This spring the Membership and Volunteer Services Department is saying goodbye to two amazing women. While it is difficult to see those you care about move on, it is an exciting time for them and we congratulate them both.

Congratulations to Rhoda Hopkins Root on announcing her retirement. Rhoda has been at Mystic Seaport since 2000 and will be leaving her post as Associate Director of Volunteer Services at the end of May. Her legacy to the Museum will be seen with each and every volunteer she recruited, trained, and built a relationship with during her tenure. Rhoda leaves behind an incredible volunteer corps that Mystic Seaport can be proud of having. I am grateful to have had the privilege to work with such an inspirational person and wish her and Howard a wonderful journey together. I am also excited to say that we don’t have to say good-bye to Rhoda, for she will be joining the volunteer corps this summer.

Congratulations also to Karin Soderberg who has announced her retirement and will be leaving Mystic Seaport in May. Karin has been at Mystic Seaport since 2000 and has been managing member programs. Over the last fourteen years Karin has built an amazing following of members and volunteers who participate in the programing she has developed. She has shown a real commitment and love for our members through programming and also leaves a real legacy through her work and friendships. Karin played many roles in our department. She was our editor, our organizer, our party planner, a friendly pirate known as “Black Ethel,” Santa’s helper, and even a fairy godmother whose magic dust made children’s wishes come true. Karin is moving to Maine to be near family.
We will miss you both very much!

- Alex Alpert

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**Photo of the Week**

The *Charles W. Morgan’s* Bell  
Photo by Dennis Murphy

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**Duty Officers**

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**North End Power Shut Down**  
**Monday, March 10**

On Monday, March 10, beginning at 7:30 a.m., power to the North end of the Museum will be shut down so a load test can be performed on the North end generator system.

The shutdown will affect the following buildings:

Administration
Bartrum  
Buckingham  
Chapel  
Children’s Museum  
G.W. Blunt White  
Meeting House  
Membership  
Planetarium  
Schaeffer  
School House  
Stillman  
Thomas Greenman  
Wendell/Mallory

For those in the above buildings you are asked to please be sure that ALL computers and copiers are totally shut down when you leave on your last night of work prior to Monday and are not re-started until 9 a.m. on Monday as the test should be completed by that time. This may also affect your phone during this shut down period.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and will make every effort to expedite this process so all can resume their work in a timely manner.

If you should have any questions please feel free to contact the Facilities Office.

Please be sure to share this information with all in the event that it’s not seen in this bulletin.

Thank you for you cooperation in advance.

- Facilities Management

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**Shipyard Letter: February 21**

*Charles W. Morgan*: Captain Harry Jackson US Navy, Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Conversion and Repair at Electric Boat and a longtime volunteer in the Museum's shipyard, once remarked: "All ships are built in the last month." This comment would hold true for the *Morgan*. For much of her restoration the shipwrights focused on one aspect such as planking. Today eight or nine tasks are demanding equal attention.

Preparation of the spars continues apace. The lowers are in place as are the fore and main mid-sections as is the bowsprit. The jibboom is ready for painting and most of the yards are ready for placement, although some still require ironwork. In the hold the generator and diesel motor are installed. Tanks for the storage of fresh water, fuel, and waste are being fabricated off-site. The electrical system for the voyage has been designed and portions of it are aboard. The switchboards will arrive in about three weeks.

The *Morgan*’s incline experiment to determine the vessel's stability has been completed and the results are expected shortly. In anticipation of the outcome twenty-two tons of new ballast have been ordered for delivery to New London where it will be placed in the ship. A search is on for fire retardant mattresses; and new gangways, one on and one off, are being designed. Caulking continues on the 'tween decks. Some details are aesthetic. Modern mooring lines are often white or another color. A search is underway to find new lines which would have a vintage appearance.

