

## Mercy Otis Warren

was born in the village of West Barnstable in 1728. Mercy was the third of seven surviving children of James and Mary Allyne Otis. Her older brother, James, was known as The Patriot .

Mercy was a playwright, poet, historian, and pioneer in Women s Rights. She was also an advocate of the Bill of Rights and a champion of liberty.

In an era when it was unusual for women to obtain any sort of schooling beyond reading and writing, her father, James Otis Sr., saw to it that his daughter joined her brother in the tutorial sessions headed by the Reverend Jonathan Russell, pastor and teacher of West Parish of Barnstable.

It was not until her marriage to James Warren in 1754 that Mercy began the literary and political crusade that led her to become a premier woman of the American Revolution. Her husband was Mercy's greatest supporter. Recognizing that his wife had extraordinary talents, he refused to suppress her endeavors.

Mercy wrote pamphlets and published plays containing political satire that opposed British officials in New England.

Mercy was not only an articulate champion for her country, but for the cause of women as well. Both in her satirical plays and poems she consistently led the cause for the importance of women in society.

Mercy was more than a woman ahead of her time. She was a beacon of light that illuminated her era and that light continues to shine.

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*2017  
Cape Cod  
Woman of the  
Year Award  
Nomination*

*Presented by The  
Mercy Otis Warren  
Cape Cod  
Woman of the Year  
Committee*

*Criteria for the  
Mercy Otis Warren  
Cape Cod Woman of  
the Year Award*



This award will be presented to a woman who is a resident of Cape Cod, has demonstrated leadership in the Cape Cod Community and has made significant contributions to

the following:

- The Arts
- Education
- Business
- Community Involvement
- Volunteerism on local level

while embracing the ideals of Patriotism.

**Guidelines for Nomination:**

1. The nomination is to be received by Patriot's Day, April 17, 2017.
2. Nominations should be presented on **one typewritten page** describing what qualifies your candidate, and what makes her unique and deserving of such an honor.
3. The award will be presented at the Monday, June 5th meeting of *Tales of Cape Cod*, a non-profit organization whose mission is preserving the history of Cape Cod. This event is held at the historic Olde Colonial Court House, Route 6A, Barnstable.
4. The recipient will be asked to participate in the 4th of July parade in Barnstable Village.

**Please mail the completed information form and the typed description page to:**

Mercy Otis Warren Cape Cod Woman of the Year Committee  
c/o Barnstable County Complex  
PO Box 427  
Barnstable, MA 02630

Or email to [mercyotiswarrencapecod@gmail.com](mailto:mercyotiswarrencapecod@gmail.com).

The nomination form may be downloaded online at [www.talesofcapecod.org](http://www.talesofcapecod.org).

**Nominee Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town and Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Person submitting nomination:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town and Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_