
MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Join the Columbia Historical Society at its **59th Annual Meeting Celebration** on **Sunday, April 27**, beginning at **2:00 PM**.

Guest Speaker: Lucianne Lavin, Ph.D., an anthropologist & archaeologist from The Institute of American Indian Studies. Dr. Lavin is a founding member of the state's Native American Heritage Advisory Council.

Topic: Healing plants traditionally gathered in the wild by Native Northeastern Peoples, featuring descriptions of their different uses.

Special Dedication: A memorial plaque will be dedicated to Historical Society's past President Justin Holbrook at the conclusion of her talk. Justin worked closely with Lucianne when creating the Occom Garden planted behind the Moor's Charity School.

Location: Columbia Congregational Church Community Hall, 325 CT-87.

Additional Information:

- Light refreshments will be served.
- The annual membership drive will also begin at this meeting.
- For more information, visit Columbia-history.org or email ColumbiaCtHistoricalSociety@gmail.com.

About Lucianne Lavin, Ph.D.: Dr. Lavin is an anthropologist & archaeologist with over 50 years of research and field experience in Northeastern archaeology and anthropology. She has taught, curated museum exhibits, managed cultural resources, and edited publications. Dr. Lavin is a founding member of the state's Native American Heritage Advisory Council and a retired editor of the journal of the Archaeological Society of Connecticut. She holds an M.A. and Ph.D. in anthropology from New York University and a B.A. from Indiana University.

Publications:

- **Connecticut's Indigenous Peoples: What Archaeology, History, and Oral Traditions Teach Us about their Communities and Cultures** (Yale University Press, 2013)
- **Dutch and Indigenous Communities in Seventeenth-Century Northeastern North America** (SUNY Press, 2021)

Dr. Lavin has received numerous awards, including a Certificate of Award for Women in American History from the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.