Just this past week the interior of the *Morgan* was measured to determine her "measurement tonnage" for vessel certification purposes. The shipyard is hoping for a displacement of under 300 tons which will reduce manning requirements. Previously she had "displaced" 313 tons. Efforts are underway to have the *Morgan*'s 38th Voyage designated as a "Maritime Event of National Significance."
Elsewhere in the Shipyard: *Necessity* is in the paint shop. New berths are being installed on the *Roann* for her role as a *Morgan* support vessel.

- Ted Mundy

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**Maritime Author Series with Stuart Frank**  
**March 12, 6-8 p.m.**

Stuart M. Frank, founder and director of the Scrimshaw Forensics Laboratory, joins us at the next Maritime Author Series to discuss his recently published book, *Scrimshaw and Provenance*. The book presents 406 biographical sketches of the men and women who engraved, carved, decorated, and built things out of sperm whale teeth and other whaling products, walrus ivory, and skeletal bone during their off-hours. Their folk-art charmingly reflects on the interests, concerns, and artistic aspirations of mariners and their families on voyages to distant seas and exotic foreign lands.

Meet the author, hear the inside story of how his book came to be written, and enjoy light refreshments. One lucky raffle winner will take home a free copy of the author’s book!

The event will be hosted at the Williams-Mystic Marine Science Center Classroom. Tickets are $15 for staff and volunteers; please call 860.572.5331 to purchase.

-Karin Soderberg

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**Adventure Series with Joe Roman**  
**“Raising Whales: How Cetaceans are Helping Restore the Oceans”**  
**March 20, 1:30 and 7:30 p.m.**

Joe Roman, author of *Whale* and a conservation biologist, joins us at the next Adventure Series program to discuss his examination of the history and future of whales in the modern ocean, using DNA technology and the collection of fecal plumes.

Before the age of industrial whaling, cetaceans exerted significant influences on marine ecosystems, not only as consumers of fish, but also by pumping nutrients to the surface, increasing ocean productivity. After death, whale falls bring massive pulses of nutrients to the deep sea, sequester carbon, and provide habitat and food for many deep sea creatures. Whales are now recovering after centuries of commercial harvest. Joe will discuss these restoration efforts and how great whales can help maintain the health and resilience of the oceans.

Presentations are at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the River Room at Latitude 41. The program is free for staff and volunteers.

-Karin Soderberg

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**Summer Day Camp Supplies Needed**

Summer Day Camp has already begun collecting supplies for our fast approaching season. Anything you have would be greatly appreciated and can be dropped off to Mary Morrissey on the first floor of the Education Department.

Items Needed: Baby Jars (empty and cleaned), shoe boxes, and scrap fabric pieces (patterns preferred, but any would be useful).
Thank you in advance for all your help!

- Mary Morrissey

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**Banner Tote Bags**

Stop by the store to pick up your recycled Mystic Seaport Banner Bag. We have repurposed the fabulous Mystic Seaport banners into durable reusable bags and wristlets!

- Chanel Champagne

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**First Thursday Lecture Series**

The First Thursday Lecture Series continues with three erudite and talented speakers, all of whom will focus on the forthcoming 38th voyage of the *Charles W. Morgan*. All aspects of this epic voyage will be portrayed, each speaker dealing with his own area of expertise. Upcoming presentations include:

- **Thursday, April 3:** Shannon McKenzie from the Shipyard Department will speak of the professional crew who will be aboard the vessel and her planned itinerary
- **Thursday, May 1:** Elysa Engelman from the Exhibits Department will share plans for dockside exhibits in the various ports-of-call for the *Morgan*
- **Thursday, June 5:** Steve Purdy from the Interpretation Department will return to update his popular talk about the *Morgan* and her illustrious career

These are the “Days of the *Morgan*” and all interest lies upon her. Don’t miss a single First Thursday and learn every bit of this unfolding saga. All volunteers and staff are welcome; coffee and donuts at 8:30, the presentation at 9 a.m. on the third floor of the Stillman Building. Please call the Volunteer Office at ext. 5378 to reserve your space.

- Rhoda Hopkins Root
Book Club

The Museum’s Book Club will meet at 5 p.m. in the Jane Keener Resource Room on Thursday, March 13, to discuss *The Spirit Catches You and You Fall Down: A Hmong Child, Her American Doctors, and the Collision of Two Cultures* by Anne Fadiman. Last month's meeting was not held due to inclement weather.

