community-based organizations, working hard to promote the arts by creating collaborative and interdisciplinary opportunities across diverse communities.

She actively promotes art partnership programs that she designs and implements. Ms. Savoia is a leader and an advocate for the arts through fostering 21st century curriculum geared towards innovative ideas, and contemporary approaches to learning.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park was established by Congress in 1996 to help preserve and interpret America's nineteenth century whaling industry. The park, which encompasses a 13-block National Historic Landmark District, is the only National Park Service area addressing the history of the whaling industry and its influence on the economic, social, and environmental history of the United States. The visitor center is wheelchair-accessible, and is free of charge. For more information, call the visitor center at 508-996-4095, go to www.nps.gov/nebe or visit the park's Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/NBWNHP. Everyone finds their park in a different way. Discover yours at FindYourPark.com

Greater New Bedford Pet Fest and Walk set for May 6

The Coalition for Animals of Greater New Bedford will be having its 19th Annual Pet Fest and Walk for Animals on Sunday, May 6th, at Buttonwood Park (next to Lawler Library, 745 Rockdale Ave) in New Bedford from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm, rain or shine. It's a fun-filled day for people and their companion animals to come and join us for a 2-mile walk around beautiful Buttonwood Park as well as see lots of entertainment! Animal lovers without dogs are also welcome!

We need your help to raise funds to help injured, sick, homeless, abandoned and neglected animals in our community!

There is a \$15 Registration fee, but please help us raise as much as you can by asking friends, family, co-workers and neighbors to sponsor you for the Walk for Animals. Check to see if your employer has a Gift Matching Program. We have great prizes for kids raising the most amount over \$200 and adults raising the most amount over \$500!

Last year, the event was attended by approximately 800 people and 300 dogs! Each year we try to make it bigger and better! This year we are expecting over 60 vendor and information booths, including rescue groups, shelters, face painting, raffle items and other fun activities. Come to the Puppy Kissing Booth and get a smooch for \$1! Get a pet ID tag at Mellisa's Pet Depot booth. Check out the Raffle tables with all the awesome raffle baskets and items. Center ring demonstrations will be provided by Buttonwood Park Zoo, the New Bedford K-9 Police Unit and Harmonious Hounds dog trainers, which are just part of the day's entertainment.

There will also be awesome music, refreshment, and food vendors!

The event will be hosted by WBSM legendary radio show celebrity Phil Paleologos, and music will be provided by the very talented Dave Antunes Sound Company. Registration will be between 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 pm and the Walk will begin at 12:00 pm with a Blessing of the Animals.

We are proud to announce our very generous Pet Fest sponsors this year: BayCoast Bank, Blue Buffalo Pet Food, , Carabiner's Fitness Centers, Rockland Trust, Mellisa's Pet Depot, Harmonious Hounds, Merrick, Midwestern, Mr. Cesspool Sanitation Service, St. Anne's Credit Union, Top Shelf Bar and Grill and World's Best Cat Litter!

100% of all the proceeds from the event will be used to support our many programs, including our newest, Pets Beside Vets Adoption Program, in which we subsidize the adoption fee for a local veteran who has served in a war and is under a doctor's care so he or she can adopt an animal from a local participating shelter. Studies show that veterans who experience post-traumatic stress syndrome have lower blood pressure and fewer suicide attempts when they own a pet. With your support, this program can help veterans and shelter animals find the perfect, needed match!

The Coalition For Animals is an all-volunteer nonprofit charitable organization of individuals and local animal rescue groups dedicated to helping animals. Our mission is to create awareness in the community for the humane treatment of all animals, to help end the problems of companion animal overpopulation through spay/neuter programs, to promote the adoption of homeless companion animals and to provide people with the educational information they need to help keep their animals safe and healthy. Visit our website at www.coalitonforanimals.com and 'Like" us on Facebook!

The Pet Fest and Walk for Animals is a fun-filled 'dog day'! It's a great way to celebrate the animals in our lives and help animals in need in our community. Walk brochures and sponsor sign-up sheets are available at Mellisa's Pet Depot in Dartmouth and Fairhaven, and at the larger parks throughout New Bedford, You can also log onto www.coalitionforanimals.com to download the registration form and sponsor sign up sheet. The vendor booth application is also on our website. Check out our Facebook event page for more details www.facebook.com/events/377156409415257/

Create an online fundraising page to maximize your impact: https://www.razoo.com/fundraise/start

Select "Humane Coalition for Animals of Greater New Bedford" as your certified charity! Not sure what to write?

