

The Shape of Storrs

A Special Presentation by Dr. Robert Thorson

Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 2:00pm
UConn Biology/Physics Building, Room 130
91 North Eagleville Road, Storrs, CT

Join us for a very special Saturday presentation by Robert Thorson on the natural history of UConn! In his recent *UConn Magazine* feature, Dr. Thorson tells the story of the pre-agricultural origins of the UConn campus. Thorson takes the long view in "The Shape of Storrs," making a direct link between our emotional attachment to the scenery of Horsebarn Hill, the physical layout of campus, Dairy Bar ice cream, and the special soil that made the 1698 Storrs Family farm successful enough to outlast others. In this unique public talk, he will share the fascinating story that explains why Charles and Augustus Storrs would ultimately have the opportunity to donate their land for an agricultural school in 1881.

Robert Thorson is a Professor in the Department of Geosciences at UConn, where his work supports many departments, including Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Anthropology, and the Connecticut State Museum of Natural History. Beyond campus and the classroom, he is also a prolific author and columnist, author of *Stone by Stone: The Magnificent History in New England's Stone Walls*, *Beyond Walden: The Hidden History of America's Kettle Lakes and Ponds*, *The Boatman: Henry David Thoreau's River Years* and other well-known books.



Post-Talk Reception

3:00-4:30pm in the Biology/Physics Lobby

Following the presentation, please plan to stay for a free public reception. