

CALL FOR ARTISTS

IGNITE

A Youth Showcase of Art Inspired by Historic Women of the SouthCoast

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Young artists are invited to ignite interest in the impact of women from the region through original art projects inspired by *Organizing New Bedford: Women Who Mobilized Change*, a new digital exhibit featuring seven women from *Lighting the Way: Historic Women of the SouthCoast*.

Original works of art are being solicited that highlight the themes, accomplishments, or stories amplified through the stories of *Organizing New Bedford: Women Who Mobilized Change*. Art that is chosen to be a part of the Ignite showcase will be shared at a virtual showcase on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM. All pieces included in the showcase will be eligible for a gift card to The White Whale, the Whaling Museum's gift shop. Selected pieces may be featured on the *Lighting the Way* website or other *Lighting the Way materials*, and winners' artwork also may be printed on postcards. Pieces selected will be chosen based on connection to the story of the woman (or women) selected, the creativity, and originality.

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The New Bedford Whaling Museum
and the YWCA



LIGHTING THE WAY

HISTORIC WOMEN OF THE SOUTH COAST

A project of New Bedford Whaling Museum

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. What is Lighting the Way?** *Lighting the Way: Historic Women of SouthCoast* explores the historical impact of women from the region and is unearthing remarkable stories of women who have shaped their SouthCoast Communities. Learn more at www.HistoricWomenSouthCoast.org
- 2. What is Organizing New Bedford: Women Who Mobilized Change?** *Organizing New Bedford* is a digital exhibit about seven historic women who mobilized residents of "The City that Lit the World" to create positive change. It is available on the Rhode Tour platform; Rhode Tour is a joint initiative of the Rhode Island Council for the Humanities, Brown University's John Nicholas Brown Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage, and the Rhode Island Historical Society. Learn more at www.RhodeTour.org.
- 3. Who can participate in Ignite: A Showcase of Art Inspired by Historic Women of the SouthCoast?**
Any young adult aged 12 to 22.
- 4. Will my name be displayed on the piece?** If you choose, you will be given credit for your piece. However, if you choose to be anonymous, you can do that as well.

How to Participate

If you are between the ages of 12 and 22 and would like to participate, follow these steps:

1. Visit Organizing New Bedford: Women Who Mobilized Change at www.historicwomensouthcoast.org and read through the 6 stories.
2. (Optional) Watch videos [HERE](#) to receive guidance about the online exhibit and ideas for creating artworks.
3. Choose one or more of the women to be your inspiration.
4. Respond to the themes, accomplishments, or stories amplified by creating an artwork.
5. Write your artist statement.
6. Take a photo of your artwork.
7. Submit your entry by going [HERE](#) by midnight on March 31, 2021.
8. If your piece is selected to be exhibited at the Ignite showcase, you'll be notified by April 16, 2021
9. Plan to attend the virtual showcase presentation on Thursday, April 22, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Submissions must include the following:

- Completed submission form [HERE](#)
- Include your Artist Statement (2 or 3 paragraphs describing yourself, your approach to the project, and how your artwork connects to a story from "Organizing New Bedford: Women Who Mobilized Change")
- Your original artwork can be a drawing, painting, collage, digital artwork, or photography
- Include a high-quality photo of the artwork as a digital file in JPG
 - Check the settings on your camera (whether you are using a phone or a camera). Set it to the highest quality that you can.

Important Dates

- March 1:** Contest begins
- March 1–31:** Watch instructional videos [HERE](#)
- March 31:** Submission deadline for all entries
- April 16:** Artists selected to be included on the showcase are notified
- April 22:** Ignite virtual showcase takes place online

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