

**The Friends of Fort Trumbull to focus on**  
***The Lyman Allyn Museum...***  
***a presentation of The Allyn Family and the Arts***



As its October speaker, The Friends of Fort Trumbull are pleased to present Dr. Tanya Porht, Special Project Curator of the Lyman Allyn Museum. Continuing the theme of the 2016 Program Presentation of the Friends of Fort Trumbull- **Historical Notables of New London County**- Dr. Porht will discuss the Allyn family and the Arts, including the philanthropic donations of Harriet Allyn.

Dr. Pohrt, completed a Ph.D. in Art History in 2013, at the University of Delaware. Before becoming the Special Project Curator in Oct. 2015 at the Lyman Allyn Art Museum, she served as interim Curator at the Fairfield Museum and History Center. Dr. Pohrt has published extensively on American Art.

The Lyman Allyn Art Museum is presently working on a complete reinstallation of its primary exhibition of American Art. This reinstallation was made possible by a \$250,000 anonymous grant by a private foundation. The new installation of American Art in the Palmer Galleries is being planned and implemented by museum personnel along with Dr. Pohrt, the Special Project curator.

This new exhibition will supplant the existing “American Stories,” the mainstay of the Museum’s educational programming, whose galleries annually serve more than 4,000 schoolchildren on docent-led field trips, and provide an enjoyable and educational gallery experience for thousands of adult visitors.

This is a chance to learn, first hand, about this jewel of a museum in New London that was originally funded by Harriet Allyn in honor of her father Lyman Allyn.

The lecture will be on Thursday, October 27, 2016, at 7 p.m. at the Fort Trumbull Conference Center at 90 Walbach Street, New London, CT. The public is welcome to attend this free presentation. New members are always welcome. Come early as seating is limited.