2020 Wednesday Evening Lecture Series

In August 2018 John Wigglesworth, science and math teacher at the Waring School in Beverly, joined a team of scientists aboard the Research Vessel Sikuliaq for a trip north of the Arctic Circle to study the biological and physical oceanography of the Beaufort Sea Shelf and slope waters. Recognizing the Arctic Ocean is changing rapidly due to a warming global climate, the National Science Foundation commissioned the Sikuliaq to study the complex dynamics of the Arctic and its connection to our global ocean and the health of our planet.

February 7 - Opening Reception and Talk: Ipswich Female Seminary Exhibit

February 19 - Home Movie Evening: The Motor Mullets
Join Charles Shurcliff and Tom Blake as they present three short light-hearted car chase movies filmed in Ipswich by Sidney N. Shurcliff in the 1930s. Sidney Shurcliff (1906-1981) served as official photographer on the Cornelius Crane expedition to New Guinea, was author of several books (including "Upon the Road Argilla") and enjoyed a long career as landscape architect.

March 18 - Crane Co. and Making America a Better Bathroom
Crane Estate Curator Susan Hill Dolan will discuss both Crane Co. history and R.T. Crane Jr.'s efforts to "Make America a Better Bathroom" in the 1920s.

April 15 - Unimpressed with the Address - A Civil War Story
Writer, Doug Stewart will share his great, great grandfather, Oramel Barrett's editorial on Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg's address. He will talk about how often President Lincoln was belittled in many parts of the country, how history is written by the winning side so that we have to go to primary sources to find out what times were really like and how much more open minded Americans have become over the years.

May 20 - Sleeping In the 17th Century
Reception - 5:30 to 7:00pm. Lecture at 7:30pm.
John Fiske, Professor Emeritus University of Wisconsin Madison, Chair of the Historical Commission, and Collections Committee Member will do a presentation on the importance of a bed regarding Captain John Whipple’s place in the social structure of Ipswich. Not a single bed from that time period has survived. Therefore if a museum wishes to show an authentically furnished parlor, the bed has to be a replica. Jon Ordung of Ipswich was able to recreate what one would look like and another expert Rabbit Goody of Thistle Hill Weavers has created historically accurate hangings. The replica bed will be on display in the parlor at the Whipple House.

June 17 - Summer Exhibit
Stephanie Gaskins, Dow Curator

September 16 - Susan B. Anthony, Live portrayal of a historic woman
In honor of Women’s Suffrage, join us in this live presentation by performer Sheryl Fay as she tells the story of the life of Susan B. Anthony who overcame obstacles in her life and how self - empowerment motivated her towards success. Sheryl Faye has masterfully brought to life important historical women by immersing her audience in a multimedia learning experience.

Cassandra Pelleiter, Ex. Director of the Susan B. Anthony Museum will do an overview of women’s Mill strikes in the US from the 1820’s at the time mills were staffed by women to 1920. The passage of the 19th Amendment increased women’s political influence allowing them to explain their working and living conditions through demonstrations and the outcomes and actual results of their protests.

November 18 - Stephanie Gaskins: Neighborhood Walk

December - no lecture, Happy Holidays!