

## Pirate Ship Hunter Discovers Treasure, A Hero's Journey:

When Barry Clifford dove off the coast of Madagascar, he hoped to find yet another pirate shipwreck. All of a sudden, the ceiling caved in on me and I was hit with a really big object, "it nearly knocked me out", he told the Washington Post. "As I felt the edge of it, I thought: This must be lead, its to deep in the sea", the pirate-ship hunter found a silver ingot of more than 110 pounds. This was proof that he had found Captain Kidd's ship -- or so he thought. Yet months later, UNESCO put on the brakes, denying this was proof of the famed ship.



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Clifford is an icon, a modern-day Indiana Jones of the sea. The Cape Cod native's claim to fame -- discovering the 18th century wreck of Whydah Gally, pirate captain Black Sam Bellamy's ship in Wellfleet. The 28-gun vessel carried four and a half tons of stolen treasure, only to be destroyed by a nor-Easter in 1717 and lost for centuries. When Clifford unearthed it in 1984, no one could deny it. The discovery is still the only authenticated pirate shipwreck in the U.S.

His team found more than 200,000 artifacts: piles of gold coins (pictured above), canons, handmade weapons, and a leg bone. Yet for Clifford, it's not about the money. The ship-hunter can't help but feel the adventure is always in the treasure but he does not consider himself a treasure hunter. "A treasure hunter sells treasure. All of the artifacts that we have excavated and conserved are meant for public display," he said. "I don't think you can do really good science when people are

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Seal

Best hit was "Kissed By A Rose". Singer and former husband to model Heidi Klum, Seal, after two years of study, received an associate degree in architecture, subsequently working at a series of firms while concurrently developing an interest in music.

# Iconic Building Of The Month

The House of the Infinite in C-diz, Spain



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Architect Alberto Campo Baeza designed The House of the Infinite in C-diz, Spain. Built in 2014, he describes the structure as “an infinite plane facing the infinite sea”. The Atlantic Ocean is a beloved bridge between “the new and the old continent,” fitting for this home that unites the past and present. The house rests at a symbolic location -- where Mediterranean ships continue to pass through to the Atlantic. Its roof jets out toward the water upon a 118 foot “large box” of Roman travertine, which honors the area's heritage.

Arts and mythology also inspired the design. His creation is a true “tenemos”, a term that a Greek poet uses to describe a meeting place for humans and gods. Upon a striking stone platform, three walls stand strong against the winds that hit Ulysses’s vessel -- an undeniable symbol of home.

The project began as a piece of landscape architecture, and, as Baeza developed the concept, a true work of art emerged. He credits Rembrandt’s “Christ Presented before the People” (1655) as another source of inspiration. Baeza’s roof design is reminiscent of Rembrandt’s straight horizontal line; a podium to set the scene for a special place, with infinite possibilities.

## Archi-Quote

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breathing down your neck.” While Clifford respects Bob Ballard, who discovered the Titanic, he wonders if the ship’s remains really teach any lessons. The difference is, with the Whydah, the ship uncovered a part of history, previously a mystery. Pirates didn’t keep written records, Clifford reminds local readers of NewEngland.com but now Clifford claims that Cotton Mather represented two of the acquitted pirates and one sold into slavery to John Quincy Adams' grandfather.



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The moral of Clifford’s story: Leads don’t always hit us in the head, but they exist even in the darkest of waters. Even when people doubted him he stuck to his guns. Such tales are reminders of the hero’s journey

Heroes have potential. People become heroes because they have the emotional courage to embrace a true, like Barry Clifford. Sharing history is a top priority of this ship-hunter. Rather than make a profit, he opened Whydah Pirate Museum in West Yarmouth, Massachusetts where all the ship’s remains stay together in one place, for all the world to see.

## Archi-Speak

Can you find all these beach activities?

Boardwalk	Cruise	Reading												
Paddleboard	Parasailing													
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*Gordon B.,*

**Gordon,**  
You can use expandable bolts. Some times these are called mollies. You drill a hole in the sheetrock large enough for the movie to first through in the closed position. Once it is in the wings on sides open and you tighten it so it holds firm against the sheet rock.

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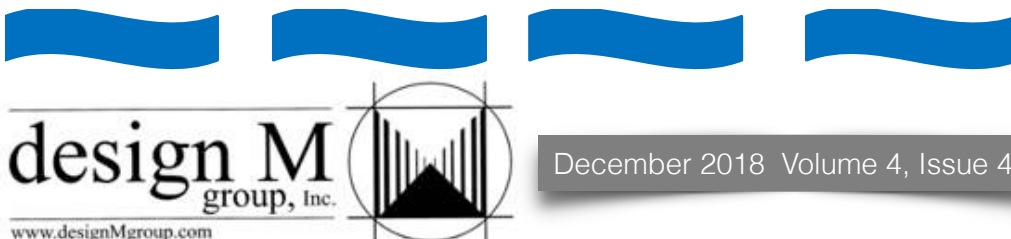
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