

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, a Poet, a Historian, a Pioneer in Women's Rights, an Advocate of the Bill of Rights, a Champion of Liberty and the Republic Patriot.

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 made a 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 would have shown forth in any era.

The Mercy Otis Warren Woman of the Year Award is supported by:

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Mercy Otis Warren Statue Committee
Tales of Cape Cod
Cape Cod Writers Center
Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce
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**CAPE COD WOMAN
OF THE YEAR AWARD**

2010



**Presented by
Tales of Cape Cod**

Guidelines for Nomination:

- 1. Nomination to be received by May 1, 2010.*
- 2. Nomination should be presented in written form and no longer than one typewritten page.*
- 3. The award will be presented at the June 8, 2010 meeting of Tales of Cape Cod, which is held in the Old Barnstable County Court House, Route 6A, Barnstable. The recipient will be asked to participate in the 4th of July parade in Barnstable Village.*



*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 and has demonstrated leadership in the Cape Cod community and has made a significant contribution to any of the following:

- The Arts*
 - Education*
 - Business*
 - Community Involvement*
- Embracing the ideals of Patriotism*

Please mail the nomination form and a one page description of the candidate to:

*MOW Committee
c/o Barnstable County Complex
P.O. Box 427
Barnstable, MA 02630*

Nominee Name:

Mailing Address:

Town and Zip:

Telephone:

Name of Person submitting nomination:

Mailing Address:

Town and Zip:

Telephone:

You may apply online at www.barnstablecounty.org