

Language of Flowers with the 1850s Ladies



Ruth and Abby tend to flowers.

During Victorian times, various flowers had unique meanings and were used to communicate different sentiments. Ruth and Abby will explore this language of flowers and will provide materials for visitors to make bookmarks using dried flowers on AHA! (Art, History, Architecture) night, Thursday, March 12, from 6:00-8:00 PM. This month's AHA! theme is Hand to Hand.

The event takes place at New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park's visitor center, 33 William Street, downtown New Bedford. As always, the event is open to all, and admission is free. For more information about AHA! night, go to <http://www.ahaneewbedford.org/> 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 National Park visitor center is located at 33 William Street in downtown New Bedford. It is open seven days a week, from 9 AM-5 PM, and offers information, exhibits, and a free orientation movie every hour on the hour from 10 AM-4 PM.

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>.
