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New Bedford Whaling Museum Celebrates 10th Annual Student Exhibition Partnership with Our Sisters' School

The museum will act as an experiential classroom, culminating in a student-led exhibit on display April 8-27

NEW BEDFORD, MA - April 7, 2025 – This month, The New Bedford Whaling Museum and Our Sisters' School (OSS) celebrates the tenth annual student exhibition partnership. *Our Sisters' History: An Exploration of New Bedford During the 1800s*, an exhibit that will feature the work of 19 sixth-grade students, on display from April 8th through April 27th.

Since 2015, the New Bedford Whaling Museum has partnered with OSS to support sixth grade students as part of their arts and humanities curriculum. Through visits to the Museum and research room, along with trips to other historic sites in the city, the students explore the history of New Bedford and connections to the whaling industry. Individual students conduct additional research on topics of interest, writing research papers and creating works of art informed by their learning. New Bedford Whaling Museum staff and volunteers support the students as they explore the museum exhibits, conduct research with primary sources in the research room, and display their works of art in a professional setting.

“Young minds are the key to shaping our future, and our partnership with Our Sisters' School is rooted in this belief,” said Amanda McMullen, President and CEO, New Bedford Whaling Museum. “We are thrilled to be celebrating a decade of collaboration and learning. By offering the next generation access to an inspiring environment and world-class resources, right in their own backyard, we empower them to explore, innovate and reflect on the impact of art and the foundations of our community.”

By drawing parallels between past and present day New Bedford, students will deepen their understanding of the city's history. This exhibition and partnership is a culmination of student research that aims to deepen the arts, literacy, and social studies curricula of OSS.

The exhibit is included with Museum admission. **Media are invited to attend an opening event on Tuesday, April 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, with remarks from Amanda McMullen, President & Chief Executive Officer of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, Sarah Herman, Head of School at OSS, Tobey Eugenio, OSS Learning Experience Designer, and STEAM & Art Educator, Sabina Kozak, OSS 5/6 Humanities Teacher, Humanities Department Head.

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For more information, visit <https://www.whalingmuseum.org/exhibition/new-bedford-in-the-1800s/>

Photos of the OSS students' recent field trip to the NBWM to conduct research for their exhibit can be found [here](#).

About the New Bedford Whaling Museum

Anchored in the story of New Bedford's whaling industry, the Museum documents and shares the diverse stories of this vibrant maritime region and its people, both bygone and current. Founded as the Old Dartmouth Historical Society in 1903, the Museum's rich history reveals an intimate relationship with the communities it serves. Today, the New Bedford Whaling Museum ignites learning through explorations of art, history, science and culture, rooted in the stories of people, the region and an international seaport. The New Bedford Whaling Museum is the leading cultural institution in the region, attracting more than 100,000 visitors annually.

The cornerstone of New Bedford Whaling National Historical Park, the Museum is located at 18 Johnny Cake Hill in the heart of the city's historic downtown. Between January 2-March 31, the institution is open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm Tuesday-Saturday and from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday. Between April 1-December 31, daily hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. The Museum is open until 7 p.m. every second Thursday of the month (on AHA! nights) and closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Admission is free for Museum members; adults \$23, seniors (65+) \$21, youth \$13. For more information, visit www.whalingmuseum.org.

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