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Lyman Allyn Art Museum

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### **LANDSCAPING IS UNDERWAY AT LYMAN ALLYN ART MUSEUM** **PLEASE PARDON OUR APPEARANCE**

**New London** – The Lyman Allyn is thrilled to announce that work on the highly anticipated development of Lyman Allyn Park has begun. This major project will transform the Museum’s outdoor space into a twelve-acre urban art park, free and accessible for all residents of New London. Major features of the Lyman Allyn Park Master Plan include a new pedestrian entry plaza, a pedestrian pathway through the park, an eco-friendly waterfall and filtration pond, the Great Lawn and Sledding Hill, a pollinator meadow, a new rain garden parking area, and more. The Museum is working with Downes Construction Co. who will be managing the project. This first phase will begin with a range of tree work, including pruning, trimming, and removal of some trees that were not part of the 1932 site plan, as well as removal of invasive species.



“Though we realize some visitors may be inconvenienced to a modest degree while we are in the midst of construction, we want to thank everyone for their patience and understanding as we all work towards the future,” said Museum Director Sam Quigley. The Lyman Allyn will remain open with normal hours during the landscaping renovations.

Lyman Allyn Park will feature a variety of artistic installations, sculptures, and interactive exhibits in environmentally sustainable settings that celebrate local talent and diverse cultural influences. It will serve as a gathering place for residents and visitors alike, offering a tranquil oasis for reflection, artistic exploration, and a variety of community events. The Park will include natural and ecologically healthy areas for learning about responsible stewardship of our planet.

For more information or to request images, please contact Rebecca Dawson at [dawson@lymanallyn.org](mailto:dawson@lymanallyn.org).

### **About Lyman Allyn Art Museum**

Lyman Allyn Art Museum welcomes visitors from New London, southeastern Connecticut and all over the world. Established in 1926 with a gift from Harriet Allyn in memory of her seafaring father, the Museum opened the doors of its beautiful neoclassical building surrounded by 12 acres of green space in 1932. Today it presents several changing exhibitions each year and houses a fascinating collection of over 19,000 objects from ancient times to the present, including art from Africa, Asia, the Americas and Europe, with particularly strong collections of American paintings, decorative arts and Victorian toys and doll houses.

The museum is located at 625 Williams Street, New London, Connecticut, exit 83 off I-95. It is open **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sundays 1 - 5 p.m.**, and closed on Mondays and major holidays. For more information call 860.443.2545, ext. 2129 or visit [www.lymanallyn.org](http://www.lymanallyn.org).