

The Friends of Fort Trumbull

Proudly Present

Dr. Juliana Barrett



As the Friends of Fort Trumbull continue their 2014 program The Whaling City and the Sea-Past, Present and Future, it is evident that the great whaling days are over- never to return. However, the port of New London, the Thames River, and Long Island Sound coastlines remain important economic drivers. The Submariners, the Coastguardsmen, fishermen, lobstermen, recreational sailors, and businessmen- all depend on these waterways to provide recreational and economic opportunities.

In order to successfully adapt, the region needs to vigilantly protect Long Island Sound, the coastline of So. Connecticut, and the Harbor of New London, from the effects of Climate Change and Coastal Change. One only has to view the Overlook in Niantic to remember the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy and the Coastal Erosion it caused. What realities must the people of CT face concerning the physical and societal impact of Global Climate Change? How will Long Island Sound be impacted? Students of History know that change is inevitable and adaptation is crucial for economic survival. To continue to thrive, citizens and governments must adapt to the changing circumstances.

For the Friends' August meeting, Dr. Barrett will discuss Climate Change and Coastal Change- Present and Future. Dr. Barrett began her present position in Nov. 13, 2013 in the Sea Grant office at the Univ. of Connecticut's Avery Point Campus in Groton, CT. In her new Position as Assistant Extension Educator for the University of Connecticut Department of Extension and Connecticut Sea Grant, Dr. Barrett has crafted outreach education programs on coastal habitat quality. She also has offered to assist coastal community leaders with technical matters relating to the impact of land use on coastal habitats.

Dr. Barrett received her Ph.D. from THE University of Conn. Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, her Master's Degree from Johns Hopkins U. and her Bachelor's degree from Smith College. She previously was the Tidelands Program Director for the Nature Conservancy in conn.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, August 28, at 7 p.m. at the Conference Center at Fort Trumbull. The public is invited but seating is limited. New members are always welcome. Refreshments will follow the meeting.