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## Scrimshaw of Rhode Island

*Newport Historical Society Hosts Leading Scrimshaw Expert Dr. Stuart Frank*

NEWPORT, RI – (JANUARY 2010) – The Newport Historical Society is pleased to present “Scrimshaw of Rhode Island” with Stuart M. Frank, Ph.D., Senior Curator of the New Bedford Whaling Museum and Director Emeritus, Kendall Whaling Museum on Thursday, April 29, 6pm at the Colony House on Washington Square.

With rare examples from the collections of the Newport Historical Society, Dr. Frank, a leading expert on scrimshaw and founder/director of the Scrimshaw Forensics Laboratory®, will discuss the unique characteristics of Rhode Island scrimshaw. The hour-long presentation includes a general introduction to the history and art of scrimshaw and a Q&A session.

Following the presentation will be an *Antiques Roadshow*-style appraisal session with Dr. Frank’s Scrimshaw Forensics team. Collectors of scrimshaw and other maritime antiques are invited to bring their treasures for a verbal appraisal.

General admission is \$5 per person and \$1 for NHS members. Verbal appraisals are \$25 per item, and includes admission to the lecture. One appraisal is complimentary with the purchase of a new or renewing membership in the Newport Historical Society.

This program is generously sponsored by Newport Scrimshanders. Located at 14 Bowen’s Wharf, Newport Scrimshanders has been creating handcrafted, signed original scrimshaw since 1986.



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For additional information and/or to obtain media photos please contact: Elizabeth Sulock, Newport Historical Society, 401-846-0813, [esulock@newporthistorical.org](mailto:esulock@newporthistorical.org).

### **About the Newport Historical Society**

Since 1854, the Newport Historical Society has collected and preserved the artifacts, photographs, documents, publications, and genealogical records that relate to the history of Newport County, to make these materials readily available for both research and enjoyment, and to act as a resource center for the education of the public about the history of Newport County, so that knowledge of the past may contribute to a fuller understanding of the present. For more information please visit [www.newporthistory.org](http://www.newporthistory.org).

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