Check our sample page here:https://www.razoo.com/story/Samplepetfestfundraiser

Please contact us for event sponsorship opportunities. Participate in the Walk for Animals by getting people to sponsor you to help raise money and help animals!

21 Things To Do This Weekend (April 27 — April 29)

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Art Week (12:00pm-10:00pm)

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NBHS Spring Concert on Friday!

Lawler Branch Spring Story & Craft Time (3:30pm-4:30pm)

Bring your children, grandkids, etc. and enjoy some spring themed pictures books along with a craft activity they'll enjoy! Children of all ages welcome! Francis J. Lawler Branch Library, 745 Rockdale Ave, New Bedford.

New Bedford High School Spring Concert (7:30pm-9:30pm)

The NBHS Spring Concert will be held in the Bronspiegel Auditorium on 4/27 starting at 7:00PM. Tickets are \$5 for adults, and \$3 for students/seniors. The concert will feature choral groups, the concert band, jazz band, and steel band.

"Always & Forever" An Evening of Luther Vandross in concert starring Ruben Studdard (8:00pm)

Imagine having a second chance to see a Luther Vandross concert. Imagine the vocals, the music, the stage. Imagine how you would feel hearing a night of his timeless hits, like "Endless Love," "Dance with My Father," and "Power of Love." There will never be another like Luther, but no other voice comes closer than Ruben Studdard. The remarkable singer was

hailed as the "next Luther" during his winning American Idol run, which led to a GRAMMY® nomination for singing the Luther song "Superstar." Always & Forever is a special concert event for Luther fans and Ruben fans that pays tribute to an extraordinary talent. It's the closest you can get to an actual Luther Vandross show! Zeiterion Theater.

Pub6T5 Fridays w/ THE REAL DEAL (8:30pm-12:00am)

R & B, Motown, Soul...High energy, non-stop dancing, the epitome of sound! We are "The" Real Deal for live entertainment! https://www.facebook.com/realdealguys/ 736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

"Redneck Porch" at The Bar (9:30pm-12:30am)

When a couple of friends get together from different styles of music and decide to play country ,rock and oldies , you know its going to be one helluva Party! The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

Saturday, April 28th

Fall River YMCA's "Healthy Kids" day (10:00am-2:00pm)

Join us for Healthy Kids Day! We will have an inflatable obstacle course in the gym, swimming, community resources, SUMMER CAMP information, and so much more! This event is FREE & open to the public! Community vendors interested in attending this event should contact Stephanie Winterson at 508.675.7841 x 117. Fall River YMCA, 199 N Main Street, Fall River.

Paddington Bear Meet & Greet (10:00am-5:00pm)

It's nice having a bear about the park! See Paddington Bear during "Meet and Greet" opportunities throughout the day! The Final Meet and Greet will be one half hour before park closing. Edaville Family Theme Park, 5 Pine St., Carver.

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Main Library's Children's Room Family Story Time (11:00am-12:00pm)

Please join us at the Main Library's Children's Room every Saturday at 11am for story time and crafts!

Hope to see you there! New Bedford Free Public Library, 613 Pleasant St., New Bedford.

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Exercise Tiger Ceremony and Military Museum Open House w/ Navy Band (1:00pm-4:00pm)

The ceremony is at 1 pm, the military museum's Open House starts at 10 am and will have refreshments and pastries available to the public. The military band from the Newport Naval Station, WW2 Living Historians, and USABOT will be on site.

For more info on Operation Tiger, Please visit the Military Museum and see the Exercise Tiger Display in the North Wing. Also watch the show "Combat Ships" Season 1 Episode 5: "Torpedo Boats" on the Smithsonian Channel as it goes into Great Depth about Exercise Tiger. Fort Rodman, 1000 S Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford.



Exercise Tiger Ceremony w/ Navy Band

FREE Mayor's Movie: Casablanca at the Z (2:00pm)

Join us for a free screening of Casablanca starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, as part of Mayor Mitchell's Movie Series. The classic and quotable film takes place in Casablanca in December 1941, when a cynical American expatriate (Bogart) encounters a former lover (Bergman), with unforeseen complications.

Pub6T5 Saturdays w/ DJ ADAMDEMELO (9:00pm-1:00am)

70s, 80's, 90's & Top 40 music. 21+ event after 9pm. 736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

"Heartbreaker" at the Bar (9:30pm-12:30am)

HEARTBREAKER Returns to The Bar. Come help us tear it up at this great location. Great stage and great sound. Great pizza as well! See you there! The Bar, 266 Dartmouth St, New Bedford.

