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Colonial Career Fair
A Newport Historical Society Living History Event

Newport, RI – In the mid-18th century, Newport was the fifth wealthiest city in colonial America. What jobs were people doing that helped the city become so successful?

On **Saturday, February 24, 2018**, from 10am-1pm, join the Newport Historical Society to learn how people made their living. During this colonial career fair, costumed interpreters will represent different occupations that would have been present in this seaport. Jobs range from tradespeople like a printer, milliner and leather worker to merchants such as a toy seller and store owner, along with food service jobs such as a baker, brewer, coffeehouse owner and tavern keeper.

Join the action and try a traditional 18th century craft: candle making. For \$5 make a beeswax candle to take home while learning about the candle making trade in colonial Newport.

This program takes place at the Colony House on Washington Square. Admission is free, donations are welcome.

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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