

Lyceum Committee  
Minutes February 4, 2019

Present: Mary Weissblum, Saira Austin, Christy Park, Susan Oleksiw, Cindi Williams, Beth Pocock

Absent: Barbara Braver, Rosella Sagall

The minutes for January were accepted with revisions.

Beth discussed the plans for Art Week. The Boch Center (foundation) began this idea, promoting a week of art throughout the state. This is the first year Gloucester is participating. The goal is to have a week focused on art experiences throughout the community--at galleries, libraries, and other institutions. The week is April 27 through May 4. The library is focusing on the weekends, with two workshops running simultaneously on both Saturdays, 10:00 to 2:00. Coco Berkman will lead a printing workshop for all ages on both weekends. The theme is self-portrait. Katharine Morrison, bookmaker, will do two workshops on book making.

#### Wrap-ups

1. Stephanie Buck's talk on slavery on Cape Ann was excellent, with 96 people in attendance.
2. The movie *Traces of the Trade*, made by the Episcopal church, on the DeWolfe family in Rhode Island, drew 47 people.

#### Programs Pending

3. Eric Jay Dolan is scheduled for April 6.
4. Each Lyceum member should make suggestions for Gloucester Reads Poetry to Barbara, for the next meeting. The reader should pick a favorite poem to read. The date is April 25, 7:00 to 9:00.
5. Dr. Harvey Zarren's proposal doesn't fit with our guidelines.
6. Chris Leahy will speak on April 11, 7:00 to 9:00 on the birds occupying the islands in our area.
7. Elizabeth Winthrop is scheduled for February 21 in the Friend Room (snow date is February 26). She will talk about and read from her new book, *The Mercy Seat*.

#### Programs on the Back Burner

8. *Women at Sea*--Mary is still contacting two boat captains for a panel, probably in the summer.
9. Hygge events: Janine Lynch concert is scheduled for March 9, 2:00 to 4:00. Also part of this will be story telling with Alicia Q . . . on 3.23.19. Deborah from Common Crow will talk about aromatherapy on 3.30.19.

#### New Business

10. A program on beginners' knitting with perhaps Helen Wiseman and Carol Kelly.
11. A program on flower arranging, perhaps led by Jill Carter.
12. A series in May on genealogy, with speakers on resources online, Cape Ann archives, and how to use [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com)
13. A series of cemetery walks
14. *Nautical Newburyport* (book) not of interest, so no.

15. JoAnn Hart has a new book out about a murder near her former home in Connecticut. Her talk is scheduled for April 18, 7:00 to 9:00.

16. Two possible travel programs: Jo Ann Costano's trip to China and Saira's trip to Israel.

17. The astronomy program is still in progress.

18. Clarify Funding--it seems that we have access to the interest from an account with \$39,000. The interest has been accumulating and we can use that for programs. The fund is designated for "music, lectures, and entertainment."