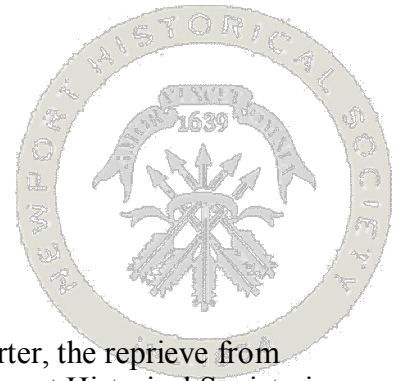


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Many May History Walking Tours

Newport Historical Society Offers Two New Themed Tours



Newport, RI – (April 2010) – As spring blooms in Newport’s Old Quarter, the reprieve from winter weather is the ideal time to enjoy history walking tours. The Newport Historical Society is pleased to offer four different tours in May, including two new specialty tours, *Women of Colonial Newport*, and, in conjunction with Newport History Tours, *Newport’s Jewish History*.

Retrace the lives of the shopkeepers, tavern owners, teachers and more who made their way in this diverse seaport on the *Women in Colonial Newport* history walking tour. This one-time-only tour will debut on Saturday May 1st at 11:30am and will investigate the many entrepreneurial women who once walked Newport’s historic streets.

Explore *Newport’s Other Summer Colony* through the lives of the 19th century writers, artists and intellectuals who summered in Newport on Friday May 14, 2010 at 3pm. This tour through the Catherine Street and Old Beach Road neighborhoods lasts approximately 90 minutes.

Newport History Tours, the joint collaboration between the Newport Historical Society and the Newport Restoration Foundation, will offer a one time special tour, *Newport’s Jewish History*. Stroll the neighborhood where Newport’s early Jewish settlers worked side by side with their neighbors. Hear stories about the founders of Touro Synagogue and learn about the legacy of religious freedom they left behind. This 11:30am tour will be offered on Memorial Day, Monday May 31st.

Newport History Tours continues to offer the *Discover Colonial Newport* history walking tour on Saturday mornings in May. Hear stories of revolution and ruin, struggles for liberty and remarkable entrepreneurship among Newport’s diverse people. This 10:30am tour includes a visit inside the 1699 Great Friends Meeting House.

All tours depart from the Museum & Shop at Brick Market, 127 Thames Street, Newport, RI, and cost \$12 per person, \$10 for NHS members. Reservations are strongly recommended as space is limited. Tours last approximately 75 minutes, unless otherwise noted, and are weather permitting. 401-841-8770

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About the Newport Historical Society

Since 1854, the Newport Historical Society has collected and preserved the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, and genealogical records that relate to the history of Newport County, to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment, and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present. For more information please visit www.newporthistory.org.

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