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The Newsletter of the Centerville Historical Museum

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## **SPECIAL EVENTS SPRING 2008**

- Hell-Bent for the White House
- Suffrage Movement 1836-1920
- Marine Painter William Muller
- Master Potter, Ron Geering
- May 21-- Bus Trip to Isabella Gardner Museum, (Full)
- May 28 -- Movie *STOLEN*, 3PM (greatest art heist in US history)

### *June*

- June 18 -- Luncheon/Talk, with Carol Lummus (see details this page)
- Dick Warren & 4 Seas Ice Cream

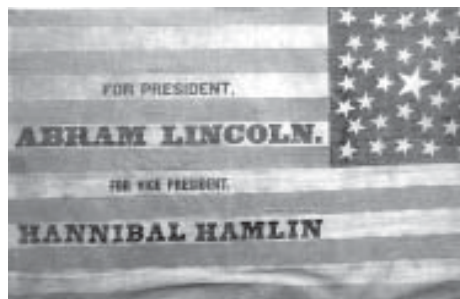
### *July*

- July 16 -- Lecture by Ed Sullivan, *America's First Ladies*, 7PM
- July 17 -- Victorian Ribbon Workshop with Karyn Bovino, 1-4PM

### *August*

- Aug 8 -- Lecture by Ed Sullivan, *Political Folk Art*, 7PM
- Aug 9 -- 3rd Annual Yard Sale, 9 - 3PM, and Main Street Walking Tour, 10AM and 11:30AM
- Aug 14 -- Beaded Bracelet Workshop, Karyn Bovino, 1-4PM
- Aug 20 -- Lecture by Ed Sullivan, *Votes for Women*, 7PM
- American Folk Art Exhibit

## **2008 WATERHOUSE GALLERY EXHIBITS**



*Hell-Bent for the White House* celebrates over two hundred years of presidential campaigns. Posters, banners, leaflets, buttons and a fascinating variety of novelty objects document campaigns from party conventions to inaugurations, together with displays highlighting minor, or third parties, in state and national elections. Illustrated monthly lectures, including such subjects as women suffrage, campaign imagery and political folk art will accompany this exhibition.



## ***Suffrage Movement 1836 – 1920***

chronicles several of the significant women and their contributions from 1836 through the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment in 1920. From the founding of the country, these women struggled to have the right to vote. Suffrage comes from the Latin *suffragium* to vote or the right to vote. In 1776 Abigail Adams wrote to her husband, John Adams, asking him to “remember the ladies” in the laws being created to govern our new nation. The Constitutional Convention placed voting qualification in the hands of the states, but women in all states except New Jersey were denied the right to vote. New Jersey followed suit denying women’s voting rights in 1807. It would be 113 years before women received the right to vote.



## ***Luncheon and Gallery Talk***

On Wednesday, June 18th, 11:30AM, come and enjoy a sumptuous lunch and gallery talk with renowned artist Carol Lummus. \$14.00 members, \$17.00 nonmembers (Reservations by June 13th; call 508-775-0331)



## President's Corner

by Ralph Tolbert

A big change is in the works for the Centerville Historical Museum – a change in the interior climate, that is. At a special meeting of the Barnstable Town Council and the town's Community Preservation Committee on March 27, the council unanimously approved our request for a new climate control system for the museum.

This approval will make available up to \$70,000 of Community Preservation Act funding for the museum to remove our old, inefficient furnaces and install new heating and air conditioning equipment to serve all portions of the building. Also included in the project are a new electrical service to the building, necessary to support the new systems, and more efficient attic insulation.

These improvements will mean that the objects and artifacts in the museum's collection will be less affected by extremes of temperature and relative humidity and by the dust and dirt that now enter when windows are opened in the summer. With more favorable conditions throughout the building, the fragile

materials in our collection will be better preserved and protected, and the environment within the building will approach currently accepted museum standards. We can then be confident that the historic resources of Centerville and Cape Cod in our museum will be available for the enjoyment and benefit of future visitors and scholars.

Within the next few weeks, we expect to negotiate with the town a legal agreement relating to the funding. Then it will be possible to enter into contracts so the actual work can go forward. We hope that the new systems will be in place by autumn.



### *Charles F. Herberger is named Honorary Director*

The Board of Directors recently elected Charles Herberger, PhD, to the position of Honorary Director. He becomes the board's second member with that distinction, joining the legendary Elna Nelson.

Dr. Herberger served on the board of the Centerville Historical Society for a number of years, including several as Historian. He is the author of *Three Centuries of Centerville Scenes: Vignettes of a Cape Cod Village*, and other books. He also edited *A Yankee*

*at Arms*, the diary of Lieutenant Augustus D. Ayling and his experiences in the 29th Massachusetts Volunteers during the Civil War. Augustus Ayling's son, Charles Lincoln Ayling, was founder of the Cape Cod Hospital and a major benefactor of both the museum and the Centerville Library.

A Professor of English Emeritus of Nason College in Springvale, Maine, Dr. Herberger moved in 1982 to Centerville with his late wife, Melvina Crosby Herberger. They took up residence in Crosby House on Main Street, built in 1858 by Melvina Herberger's great-grandfather, Gorham Crosby.

Dr. Herberger has made many and varied contributions to Centerville's history, his latest being a pair of snowshoe-like contraptions used by Gorham Crosby or his workers when harvesting marsh hay. The pair of marsh shoes was found recently in a seldom-used room in the upper reaches of Crosby House.