- Phyllis Sailer

From the Office of Volunteer Services

Volunteer Meeting on March 12: The all-volunteer meeting will be held Wednesday, March 12, at 8:45 a.m. in the River Room at Latitude 41° Restaurant. Steve White and Susan Funk will address the group. We hope to see you all there.

Volunteers Needed for the Mystic Irish Parade: For those interested in having fun in March with a little exercise, too. The planning and preparation for this year’s Irish Parade is in full swing. We would like to extend an invitation to volunteers who would like to join us on Sunday, March 23, to sign up and be part of the festivities. If interested please call the Volunteer Office at 860.572.5378 and we will gladly give you all the information necessary. Bring a smile, good walking shoes, and we will provide a green scarf and great camaraderie.

- Rhoda Hopkins Root

Volunteer of the Week

Not often a brand new volunteer with only 64 hours gets named Volunteer of the Week, but when his colleagues present this office with a glowing report of his immediate input to an ongoing project, he becomes an instant subject to be introduced.

Warren Dolphin, new shipyard volunteer, sharpens tools for the Museum’s shipwrights: chisels, plane irons, draw knives, etc. He had a career for 37 years as a professor of biology at Iowa State University. He came to Mystic Seaport through the efforts of shipwright Paul Mullin who had arranged for the metal shop to restore the sawmill’s turbine. Warren was impressed with the friendliness of the volunteer and permanent shipyard staff during his “turbine visits” and asked if there might be interest in having a volunteer sharpen hand tools. The rest is history. He also volunteers at the 19th-century Ledyard water-powered Up Down Sawmill, a part of the Ledyard Historic Commission.

This talented craftsman is a great addition to the Corps of Volunteers, and Mystic Seaport thanks him for coming aboard.

– Rhoda Hopkins Root

Employment Opportunities

38th Voyage Steward
38th Voyage TaleMaker
TaleMaker
Williams-Mystic Admissions Counselor
Director of Major & Planned Gifts
Assistant Director - Annual Fund

Conrad Camp:
First Aid Director/Sailing Instructor
Alternate Director/Sailing Instructor
Office Manager/Sailing Instructor
Assistant Watercraft Director/Sailing Instructor
Watercraft Director/Sailing Instructor

Classifieds

Roommate Wanted: Room available in 2BR apartment within walking distance of Mystic Seaport. River views, washer/dryer, and occasional baked goods. Call 607.239.9404 or email Katharine.mead@mysticseaport.org for more information.

Room for Rent in Mystic: One room available in a two bedroom, first floor apartment; quick walking distance from Mystic Seaport. One bathroom, off-street parking, basement laundry, nice backyard. $375/month plus utilities. Available Mid-April. Please contact Ali Mitchell (Shipyard) at 561.352.8817 or by email at ali.elizabeth.mitchell@gmail.com.

For Sale-“Ol’ Mole” 23-foot Stone Horse cutter, a traditional S.S. Crocker design (1931) built 1972 in fiberglass with Airex core by Edey and Duff, Mattapoisett, MA.

Described by her builder Peter Duff as a “superior small cruiser”, this full keel coastal cruiser has been owned and maintained by her current owner since 1984. Her traditional lines belie her modern construction as the first production boat to use closed-cell Airex foam composite construction. She fulfills Peter Duff’s requirements that any cruising sailboat must be 1) easy to handle, 2) comfortable, 3) seaworthy, 4) fast and 5) beautiful.

Equipment includes recent suit of Harding sails with genoa roller-furling jib for light air performance and complete Fairclough winter cover. She is powered by a Johnson 8-hp outboard on transom bracket.

Stored inside in Mystic. Asking $16,000. Please contact David Percival (860.608.7553) for further details.

Bulletin Submissions

Please send all submissions to staffbulletin@mysticseaport.org. Deadline is end of day Wednesday. Thank you.

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