Sunday, April 29th



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Come RIDE, ROAR, and EXPLORE at the exciting world of Edaville! With 3 PARKS IN 1, you can ride through Cran-Central, roar throughout Dino Land, and explore with Thomas & Friends through the magical Island of Sodor! Admission includes all rides & attractions. MA/RI Residents save up to \$7 per date-specific ticket online only. Restrictions apply. Discount applied after applicable billing address entered. Edaville Family Theme Park, 5 Pine St. Carver.

Art Week (12:00pm-10:00pm)

Presented by Highland Street Foundation and produced by the Boch Center, Artweek has become a state-wide, annual award-winning innovative festival featuring hundreds of unique and creative experiences that are hands-on, interactive or offer behind-the-scenes access to artists or the creative process. See full list of events by clicking event title.

FREE Sunday Adult Wellness Programming (9:00am-1:30pm)

Free Adult Wellness Programming for All Levels of Fitness! Open to the Public! See poster for schedule. Boys & Girls Club of Greater New Bedford, 166 Jenney St., New Bedford.

Pinkalicious the Musical at the Z (2:00pm)

Based on the beloved best-selling books by Elizabeth and Victoria Kann, Pinkalicious The Musical follows Pinkalicious who has overindulged in pink cupcakes, despite warnings from her parents. She lands in the doctor's office with Pinkititis, an affliction that turns her pink from head to toe — a dream come true for this pink loving enthusiast! But when her hue goes too far, only Pinkalicious can figure out a way to get out of this predicament. Created for children ages 2 to 7, this musical is a sweet treat for all!

Sunday Night Karaoke at PUB 6T5 (5:00pm-9:00pm)

Join us for Karaoke on Sunday nights from 5-9pm. Hosted by Mario Figueirido.736 Ashley Blvd, New Bedford, MA.

Want to sponsor this weekend guide? Contact info@newbedfordguide.com for more details.

New Bedford Seaport Cultural District debuts FREE events for statewide ArtWeek

The New Bedford Seaport Cultural District is proud to be an ArtWeek partner and collaborator, promoting the Creative Commonwealth and our Creative City. The festival aims to provide participants with new ways to get creative and make art and culture more accessible to everyone. This season, more than 70 percent of all ArtWeek events are free, including all of New Bedford's events.

Presented by Highland Street Foundation and produced by the

Boch Center, ArtWeek announced its largest season lineup ever. The award-winning creative festival will offer more than 500 events in 155 neighborhoods across all six regions of the state from April 27 — May 6 — more than double the size of the 2017 festival.

"When we joined forces with Highland Street Foundation in 2013, I had no idea that there would be such enthusiastic support and demand for redefining cultural experiences and allowing people to take creativity into their own hands," said Josiah A. Spaulding, Jr., President & CEO of the Boch Center.

"We invite everyone to participate in the fun activities for ArtWeek in New Bedford," said Mayor Jon Mitchell. "ArtWeek is a great opportunity to see the artistic and cultural aspects of our city that helped to garner our designation as Most Creative Community in the Commonwealth by the Mass Cultural Council."

The 2018 festival offers something for everyone, including a number of family friendly events in New Bedford's Seaport Cultural District. At the MakerSpace at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park participants can learn about printing in the 19th century and walk away with their own sign, view a never-before-seen digital facsimile of the longest painting in America — the 1,275-foot-long Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World at New Bedford Whaling Museum, celebrate amazing art by teens while dancing to a live DJ and shopping a trunk show at New Bedford Art Museum/Artworks!, attend a block party street festival of Portuguese art and culture presented by The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, paint with potatoes at New Bedford Farmer's Market, watch a spellbinding magic show by teen magician Austin Jandrucko and then learn the basics of magic at the Whaling National Historical Park, attend the final screening and discussion of the New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series, and get creative with two cool art projects for kids and families at NBAM/Artworks! entitled Re-thinking Recycling and Chalk the Walk.

Visit artweekMA.org to view the full calendar of statewide and New Bedford events.

In addition to the free and interactive events, two New Bedford organizations are participating in ArtWeek's Light Up the Night challenge. The New Bedford Whaling Museum's cupola on top of its building will radiate with colorful lights, and to celebrate SUPERFLAT NB's community launch, they will paint and radiate solar lights along the fence on Acushnet Ave across from Custom House Square.

