

The Friends of Fort Trumbull State Park Welcome Christine Gauvreau, Project Coordinator of the Connecticut Digital Newspaper Project.



As its August Speaker, The Friends of Fort Trumbull are happy to welcome Christine Gauvreau, of the Connecticut State Library, speaking on “The Connecticut Home Front during World War One”. As the group continues to explore the topic of World War I-rather than examine the overarching narrative of the causes of the war, important battles, and short and long term effects- this series focuses upon war as a personal experience.

Ms. Gauvreau will give a presentation based on articles which appeared in Norwich and Bridgeport newspapers during the war years. During that period, the Norwich Bulletin had the largest circulation of any newspaper in eastern Connecticut. At that same time, the City of Bridgeport was one of the most important arms and munitions manufacturing sites of the World War I era.

Ms. Gauvreau will be presenting stories from these Connecticut newspapers that showcase the experiences of residents-from arms production for the war to the influx of immigrant workers. Participants will get a feeling for how newspapers-100 years ago- covered major events, which changed the face of America and Connecticut forever. Articles, ads, reviews and editorials all will highlight the tensions in the region during the war.

Ms. Gauvreau has a Master of Art History Degree, a Master of Information and Library Science Degree, and many years of experience in content selection and development preparatory to the digital publication of manuscripts and other special collections.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, August 31, 2017, at the Fort Trumbull Conference Center, 90 Walbach Street, New London, CT at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend this free presentation, and new members are always welcome. Come early as seating is limited.