

CAPE ANN Museum

Cape Ann Museum Hosts Free Community Events to Celebrate Pride Month



GLOUCESTER, Mass. – To celebrate Pride Month, the Cape Ann Museum is hosting its first [Pride Family Picnic](#) at the Cape Ann Museum Green (CAM Green) as part of Cape Ann Pride Weekend. The free event will be held on Sunday, June 2 from 1 to 3 p.m. and will feature fun for the whole family through books, art, and music.

Families are invited to bring their own blankets to enjoy Rainbow Story Time, the Genders of the Sea, and music from Jammin’ with You on the CAM Green campus, located at 13 Poplar St. in Gloucester off Grant Circle. There will also be a curated collection of LGBTQ+ stories with Sawyer Free Library, art activities, and free lunches made available by The Open Door. Registration is required. To register in advance, visit www.capeannmuseum.org/event/pride-family-picnic.

“We’re proud to be partnering with the Cape Ann Pride Coalition and the Greater Cape Ann Chamber of Commerce on the first Cape Ann Pride Weekend,” says Miranda Aisling, Head of Education & Engagement at Cape Ann Museum. “Through programs at the Museum, we want to create a space for families to celebrate together and for visitors to learn about regional LGBTQ+ history. Over the past several years, we’ve made a concerted effort to grow our programming to be more inclusive of all the intersectional histories across Cape Ann, and we’re excited for our Pride programs to be a part of that.”

On Friday, June 7, the Museum will also host a [Lavender Speakeasy](#) as the final event of the Museum’s First Fridays: Art After Hours series for the 2023-2024 season. The event, which starts at 6 p.m. at the

Museum's downtown campus located at 27 Pleasant St. in Gloucester, is also free and open to the public. Attendees are invited to wear fabulous outfits to learn about local and regional queer history and to put on a pair of lavender lenses to see the Museum's collection in a new light.

The event will feature sculptures that come to life with the Boston Circus Guild, live music by The Femmes, free tastings with Rockport Brewing Co., and more.

Both events are generously funded in part by the Essex County Community Foundation's Creative County Initiative.

To learn more about Cape Ann Museum events, exhibitions and programs, visit www.capeannmuseum.org.

The Cape Ann Museum, founded in 1875, exists to preserve and celebrate the history and culture of the area and to keep it relevant to today's audiences. Spanning 44,000 square feet, the Museum is one of the major cultural institutions on Boston's North Shore welcoming more than 25,000 local, national, and international visitors each year to its exhibitions and programs. In addition to fine art, the Museum's collections include decorative art, textiles, artifacts from the maritime and granite industries, four historic structures, a Library & Archives and a sculpture park in the heart of downtown Gloucester. In Summer 2021, the Museum opened the 12,000 square foot Janet & William Ellery James Center at the Cape Ann Museum Green. The campus is located on the site at the intersection of Washington and Poplar Streets in Gloucester and is open seasonally.

The Cape Ann Museum is located at 27 Pleasant Street in Gloucester and is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. General admission is \$15.00 adults, \$12.00 Cape Ann residents, seniors, and students. Youth (under 18) and Museum members are free. Cape Ann residents can visit for free on the first Friday (from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.) and second Saturday (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) of each month. More information can be found on www.capeannmuseum.org or please call (978)283-0455 x110.

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