

CAPTAIN
AVERY
MUSEUM

...heard on the wind...

"It was one of those March days...
when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when
it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade."

Charles Dickens

We Are On Osprey Watch!

Every year in mid-March,
our two ospreys return to their
nest just out past the dock, right
here at Captain Avery Museum.

They fly thousands of miles back
to this same spot from their
southern home! Let's all be on the
lookout as friends and families
return with them.



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Pictured here is

Charles Warner, Executive Chef

Preserving the Past - Serving the Future

March is Women's History Month!

Lucretia Weedon Andrews Avery
Wife, Mother, Business Partner, Household Manager

LUCRETIA AVERY (1828-1900) raised seven children here while managing the household and farm property —often while pregnant. The Mayo native had already been married and widowed. She gave birth to her first child, Ella, at age 29. Eight more pregnancies followed over the next 14 years. Oystering season was especially hard for Lucretia. Salem could be gone for a week at a time.

Lucretia was the fifth of eight children. Her father, Eli Weedon, died when she was 10. His wife, Catherine Johnson Weeden, was left with six children under the age of 16. We know little of Lucretia's childhood - only that she did not learn how to read or write.

Lucretia Avery survived Salem by 13 years, dying at age 72 in 1900. Together, Lucretia and Salem created a large extended family whose descendants still live in the region.

We Thank Our Tea Party Participants!



Thank you to the many people who joined us for our Elegant Tea Party last Sunday afternoon. It was a perfect way to spend a rainy afternoon with Chef Alba. We had people from all over the country! We are planning more zoom parties and lectures in the future - watch this space! This photo is of Phoebe's tea laid out after our class. If you joined us, remember to send me a photo of your tea cup or your tea table.

Find more about Chef Alba at

<http://easycookingwithalba.blogspot.com/>

Rogues' Gallery by Jay Anderson

Eustace the Dark Monk and the English Channel

“Free Agency” to Plunder

In the first two decades of the thirteenth century, literacy was limited to the noble class. As a result, obtaining any form of written records documenting the life and times of an individual was largely a challenging proposal. Records might have been scant, but word of mouth could run rampant.

Thus, on the winds of gossip, it was that Eustace came to light. Rumors spread that he had spent a portion of his youth studying the 'dark arts' in Toledo, Spain. He had entered a Catholic monastery, and according to eye-witnesses, had cultivated abilities that manifested themselves in astonishing ways. Scant, contemporaneous



Eustace accumulated capital in no short supply. But as with so many privateers, an element of greed was to be his downfall. Eustace decided to 'go rogue'... to, in effect, declare 'Free Agency'. He grabbed up the Isle of Sark and the Channel Islands, from where he conducted his operations with the

writings note his interactions with others, including acute powers of persuasion.

He was born of high stature, but was eventually attracted to a life of peril. Various personal skirmishes with influential people, coupled with the murder of his father, set Eustace on a path for which there seemed no turning back. Due to his deep reservoir of mysterious strategies, he worked his way into the service of both England and France, in their joint battle against Spain. His proclivity for maritime mayhem would serve the fleet well, as he was immediately successful as a mercenary willing to work for those who paid best.

Once he established himself as a more-than-capable seaman and privateer, he was given thirty ships with which to form a rather sizable band of cutthroats.

assistance of at least two brothers. Along the way, he had switched sides more than once. France and England's relationship had deteriorated, and now Eustace was in support of a rebellion against English land barons, which was aided and abetted by King Phillip's (France's) involvement. Eustace's choices would now determine his immediate future.

When he continued to harass the English shipping industry, he incurred the wrath of the Crown. English warships surrounded him during the Battle of Sandwich. Eustace was found hiding in the bilge tank, and once captured, offered huge sums of cash for his release. Despite his supernatural powers of persuasion, Eustace was given a choice... or more accurately, offered **two** ways to meet his Creator. Although there is no record of Eustace's final decision, we can surmise that neither option was going to be a pleasant one.

Green Alert!

*Remember to wear green on St. Paddy's Day, March 17.
If you don't, the leprechauns will find you and pinch you -
and we wouldn't want that.
Happy St. Patrick's Day!*

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