

2025 Winter and Spring Major Events (at the CHMM unless otherwise noted, please check the website for details)

Late Feb: **USCG 4th Order Fresnel Lens** arrives with formal unveiling, date is weather dependent.

Feb 20 & 21: School Vacation **"Make a Sailor's Valentine"** free drop-in program, Thurs & Fri 10:00 am-noon.

Feb 23: Climate Café - "Winter on the Merrimack", a community conversation hosted by area high school students, 10:00am-noon (Register: <https://www.climate-cafe.org/event-details-registration/winter-on-the-merrimack-cafe>)

Feb 27: **Nbpt's Road to Revolution Part I: Roots of Rebellion** by historian and author **Alexander Cain**, 7:00 pm at **Firehouse Center for the Arts**, and in partnership with the Museum of Old Newbury and funded in part by the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (Register at <https://www.newburyhistory.org/calendar>).

Mar 7: **First Friday Lecture "Preserving the Port: How Newburyport was saved from the Urban Renewal bulldozer"** by **John Macone**, 6:30 pm. Plus **"History Walking Tours"** by John in May, Friday 5pm

Mar 19: A Village Talk on **Whales and Whaling** by James Russell, noon at the **Nbpt. Senior Center**

Mar 20: **Nbpt's Road to Revolution Part II: Nbpt Braces from Attack by Sea**, 7:00 pm by **Graham McKay, of Lowell's Boat Shop, and Bethany Groff Dorau, Museum of Old Newbury**. Funded in part by the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (Register at <https://www.newburyhistory.org/calendar>).

Mar 27: Annual Members Meeting, 5:30 pm. Unveiling of a major donation of a **James E. Buttersworth** oil on canvas. Exhibit Opening: **"Protecting the Past, Treasures Donated by the Institution for Savings"** in the Community Gallery.

Mar 30: **Nbpt's Road to Revolution Part III: The First Tea Party**, 3:00 pm at **Museum of Old Newbury**. Funded in part by the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (Registration details will be provided shortly).

Apr 4: **First Friday Lecture "Historic New England: Preservation and Transformation in Essex County"** by **Vin Cipolla, President & CEO, Historic New England**, 6:30 pm.

Mid-Apr: **GRAND OPENING, CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER**—Members & Donor Preview Party.

Apr 11: **BOATS IN BLOOM, a Spectacular Spring Floral Fundraiser**: the museum will be festooned with floral displays. Tickets: \$50pp includes hors oeuvres and complimentary drinks, 6:00 pm.

May 2: **First Friday Lecture "The History of the Boston Marine Society"** by **Ross Pope**, 6:30 pm.

May 8: **Nbpt's Road to Revolution, Part IV—Black Newburyporters**, 3:00 pm at **Museum of Old Newbury**. Funded in part by the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (Registration details will be provided shortly)

May 22: **Nbpt's Road to Revolution, Part V—Powder and Shot**, 7:00 pm. at **Museum of Old Newbury**. Funded in part by the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (Registration details will be provided shortly)

May 23: **2025 GRAND EXHIBITION OPENINGS: "Road to Revolution"** and **"The Clipper Ship Era"** exhibitions curated by **Kevin MacDonald**, 5:30 pm. Funded in part by the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism.

June 6: **First Friday Lecture "General Ben Butler"** by **C.J. Fitzwater**, 6:30 pm.

June 1 & 8: **The Playwrights Collaborative** returns to the CHMM, details TBD.

June 18: **Nbpt's Road to Revolution, Part VI—Bunker Hill: Heroes and Cowards**, 7:00 pm at **Firehouse Center for the Arts**. Funded in part by the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism (Registration details will be provided shortly)

June 28: **250TH ANNIVERSARY REVOLUTIONARY WAR PARADE**, 10:00 am at location and muster TBD. Funded in part by the Massachusetts Office of Travel & Tourism and the Newburyport Cultural Council.

Summer: **Lawn Fest & Fun**, indoor and outdoor kids' activities, every Saturday, July – mid-Sept.

Sept 11: **SAVE THE DATE** for the hottest ticket in town: **SEAFARING SOIREE GALA**, at the Blue Ocean.