ArtWeek is an annual 10-day innovative festival featuring hundreds of unique and creative experiences that are hands-on, offering new ways to experience art and culture. ArtWeek was born in Boston in 2013 and recently expanded its footprint across the Commonwealth. This year, Mass Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism have joined ArtWeek as Lead Champions in this unique opportunity to shine a spotlight on the state's creative economy. ArtWeek has also secured a network of more than 70 statewide, regional and local collaborators and over a dozen media partners to help promote the upcoming festival.

For more information statewide, visit artweekMA.org and citywide destinationNB.org; or, contact Margo Saulnier at artsnewbedford@gmail.com.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT: New Bedford Whaling Museum

Location: 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford

Region: South of Boston

April 27 - May 6

The Museum has a cupola on the top of our building. For Light

Up the Night, we will illuminate it with colorful lights. It does not normally illuminate.

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Print It!

Saturday, April 28, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street, New Bedford

The MakerSpace at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is hosting a special ArtWeek printmaking craft! Come and enjoy a child-friendly printmaking activity for all ages with something the kids can take home. Learn about old signs and texts from New Bedford shops of years gone by, and learn how printed materials were made back in the 19th century. The MakerSpace is located on the second floor and there is free Parking on weekends in New Bedford!

SUNDAY, APRIL 29

New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series Sunday, April 29, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street, New Bedford

Due to community support and rallying, nine groups involved in the community came together to host, plan, and outreach about the New Bedford LGBTQ Winter Film Series! Having started in January, we will be concluding in April during ArtWeek! Come watch "How to Survive a Plague", a harrowing documentary about the activism and epidemic around HIV and AIDs. Afterwards, we will talk about the film, and with local community partners about their work locally to address HIV/AIDs and the art behind the Aids Quilt. New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park is the host venue for the series in their theater.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Artist Sneak Preview of A Spectacle in Motion Wednesday, May 2, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. New Bedford Whaling Museum, 18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford

The New Bedford Whaling Museum is holding a sneak preview of its upcoming exhibit A Spectacle in Motion, which will premiere a never-before-seen digital facsimile of the longest painting in America — the 1,275-foot-long Grand Panorama of a Whaling Voyage 'Round the World. The advanced screening for artists will be used to inspire attendees as part of a call for artistic interpretations of all mediums to be performed/exhibited alongside the exhibition throughout the summer of 2018.

THURSDAY, MAY 3

Art at the Market: Painting with Potatoes Thursday, May 3, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The New Bedford Farmers Market, 888 Purchase Street, New Bedford

Dyer Maker Studio will be at the New Bedford Farmers Market instructing customers and participants how to use food as color. We will "paint" with potatoes colored with natural food pigments to create an edible landscape made from locally grown produce. It is safe, chemical free, edible and completely natural. Let's play with our food then eat it! This event is designed to merge the New Bedford creative arts community with the farmers market. Who knew art can be so delicious!?

ArtDance!

Thursday, May 3, 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!, 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford

Developed special for ArtWeek, we invite the public to join us for this interactive closing reception of our Teen Artist Internship Program (TAIP) exhibit with live music from local artist and DJ Andy Anello. Also enjoy a special trunk show with local student artisans from UMass Dartmouth College of Visual & Performing Arts. Meet these young artists, learn about their creative process, and find out what they learned about their creative side!

FRIDAY, MAY 4

SUPERFLAT NB Community Launch Party Friday, May 4, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Co-Creative Center, 139 Union Street, New Bedford

SUPERFLAT NB is a new culture-based, artist-led, and neighborhood-driven community revitalization mural art project. Superflat seeks to both beautify New Bedford neighborhoods while eliminating barriers — or flattening — access to the arts, no matter who you are. It launches with a super fun event featuring art activities, music, an art auction and live outdoor painting.

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT: SUPERFLAT NB

Location: Acushnet Avenue fence between Custom House Square

and Wing's Court

Region: South of Boston

SUPERFLAT NB debuts during ArtWeek by painting the plywood fence along Acushnet Avenue outside Wing's Court and across from Custom House Square with local artists. Keeping sustainability and safety in mind, solar powered lights will also adorn the fence on this typically dark block. New Bedford was called the City of Light in the whaling heydays, and SUPERFLAT NB aims to put a spotlight on the amazingly talented working artists in the city.

SATURDAY, MAY 5

Art of Illusion

Saturday, May 5, Noon to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, May 6, Noon to 4:30 p.m.

