

February Speaker

JOHN WHELAN

John Whelan lives in Chatham and is a retired stockbroker. He worked in Hyannis for 29 years and then, 14 years in Chatham. During retirement, John has tried to keep busy. Among other pursuits, John has served for 11 years on the Chatham Finance Committee, and has written a monthly column for The Cape Cod Chronicle since January of 2009. He was the host of a 4-hour Oldies Rock and Roll radio show on WOMR-FM for 10 years. Covid-19 made continuing with the program a little too dangerous. In addition, John has taught classes on the Broadway Musical and the Great American Songbook at the Eldredge Public Library in Chatham and the Snow Library in Orleans since retirement in 2008.

John published his first book “The Little Sock Pirate” in 2005 and followed it with “Miss Egret Regrets” several years later. Both books were written for children 4-10 years old. In 2017, John collaborated with photographer Kim Roderiques to create **“I am of Cape Cod; People and Their Stories.”** The book features people from all 15 towns on the Cape; some 140 in all. John interviewed over 200 candidates and chose 140 for the book. Some were natives, some were wash-a-shores; some were old, some were young; some were well-known and some were unknown. Each was asked to submit a short narrative about their life here on Cape Cod. And each was allowed to choose their own site for their photograph. The photos were in black and white and illustrated the skill with which Kim Roderiques practices her art.

The result was a book celebrating Cape Cod and its people. Each subject has a different and interesting story. John believes the reader will learn a lot about Cape Cod from reading the narratives. He will describe the process involved in creating this book. He will have books for sale at the conclusion of the talk. John will be pleased to sign and personalize your book for you.

I Am of Cape Cod

People and Their Stories



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Photographs by Kim Roderiques