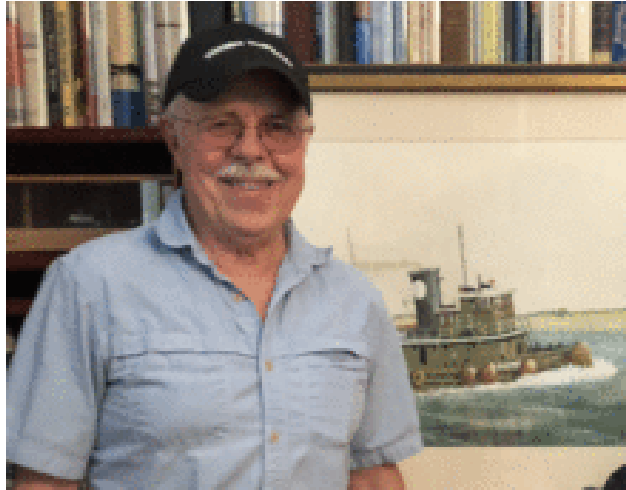


# **Friends of Fort Trumbull Conclude 2019 Program**

## **Artist and Historian Steven Cryan**

### **Transportation of a Bygone Era**



On Oct. 31, 2019, The Friends of Fort Trumbull will welcome Steven Cryan, train expert and artist as their final speaker in the 2019 series- *Transportation: America on the Move*. Mr. Cryan will speak on *Transportation of a Bygone Era: Tugboats, Steamboats and Trains*.

Mr. Cryan is a leading authority on trains, tugs, and maritime history. His photo collection on the subject is one of the largest in the U.S.A. He not only knows Connecticut train and steamship history, he has tracked down and recorded the accounts of the pilots of the tugboats and steamships that transported passengers down the Connecticut River to Brooklyn, N.Y. until the 1930's.

For several years, he has been the guest curator of the Connecticut River Museum's holiday exhibit: *Trains: Tracks and Trimmings*, for which he designs and builds large operating HO train layouts. His modeling skills can be seen at the Pizzaworks Restaurant in Old Saybrook, CT.

His luminous, realistic watercolors have won numerous awards and hang in private and corporate collections throughout the United States. His paintings are also in the permanent collection in the Maritime Gallery at Mystic Seaport. As the official artist for the Thames Tug Boat Company, he also narrates their lighthouse tours.

The public is welcome to attend this free presentation, at 7 p.m., at the Fort Trumbull Conference Center. New members are always welcome. Come early as seating is limited. Bring a friend, stay for refreshments, and get to know us. More information about the Fort and the Friends of Fort Trumbull is available on Facebook at Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park.