New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, 33 William Street, New Bedford

Special for ArtWeek, teen magician Austin Jandrucko will be offering the Art of Illusion: A Magicial Experience. Austin will begin with his spellbinding magic show and then teach budding apprentices the basics of stage performance, improv, and the art of illusion. The magic show will take place each day from 12:00-1:00 pm, and the workshop will follow from 2:00-4:30 pm.

Chalk the Walk!

Saturday, May 5, Noon to 2:00 p.m.

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!, 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford

New Bedford has numerous public art pieces, but what if kids could come and create something easy, accessible, and fun? Help us decorate the sidewalk along the New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks! building! We will provide the chalk, the fun, and become part of a temporary arts experiment!

Viva Portugal!

Saturday, May 5, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

The Zeiterion Performing Arts Center, 684 Purchase Street, New Bedford

Now in its third year, "Viva Portugal" is a free celebration of Portuguese art and culture in the Southcoast. To create this "festa" or street party, 'The Z' harnessed the power of 12 local Portuguese-American organizations to laud the cultural heritage that defines the region. Four downtown New Bedford blocks are filled with people from all walks of life enjoying the tastes, sights and sounds of Portuguese culture, including lectures on the contributions of Portuguese-Americans, readings, live music, cooking demos, folkloric dance and more. Don't miss the Lusiads Read-a-thon!

Re-Thinking Recycling

Sunday, May 6, 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

New Bedford Art Museum/ArtWorks!, 608 Pleasant Street, New Bedford

Did you know there is an estimated 93 to 236 thousand metric tons of plastic in the ocean? How can we limit this and think about saving our oceans in the great Bay State? People of all ages are invited to talk about the ocean, make crafts, and rethink the use of plastic.

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MORE ABOUT NEW BEDFORD SEAPORT CULTURAL DISTRICT:

Since 2014, New Bedford Seaport Cultural District has aimed to advance collaboration to be inclusive of all individuals in the arts, cultural sector, residences, and businesses. The intention is to impact the quality of life and economic activity of those living and visiting our city, whether that as a creator, participant, or audience member. The district currently contains 49 cultural attractions and 29 creative economy businesses.

On March 1, 2018, the MCC selected New Bedford as one of only six communities in the state to pilot a Cultural Compact, to

develop a framework to spark creative partnerships between local government and cultural leaders within the community. The Cultural Compact is a collaboration of the New Bedford Seaport Cultural District, the New Bedford Cultural Council, the Mayor's Office, and Mass Cultural Council. To learn more about the SCD, visit www.destinationnewbedford.org/seaport-cultural-district.

In support of the Commonwealth's most powerful economic development assets — a thriving creative sector — the Mass Council's Cultural Districts Cultural Initiative was authorized by an act of the Massachusetts state legislature in 2010, and launched in April 2011. These cultural districts help local arts, humanities, and science organizations improve the quality and range of their public programs so that more local families can benefit from them. They enhance the experience for visitors and thus attract more tourist dollars and tax revenue. And they attract artists, cultural organizations, and entrepreneurs of all kinds — enhancing property values and making communities more attractive. The Cultural District Initiative encourages Massachusetts' communities to strengthen their sense of place, while stimulating economic activity, improving the experiences of visitors to our communities, and creating a higher quality of life.

MORE ABOUT ARTWEEK:

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Drives Us Foundation, New England Foundation for the Arts, New England Museum Association, Young Audiences of Massachusetts and VSA Massachusetts. To learn more about our regional and local collaborators as well as about the festival and its growth, visit www.artweekma.org.

About Highland Street Foundation

Since its establishment in 1989, Highland Street Foundation has donated more than \$180 million to many worthy non-profit organizations. It is committed to addressing the needs and concerns of children and families primarily in Massachusetts and California specifically in the areas of education, housing, mentoring, health care, environment and the arts. To learn more about Highland Street Foundation, please visit www.highlandstreet.org.

About the Boch Center

The Boch Center is one of the nation's leading nonprofit performing arts institutions and a guardian of the historic Wang and Shubert Theatres. As New England's largest cultural venue, the Boch Center is home to theater, classical and popular music, dance, comedy, opera, Broadway musicals, family entertainment, and more. Located in Boston's historic Theater District, the Boch Center also offers a diverse mix of educational and community outreach initiatives, including the City Spotlights Leadership Program and ArtWeek; collaborates with artists and local nonprofit arts organizations; preserves historic venues; and acts as a champion for Greater Boston's arts and cultural community. Learn more at bochcenter.org.