

Dartmouth Heritage Preservation Trust's Annual Meeting



We are pleased to announce that on October 19, James Russell, President & CEO of the New Bedford Whaling Museum, will be our featured speaker. James's talk will be informed by his personal journey and Irish ancestry. More broadly, James will pay tribute to countless souls whose struggles and hunger for a better life paved the way for those who created a lasting legacy in this country, a nation of immigrants. Whether or not you are of Irish ancestry, this story is our story, sum and substance of who we are, and, if we do our job, this story will be handed down to the next generations.

Famine, Friends and Fenians Presented by James Russell

Freedom, equality, and civil rights - these are timeless themes and yearnings that resonate as powerfully today as they did from the 1840s to 1916 and beyond. In that span of years, New Bedford played a pivotal role not only in the United States' struggle for those ideals, but also in Ireland's tortuous struggle for independence. New Bedford stood front and center in a sweep of history that comes to vivid life in a major exhibition titled *Famine, Friends and Fenians* opening on October 21st.



Annual Meeting Agenda

- 5:30 p.m. Arrival and check-in
- 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting and DHPT Update
- 6:30 p.m. James Russell Presents
- 7:30 p.m. Reception with Refreshments

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The Bark *Catalpa* of New Bedford, 1876, painting by Charles Sidney Raleigh. NBWM collection.
E.C.B. Harpoon, Inishkea Islands, 1908, photographed by R. M. Barrington.

