



For Adults

JAN - JUN 2025

FEBRUARY



BLACK WHALERS Lecture

February is Black History Month

Did you know whaling was our nation's first integrated industry, and that between one-quarter and one-third of crews were people of color? Join our fascinating talk spotlighting the roles African American mariners played in our whaling history. Explore their triumphs, challenges, perseverance, and connections to the sea - including whaling's ties to the Underground Railroad.

MARCH



TALES OF WOMEN AT SEA Lecture

March is Women's History Month

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, and how they celebrated holidays.



IRISH PIRATES Lecture NEW

March is Irish-American Heritage Month

Join us to explore the long and legendary history of piracy on the Emerald Isle. Discover incredible true tales of marauders, like the pirates who captured St. Patrick and first brought him to Ireland! Meet revolutionary female pirates like Grace O'Malley and Anne Bonny and uncover the origins of many persistent pirate myths.



PAPER QUILLING WORKSHOP Workshop NEW

March is National Crafting Month

Explore the ancient 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.



APRIL



OCEAN ORIGAMI WORKSHOP Workshop

Did you know that in April of 1845, the Long Island whaleship *Manhattan* became the first foreign ship to enter Tokyo Bay in over 200 years? Celebrate our history's unique connection to Japan, along with America's enduring appreciation of Japanese culture, by creating a colorful ocean-inspired origami scene.

MAY



A WHALE OF A MOM Lecture NEW

Mother's Day is May 11

Being a whale mom is no mean feat! Explore what makes these creatures not only the biggest, but some of the best mothers in the ocean. Discover how whales give birth to, nurse, and raise their calves all while developing deep and complex bonds with their offspring. Learn how these champion moms enlist babysitters, teach their kids to speak, and nurse underwater!



OH BABY! MOTHERHOOD AT SEA Lecture

Mother's Day is May 11

This is "What to Expect When You're Expecting" - maritime edition! Explore the remarkable stories of pregnancies, childbirth, and the early years raising a child for the brave 19th century whaling wives who went to sea. Join us as we comb through women's diaries, letters, advertisements, and newly digitized logbooks to trace and illuminate what mothering truly entailed on the high seas.

JUNE



GENDER AT SEA Lecture

June is LGBTQ+ Pride Month

Join us for a fascinating talk exploring the intricacies of 19th century gender norms among the crews of whaling ships - as well as the unconventional. Discover hidden stories of women secretly dressed as male mariners, as well as surprising tales of sailors who posed as gals for lighthearted entertainment for their crewmembers when crossing the equator!

COST IN PERSON

- \$325 | \$300 for add'l same program on same day. Mileage charge for 15+ miles.
- Programs are 1 hour in length.
- Materials for up to 25 participants are included for crafts.

ONLINE

- \$275 for live virtual lecture presentation

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