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AWARD-WINNING PHOTOS BY CHARLES LOWE IN THE 1970s LECTURE FINDING AID & TRANSCRIPT

- Speakers:** Nubar Alexanian, John Blanding, Jim Mahoney, and Peter Watson
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Video Description

Take a step back in time and check out this video recording of a slide show and panel discussion presented by the Cape Ann Museum that was offered in conjunction with its exhibition *Charles A. Lowe Photos: Gloucester 1975* (on display from March 7 to May 31, 2009). Charles Lowe (1932-1981) was a Gloucester native and the first full time photographer at the *Gloucester Daily*

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Times. This exhibit featured photos from the Cape Ann Museum archives that had been culled from approximately 6,000 images taken by Charles Lowe in the year 1975. The host of this presentation was Peter Watson, who was the editor of the *Gloucester Daily Times* from 1871 to 1982 and had worked closely with Lowe. Peter Watson also helped select the photos for the exhibition in conjunction with Cape Ann Museum archivist Fred Buck, who oversaw the digitization and organization of this vast collection of around 40,000 images.

A total of 150 slides of Charles Lowe's work are presented in this program with accompanying commentary from Peter Watson on the wide variety of subject matter. Following these slides, three professional photographers from Gloucester who either knew of or worked with Charles Lowe during his lifetime spoke about the influence Charles Lowe had on their own work and on the field of documentary photography. John Blanding, assistant chief photographer for the *Boston Globe*, worked under Charles Lowe's direction at the *Gloucester Daily Times* as a high school student in the late 1960's. Jim Mahoney, director of photography for the *Boston Herald*, directly succeeded Lowe at the *Gloucester Daily Times* after Lowe's death from lung cancer. And Nubar Alexanian, an award-winning freelance documentary photographer and Gloucester resident, was a younger contemporary and admirer of Lowe who learned from his work.

Subject list

Charles A. Lowe	Nubar Alexanian
Peter Watson	Gloucester in 1975
Fred Buck	<i>Gloucester Daily Times</i>
John Blanding	Documentary photography
Jim Mahoney	

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