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The Museum's newest gallery hosts 20th & 21st century works

to the history of maritime trade and fishing feature tools, equipment, models, a fishing dory, and two small vessels which made

solo Atlantic crossings (see *Howard Blackburn*, below). Tools, artifacts, and historic photographs, and fine art also tell the tale of Cape Ann's granite industry.

Tours of two distinctive historic homes owned by the Museum, the White-Eltery House (1709) and Captain Elias Davis House (1804) are available by appointment.

The Museum's extensive library and archives are available for use to researchers, students and the general public.

Enjoy the Culture.

The Museum's twelve galleries host a rotating selection from the Museum's permanent collection and special exhibitions throughout the year. A varied schedule of lectures, readings, music, gallery and walking tours, and programs for families and children offer visitors a more in-depth look into the art, history and culture of Cape Ann.

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Diorama of Gloucester's waterfront was featured in the Columbian Exposition of 1893

visiting the Cape Ann Museum

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Sundays, 1pm-4pm.
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HOWARD BLACKBURN 1859-1932

Fisherman Hero/Sailor/Adventurer

While out fishing, young Howard Blackburn became separated from his mother ship during a blizzard. After his dory-mate died, Howard froze his hands to the oars and rowed 60 miles to the Newfoundland coast, where he spent the winter with a starving family, losing his fingers and toes slowly to frostbite. Back home

in Gloucester, the town, moved by his story, raised money for his aid. Howard opened a tavern, quickly paid back the money, and spent the rest of his life giving thousands of dollars to the poor. Still, the sea beckoned so in 1899, fiery-tempered, fingerless Howard sailed the Atlantic singlehanded-a trip of 62 days in a 30' sloop from Gloucester MA to Gloucester, England. In 1901 he repeated the feat, sailing to Lisbon, Portugal in 39 days. Gloucester celebrates his feat of survival with the annual Blackburn Challenge, a 20 mile round-the-cape race for rowing vessels of all sorts from dories to kayaks.

For more about Howard Blackburn, read Joseph E. Garland's *Lone Voyager* (Touchstone Books, 2000) See Blackburn's sloop, *Great Republic*, at the Cape Ann Museum, walk the streets he knew, stop in for some chowder at what was once his tavern, now the Halibut Point restaurant, and visit the working waterfront (see map, pages 24-25).

image courtesy Cape Ann Museum

10 fun FREE things to do

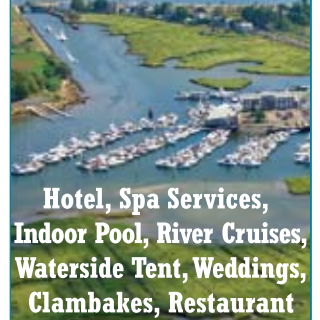
- 1 Watch the sunrise from the Back Shore (*Atlantic Rd.*) in East Gloucester. Continue to Stage Fort Park, with its two beaches, Half Moon and Cressy's, cannons, and a playground for kids...all overlooking the harbor.
- 2 Walk Dogbar Breakwater at Eastern Point for views of lighthouses, boats & fishermen.
- 3 Wander through Ravenswood Park (*Rt. 127, Western Ave. in Magnolia*). Ten miles of wooded trails & boardwalk through the Great Magnolia Swamp.
- 4 Stroll the historic Maritime Trail in Gloucester's downtown. (*Brochures available locally.*) Don't miss the Anchor collection outside the Gloucester House on Rogers St.
- 5 Visit Gloucester City Hall (*Dale Ave*) to see the wonderful 1930s WPA murals on the first and second floors.
- 6 Look for sea glass at Pavilion Beach. Parking available at nearby St. Peter's Park.
- 7 Visit the Man at the Wheel statue and cenotaph, which lists the names of lost fishermen. Don't miss the Fishermen's Wives Memorial which honors the women who are the soul of our community.
- 8 Attend a free outdoor concert on summer Sunday nights at the Bandstand at Stage Fort Park, and on Thursday nights downtown on Harbor Loop.
- 9 Take a hike in Dogtown, a wonderful wooded 3600 acre park. (*Cherry St. to Dogtown Rd.*) GET A MAP! Philanthropist Roger Babson hired unemployed stonemasons in the 1930s to carve inspirational slogans on boulders throughout the park. Plenty of geocaches can be found in Dogtown & elsewhere on the island.
- 10 Watch the sunset over Ipswich Bay from Folly Cove or Lane's Cove, or over the harbor from Niles Beach.

They say, "The best things in life are free." Get out & enjoy Gloucester. No excuses!



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