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The War of 1812 Featured Lecture of the Talk of the Town Speaker Series Sponsored by the Sandwich 375 Committee

Sandwich, MA – February 2014 – The Talk of the Town Speaker Series sponsored by the Sandwich 375 Committee features a lecture “The War of 1812,” by Jim Coogan on Wednesday, February 26, 7 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm) at the Sandwich Glass Museum’s Hirschmann Theater. Admission is free and seating is limited.

Two centuries ago the United States and Great Britain were engaged in war. Some Americans called it the “second war for independence.” The Revolution had been a conflict between Britain and her colonies. The War of 1812 pitted the young American nation against her former master in a struggle over freedom of the seas and control of the Northwest Territory, a vast region south of the Great lakes and the Ohio Valley. Cape Cod and the rest of New England were reluctant participants in this war. And the contest had ruinous effects on this region to the point that Massachusetts actually led a serious movement to secede from the Union. Trade and prosperity fell victim to the almost three-year conflict and Cape Cod was blockaded and attacked by British warships.

Coogan’s talk will look at how the citizens of Sandwich experienced the war and will review the significant happenings in 1814 as they affected Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard, and Nantucket. For more information on the entire lecture series and the all the anniversary events, call Cindy Russell, 508-789-6809, cindyru@cape.com or information can be found on www.sandwich375.com,

About US

In 1639, Sandwich became the first town on Cape Cod. Since today’s citizens of Sandwich both love and embrace the town’s rich culture, proud heritage and pristine beauty, we wish to truly celebrate its 375th year in 2014. The celebration will consist of a variety of gatherings, lectures, festivals, artistic and educational endeavors, and museum exhibits throughout the year, for all Sandwich residents and visitors to thoroughly enjoy and understand what makes Sandwich, Sandwich!

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