LECTURES

LOCAL HISTORY
Whaling on Long Island
Did you know that whaling was one of Long Island's first and most important industries? Explore the rise and fall of whaling through local fleets which traveled to the far corners of the world. Be transported to a time when whalers roamed the streets between journeys, shipbuilders worked in the harbors, captains charted their expeditions, and whaleship masts seemed to pierce the clouds in Long Island's pursuit of the largest creatures in the world!

WOMEN'S HISTORY
Tales of Women at Sea
Be inspired by the little-known yet fascinating experiences of whaling wives. By the 1850’s, one out of six whaleships carried the captain’s wife aboard. Find out how trailblazing women broke boundaries in a male-defined era and sailed the world. Explore what life was like for these women at sea, including where they gave birth, what they ate for dinner, how they looked after their children, how they celebrated holidays, and how they passed the time.

OCEAN SCIENCE
Inside the Mind of a Whale
Do dolphins name themselves? Do whales use tools? What do we know about the capacity of whales’ brains? Join us for a fascinating talk about one of the most complex species on the planet. Marvel at the depth that sets whale behavior apart, including sophisticated memory skills, advanced societal structures, and unique dialects. Find out what researchers have uncovered about whales’ thinking and their amazing behaviors in the wild.

Lectures & Workshops are offered in-person, live virtually, or pre-recorded—your choice!
WORKSHOPS

Scrimshaw Workshop
Explore the world of scrimshaw as an American folk art popularized during the age of whaling. See authentic examples from our historic collection and discover how whalers carved teeth, bones and baleen into beautiful works of art. Participants can sketch, carve, and ink a “fauxshaw” keepsake box using a scratching and inking method.
Kits required for virtual or recorded programs.

Sailor’s Valentine
Find out about the souvenirs whalers brought home from their global travels for their loved ones, including mosaics created from seashells. Learn more about these beautiful works of art, and design a miniature Sailor’s Valentine for yourself or a loved one.
Kits required for virtual or recorded programs.

Length
Lectures: 1 hr
Workshops: In Person: 45 min Online: 30 min

Cost
- In Person-Session: $300. Materials included for 25 participants. Mileage applies if more than 15 miles away; see mileage chart online.
- Live Online: $200. Craft kits $5 each (min. 10)
- Pre-Recorded: $125; Craft kits $5 each (min. 10)

Craft kits are either picked up from Museum by Library staff, or are shipped for $30 flat fee.

Questions & Bookings
We recommend email communication first as staff may be working remotely.
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