

## BEAUTY SPOT

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that something about the imagery and the language stayed with her. “‘Shelter Island: America’s Beauty Spot’ — I stuck the photocopy of the brochure in my bathroom.”

While the job of the brochures was to promote the Island’s beaches, woodlands and night life, ultimately what they encouraged is something far less tangible — an emotional and physical escape from the stress of an urban existence.

“I think they really show the juxtaposition of city life vs. tranquil rural life,” said Ms. Lones. “What resonates with me is the familiarity of the brochures. One of the things we’ve tried to draw attention to with this show is how little things have changed.”

“What they were advertising about what’s great on Shelter Island is still great,” added Ms. Lomuscio. “It’s a place of natural beauty that’s not overrun. The Island’s not part of

either the North Fork or South Fork, and that keeps it special.”

When asked for his take on the exhibition in a phone interview on Monday, Supervisor Gary Gerth said, “I think it’s spectacular. Though I hate to say it, it brings me back. It’s reflective of the time.”

“It’s insightful and inspiring, and it gives us an opportunity to look at the history of the community to see where we’re going,” he said. “This is a continuing thing. I’m trying to meet with all the groups on the Island so we come together. This is a community room and we want to have rotating exhibits and art shows and bring the community together.”

Those who want to take a piece of the exhibition home with them can purchase reproductions on canvas for \$100 each. Money raised from the sales will benefit ongoing efforts of the Historical Society. Order forms are available in Town Hall or by emailing [info@shelterislandhistorical.org](mailto:info@shelterislandhistorical.org).

# Lawrence Goldstone’s Going Deep

Want to hazard a guess (no fair asking Siri, Alexa or Google!) as to where the first U.S. Submarine base was located? New London? Nope. Annapolis? Try again. How about New Suffolk, New York? Yep, that’s it! The submarine USS Holland, named after inventor

and submarine technology patent holder John Holland, was launched there in 1897, changing forever travel on and under the sea. Less than 20 years later, three allied vessels were sunk by a German submarine and war would never be the same.

This is just one of many facts explored and expounded upon by author Lawrence Goldstone in his fascinating 2017 book, “Going

rise and fall of the Wright Brothers airplane company (Wilbur was a visionary but a terrible businessman), to the rise and rise of the automobile industry (Henry Ford was not so prescient, but he was an incredible businessman).

The technology used by Isaac Rice for his electric taxi cabs in the late 19th century were applied to Mr. Holland’s patents, with Mr. Rice eventually developing the eponymous “electric boats” for which the company, still owned by General Dynamic in New London, is named.

Mr. Goldstone will talk about the intriguing scandals involving political payoffs, patent thefts and the fierce competition that knew barely any moral or legal restraint, all of which had a part in bringing an absolute game-changer to marine exploration and naval tactics.

Former president and submariner Jimmy Carter, who was associated with Admiral Hyman G. Rickover and the development of the fledgling nuclear submarine program in the early 1950s, has read “Going Deep” and in fact sent a fan letter to Mr. Goldstone extolling the book, which since publication has been on the required reading list at the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island.

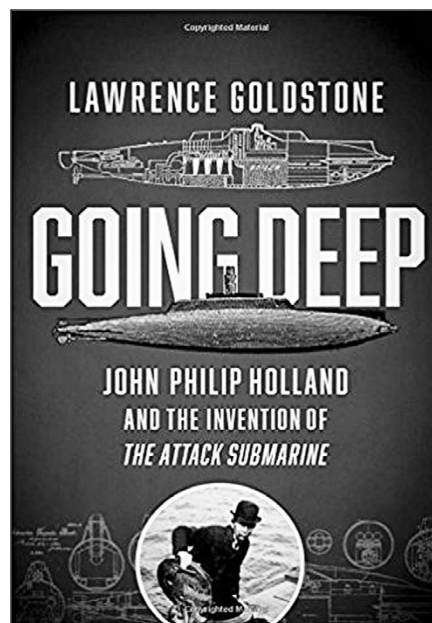
Mr. Goldstone’s encyclopedic knowledge of his subject is delivered in an engaging and often humorous fashion to both his readers and his live audiences, and the library is excited to host what promises to be a highly entertaining and informative presentation.

Don’t miss this fascinating author’s appearance at the Shelter Island Library on Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m. This program is free of charge and donations are gratefully accepted.

Up Next: Join us to hear Dr. Linda Bruno speak about her project, “Mission of Mercy for the Children of Puerto Rico” on Friday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY TOM HASHAGEN

## FRIDAY NIGHT DIALOGUES



Lawrence Goldstone’s book ‘Going Deep: John Philip Holland and the Invention of the Attack Submarine.’

Deep: John Philip Holland and the Invention of the Attack Submarine.” Mr. Goldstone will be the featured speaker at Friday Night Dialogues at the Shelter Island Library on May 4.

Springing from the research done in his previous book “Birdmen,” about Wilbur and Orville Wright, Mr. Goldstone connects the

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