Engaging Presentations for Adults

Invite us over to present a visually rich and fascinating lecture using a combination of artifacts and a powerpoint presentation to connect your community with stimulating topics in our maritime heritage. With 6,000 items in our collection, we don’t have room to display it all—let us bring some to you!

**New for 2019**

*In commemoration with the Centennial of Women’s Suffrage*

► **Heroines at the Helm**

Be inspired by the little-known and 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 before they could access the ballot box and sailed the world. This special presentation illuminates these wives’ experiences by featuring photographs, utilitarian and decorative pieces, portraits, and quotes from journal pieces. 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. *Artifacts from the museum’s collection will be on view.*

► **Inside the Mind of a Whale**

Whales rank among the most intelligent species on the planet. Marvel at the depth and complexity that sets whale behavior apart from other species, 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 – including tool use! *Artifacts from the museum’s collection will be on view.*

► **Nature’s Greatest Hit: From Whaling to Whale Songs**

Explore Long Island’s significant whaling past and the evolution of people’s changing attitudes towards whales – a transformation which can be traced to a breakthrough recording of whale songs. Find out how the greatest single of an environmental album, *Songs of a Humpback Whale*, inspired a global conservation movement that continues to this day. *Artifacts from the museum’s collection will be on view.*

► **Whaling on Long Island**

Did you know that after farming, whaling was Long Island’s first and most important industry? 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! *Artifacts from the museum’s collection will be on view.*

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Crafty Adult Workshops for Libraries

We offer a range of art-based programs which tie diverse topics in history with expressing creativity. Each workshop includes an artifact presentation and is tailored for up to 25 participants.

**year round:**

**Scrimshaw Workshop**
Explore scrimshaw, a true American folk art. See examples from our collection and see how whalers carved teeth, bones and baleen into beautiful works of art. Sketch, carve, and ink a “fauxshaw” keepsake box.

**Pen & Ink Sketching**
Get an up-close look at inked creations designed by whalers at sea, from scrimshaw to tattoo art. Try your hand at the technique of pen and ink sketching - a forgiving medium for beginner artists!

**Quilled Ocean Scene**
Explore the art of quilling, or paper filigree, a crafting technique that many whaling wives practiced in their homes. Learn how to quill paper strips and create an ocean themed masterpiece.

**Elemental Art**
Get inspired by metallic elements and use metal foils to create modern artwork. Using designs in our collection for inspiration, practice repoussé and chasing techniques to create a textured metal-foil box.

**Build-a-Boat**
See a variety of nautical artifacts from the museum’s collection used by whalers. Then craft your own model of a wooden vessel using a diverse range of wooden materials and your imagination! Hot glue guns used.

**Solar System Necklace**
Long before GPS, sailors used the stars as their navigation system. Examine navigational tools from the museum’s collection and design a “solar system” necklace or key chain with wire and decorative beads.

**Valentines day + year round:**

**Sailor’s Valentine**
In the 19th century, mariners who visited the Caribbean brought back souvenirs for loved ones called “Sailor’s Valentines,” a mosaic created with miniature beautiful shells. Design your own sailor’s valentine.

**Tie the Knot**
Rope, line, and knots were essential to almost every aspect of life at sea. See some examples of sailor’s knots and tie your own sea-worthy square-knot bracelet or keychain.

**Scherenschnitte**
Take inspiration from delicately carved images on scrimshaw and explore the style of scherenschnitte, a German folk craft of intricately cut paper designs. Common forms include valentines and silhouettes. Victorian women spent their leisure time honing this paper crafting skill and you can try this historical art form in this “scissor-centric” workshop.

**Conservation Creation**
A garbage island (the Pacific Gyre) larger than the state of Texas is currently contributing to the devastation of our oceans. Learn how recycling and conservation can help save our seas, and create beautiful jewelry made from recycled hand-crafted paper beads.

**earth day + year round:**

**Arrowhead Craft Workshop**
Explore the native cultures on Long Island and beyond. Discover how whaling companies depended on Native American labor and skill. See examples of locally found arrowheads and create an arrowhead necklace or keychain.

**autumn + year round:**

**Corn Husk Dolls**
Explore the folk tale of the corn husk doll, a traditional craft shared by Native American and colonist families. Learn how corn husk dolls were created and craft your own figure using corn husks and other materials—perfect for decorating your Thanksgiving table!

**Day of the Dead**
Celebrate Cold Spring Harbor’s most famous Portuguese whaler, Manuel Enos. See examples of scrimshaw and hear the fascinating tale of this captain’s life. Decorate a “sugar skull” for Dia de Muertos.

**Cost:**
Mon-Thurs: $230
Fri: $240 | Sat-Sun: $250
Mileage fees apply for libraries 15+ miles away; see our mileage tiers online.

**Programs run 45min—1 hour**

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