

CHEQUAQUET LOG

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Holiday Silent Auction December 1 - 7

This year's silent auction will be a bit different. It will start on Saturday, December 1st and run through Friday, December 7th. It will be open Sunday, December 2 for the Christmas Stroll and regular museum hours until Friday, December 7th.

On Friday, December 7 from 5 to 7 pm, we will give auction bidders a last opportunity to bid against one another in a live auction format. **Refreshments will be served.**

As many as eighty retail and service donated items will be on display and ready for the Christmas season. There will be beautiful gift baskets; holiday gift items; gift certificates from local merchants, restaurants and services; works of art, crafts, jewelry and photography; and much more from which to choose. This is a great place to holiday shop for friends and family. Be sure not to miss it. Come in and place a bid.

Thank You to the 2017 Auction Contributors!!!

1856 Country Store	Dewey Gardens
4 Seas Ice Cream	Dino's Pizza Sports Bar
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Barnstable Market	Harvest of Barnstable
Bebe Brock	Hyannis Yacht Club
Bird Lover's Basket	Hyannisport Club
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Cape Cod Chocolatier	Nauset Lantern Shop
Cape Cod Cookery	Neutral Territory Design
Cape Cod Lobster Rolls	Nirvana Coffee Company
Cape Cod Retirement Realty	Osterville House and Garden
Cape Cod Symphony	OZ Womens Fashions
Captain David Kelley House	Portside Tavern
Carol Lummus Print	Scott Peacock Building
Centerville Fitness	Shirley Fisher
Centerville Pie Co.	Summer House Natural Soap
Coach Light Carpets	The Mills Restaurant
Coffee Lovers Basket	The Pineapple Caper
Cotuit Center for the Arts	The Women's Workout Co.
Country Garden	Vicki & Lincoln Baxter
Daily Paper Restaurant	Wianno Club



THE HOLIDAY SHOP IS OPEN



Our Holiday Shop is now open and stocked with handcrafted gifts, wreaths, and ornaments.

Open during museum hours: Tuesday thru Sat 12 - 4PM

E V E N T S

ADRIFT

If you missed this event on October 21st, you missed a wonderful hour or so of Brian Murphy and his enterprising talk on his newest book, ADRIFT.

To recap, Brian Murphy is on the Russia/China desk at the prestigious Washington Post and has reported from around the world, from Rwanda to the Middle East and beyond. He has also authored three other books beside ADRIFT. Murphy has family ties in Centerville, too. As a matter of interest, the idea for this book came from the Centerville Historical Museum's exhibit, SHIPWRECKS: *Mystery-Murder-Misery* that was so popular in 2016-17. An idea filtered through Murphy's lively mind when he saw a reference to the ship, John Rutledge, captained by Alexander Kelley of Centerville.

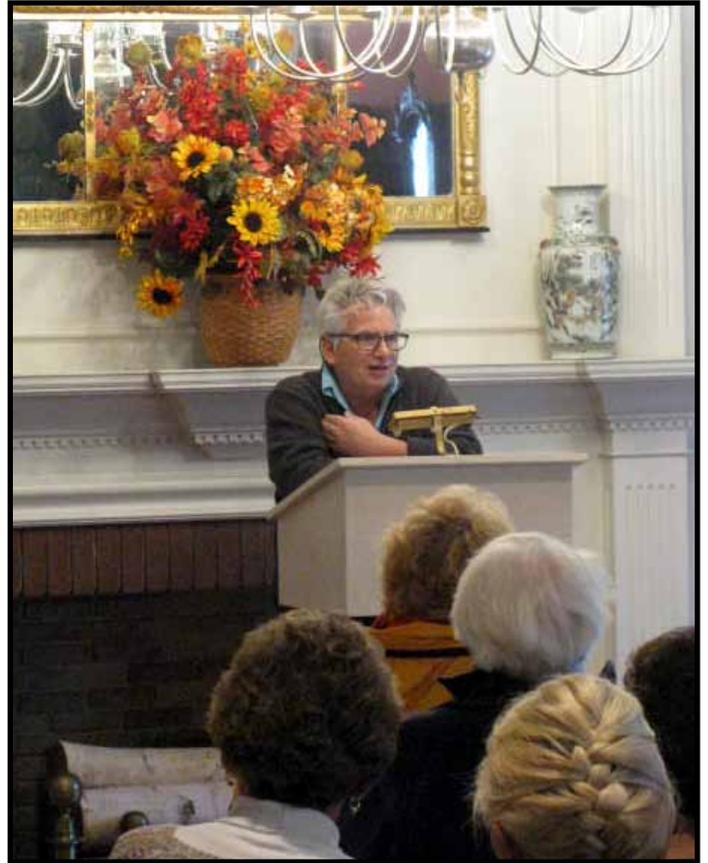
Through his own discussion of research, interviews with family members and perusal of papers, both family and historical, Murphy built his true account of the John Rutledge, with Kelley as first time captain on the vessel, when it left Liverpool, England, bound for New York City in the winter of 1856.

Unfortunately, poor communications between land and sea kept the ship unaware of its pending fate. Huge icebergs filled the Atlantic ocean and the John Rutledge hit one,

resulting in a tragedy that left but one survivor to tell the tale, William Nye, whose family name was prevalent on the Cape and Fairhaven, near New Bedford.

