



Talk & Walk with Markham Starr

Old Lyme Historical Society & Old Lyme Land Trust
are pleased to present an afternoon Lecture at
4 PM, Wednesday October 14, 2026
at the Old Lyme Historical Society, 55 Lyme St. and a

Walk following on Saturday October 17, 9:00 am
OLLT location to be announced at the lecture



Ceremonial Stonework: The Enduring Native American Presence on the Land

This slideshow takes the audience on an extended walk through the woods to see the ceremonial stonework left behind by the indigenous population that occupied New England for 12,000 years. Native Americans built nearly two dozen distinct types of structures in our area, ranging from cairns to stone serpent effigies, and these spiritual offerings remain standing in now long abandoned woods.

While Native American stonework is widely recognized out west and to the south, New England's stonework remains obscure, having blended back into the woods. This slideshow, from the book by the same name, comes from photographs of over 8000 objects and ceremonial sites in New England. This talk will be followed on Saturday with a guided tour of a local site to give those interested a first-hand experience of the stonework.

please register: <https://www.oldlymelandtrust.org/contact-us>