### *Ron Geering, Master Potter*

Ron Geering is one of the top traditional craftsmen whose work is based on early American pottery. Geering's work reflects a solid understanding of traditional construction and decoration techniques peculiar to red clay wares. His work derives from English folk pottery of the 17<sup>th</sup> century and wares produced by designer/craftsmen of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. The exhibit runs thru June 21<sup>st</sup>.

### **NEW Newsletter Volunteer, Jodie Gilchrist Hodsdon**

received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in printmaking and drawing at Pacific Northwest College of Art in Portland, Oregon.

After years on the West Coast, Jodie returned to Cape Cod and took computer graphics classes at Connecting



Point in Hyannis. She now works as a computer graphics/GIS specialist in a groundwater remediation program on Mass. Military Reservation. A native of Centerville, she became involved with the CHSM after showing her prints and giving a demonstration about woodcut printmaking in the *Printmakers of Cape Cod* exhibit during summer 2007.

## EVENT NEWS

**FULL!** The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum bus trip is full -- sorry we can not take any more reservations.

Wednesday, July 17th 1-4PM

### **Victorian Ribbon Work**

\$25.00 members

\$30.00 nonmembers

\$15.00 materials fee paid to the instructor at the workshop.

(Registration deadline by July 10th)

Thursday, August 14th 1-4PM

### **Beaded Bracelet Workshop**

\$25.00 members

\$30.00 nonmembers

\$15.00 materials fee paid to the instructor at the workshop.

(Registration deadline by Aug. 7th)

Call the museum 508-775-0331  
for a registration form

or send your check payable to:  
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### **Fashion School Comes to Centerville Museum.**

The School of Fashion at Lasell College came to see the wedding gown collection last month. Centerville Museum is noted for its gown and costume collection. Fiber enthusiasts often visit to study and admire our fabric works. Ten volunteers spent two days selecting and setting up this one-day exhibit for Lasell College fashion students.



## Monthly Volunteer Meeting

At the March museum docent and volunteer meeting, everyone gathered for a textile lecture and demonstration provided by Barbara Fahrenholz. Using articles from the collection, Barb eloquently illustrated what children wore during the mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century. The meeting was followed by a hearty lunch at Wimpy's Restaurant.



## LEGENDARY DICK WARREN AND FOUR SEAS ICE CREAM

Exhibit:

June 27 – August 16

Amazing! Four Seas Ice Cream has been a legendary institution in Centerville for 74 years. Amazing, too, are the accomplishments of Richard R. (Dick) Warren, owner-entrepreneur of Four Seas from 1960 to 2002. As many of you know, Dick passed away tragically on January 12, 2008 after injuries sustained in a skiing accident. Thus, this summer the museum has planned a special exhibit in Dick's honor, celebrating him and Four Seas Ice Cream.

The exhibit will highlight Dick Warren's life not only in the ice cream business but also as a counselor, collector, mentor, adventurer, and author. On display will be early photographs from the Warren family, numerous ice cream artifacts, and

memorabilia reflecting the nostalgia of Four Seas over the years. (Did you know that Four Seas, the third oldest ice cream shop in New England, is situated in an old blacksmith shop? Or that the name "Four Seas" came from a poem by Mabel E. Phinney titled "Cape Cod Calls"?)

If any reader has family photographs taken at Four Seas which you would be willing to lend, please contact Shirley Fisher at 508-775-1637.

The opening reception is Friday, June 27, 5 to 7 PM. Come and enjoy memories and tastings of Four Seas Ice Cream.



### **William Muller, Marine Artist**

Historical artist Bill Muller celebrates the great steamship era, those exciting times when the major maritime nations competed with each other for the prestige of having the world's fastest, largest and most elegant transatlantic liner to carry the most selective and distinguished of travelers. These detailed artworks of historic vessels include the early 20<sup>th</sup> century legendary liners Normandy, Aquitania and Olympic. Recognized by maritime historians as a master in his field, Muller produces historical paintings that accurately capture and preserve selected visual moments and events from our nation's rich maritime heritage. His paintings have a sensitivity and scholarship that come from first-hand experiences and his lifelong love for and understanding of his subject matter.

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*Resource!!!*

## YARD SALE August 9th

Our 3rd annual Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, August 9th during Centerville's Old Home Week. The Yard Sale, a successful fund raiser, gives the Museum great visibility and volunteer camaraderie. Please save any items you no longer need/want in that cluttered basement, attic, or when you redecorate a room this spring -- bric-a-brac, antiques, small furniture, collectibles, artwork, old jewelry, kitchenware, etc. (Please - No clothing, electronics, broken or damaged items!) Items will be accepted at the Museum August 2nd, 5th, 6th, and 7th.

### WISH LIST FOR MUSEUM

We would like either the item itself or a restricted contribution to purchase the following items:

Digital projector	...	thank you Joan D'Ambrosia
Digital camera	...	thank you Millicent Earls
Digital recorder	...	thank you Christopher Babcock
Flat screen computer monitor		
Cordless drill		
Jeweler's loop		
Table magnifying glass		
Sturdy card tables		
Banquet sized tablecloth	...	thank you Jean Desmond
Iron	...	thank you Barbara Fahrenholz
Ironing board	...	thank you Millicent Earls
China cups and saucers	...	thank you Virginia Carothers
Plates	...	thank you Jean Desmond