Murphy, a calm, quiet man, told his well-researched and harrowing story through his words, his unrelenting discoveries from ships' logs and news stories of the day, interviews and determined historical research to bring a tragedy to life, but also to give the reader a picture of the historical perspective and life and times in the 1850's.

A near capacity crowd heard and appreciated this personal journey of a well thought-out and fascinating book. Brian Murphy casually yet clearly led his audience to want to read a true account of local history and his audience was captivated throughout his presentation and book signing.



A M O M E N T I N T I M E

In keeping with our World War I theme this year to accompany our exhibit BATTLE, SPIES & COOTIES we feature two notorious figures who were part of WWI.

Hollenzollern

Friedrich Wilhelm Viktor Albert von Hollenzollern (1859-1941) was the last German Emperor (Kaiser) and King of Prussia, ruling from 1888 to 1918. He was the first grandchild of England's Queen Victoria. His mother was Alice, Victoria's first child. He was related to several leaders across Europe, two of which were George V of England and Nicholas II of Russia.

Brilliant in some respects, petty and not willing to finish what he started, Wilhelm, upon gaining the throne in 1888, fired the respected chancellor of Germany, Otto von Bismarck, and set a more military tone, or "New Course" in foreign affairs. He threw his support to Austria-Hungary, and this one action eventually helped the events leading to World War I.

Dismissing ministers and advisors' advice much of the time, by 1908 the Kaiser turned to his two leading military generals, von Hindenburg and Ludendorff, who favored military policy to the detriment of civilian welfare. When World War I ended, the German Empire was no more. Wilhelm had fled to neutral Netherlands, where he lived until the end of his life. Personally, Wilhelm was self absorbed. His had been a breech birth, which damaged his left arm. It was a good bit shorter than his right. He blamed his mother, Alice, for his arm, blamed the British doctors and blamed the entire British nation for all his problems.

The military, in his mind, was his friend. "I really found my family, my friends, and my interests-everything of which I, up to that time, had to do without." His conduct resulted in a debilitating and needless bloodbath. U.S. President Woodrow Wilson refused to invite the once mighty Kaiser to come to the war's end negotiating table.



Hitler

Although Adolf Hitler (1889-1945) was born in Austria, he never felt comfortable in that country. When his draft papers arrived for the Austrian Army in 1913, he decided to leave his birthplace, move to Germany and avoid call-up. In doing so, he spent the last of his father's inheritance. He settled in Munich and made a scant living sketching and selling watercolors.

In 1914, when the Great War pitted Germany against the rest of Europe, Hitler became a soldier and began to have purpose in his life. Noted for his bravery, he was promoted to corporal. In 1916 and 1918 he was wounded and received several medals.

Soldiering gave Hitler more confidence. He was not yet known as a gifted speaker, but increasingly his thoughts began to coalesce and become clear, especially to far-right politics and anti-semitism.

Recuperating in a hospital from a gas attack in the fall of 1918 which partially blinded him, Hitler heard of the German surrender. He was again set adrift and unable to decide what to do about his future.

In Hitler's mind, Germany had not been defeated on the battlefield; it had lost to vicious enemy propaganda. Having eventually found a job with the German Army as an educator and informant, Hitler attended a beer hall meeting on September 12, 1919, which solidified his views on Judaism and determined his role for the next 30 years, unknown in 1919 to the rest of the world.

Come see our WWI exhibit and learn about some of the politics of the war.

MUSEUM MATINEE MOVIES

In November the topic will be **Spanning the Wars**

In December the topic will be **Holiday Favorites**

11/3: All Quiet on the Western Front (1930), 11/17: Confessions of a Nazi Spy (1939)

12/1: Holiday (1938), 12/8: Desk Set (1957)

NOVEMBER

Spanning the Wars

“Spanning the Wars” takes us from the end of the Great War to the rumblings leading up to the next one. We’re showing them in November to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I (November 11, 1918). Come early and see the Museum’s exhibit on World War I, if you haven’t already.

Saturday, November 17, 2PM.

Confessions of a Nazi Spy (1939). The first American film to confront the menace of the Nazi fifth column and the German-American bundt. Edward G. Robinson is a G-Man who investigates.

DECEMBER

Not-So-Well-Known Holiday Favorites

There are certain Christmas-time movies that everybody knows and everybody sees during this season of the year (It’s a Wonderful Life, White Christmas, etc.). We thought we’d screen a couple of great holiday-set movies that aren’t so well known from constant exposure.

Saturday, December 1, 2PM.

Holiday (1938). Cary Grant is engaged to one rich sister. Katharine Hepburn is the other rich sister. Lew Ayres is their ne’er-do-well brother. It all takes place on the 12 days of Christmas. With Edward Everett Horton.

Saturday, December 8, 2PM.

Desk Set (1957). Spencer Tracy is an efficiency expert, apparently called in to a tv network to observe Katharine Hepburn and her crew of researchers (including Joan Blondell and Dina Merrill). Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year’s figure prominently.



Look how far we've come!!

This year
for the **first time ever**
The Centerville Historical Museum
was given the gift of a
Challenge Grant
to match contributions to
the Annual Appeal.

An anonymous donor challenged the
museum's friends and supporters to
contribute to the Annual Appeal by
offering to match all donations
up to \$10,000
DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR!

The response has been wonderful and
humbling. We always hope to fill a
special role in the life of our community.

This outpouring of support is
confirmation that our efforts are
recognized and valued.

So, please spread the word
because ...



*It is thanks to people like you that
we are well on our way!!!*

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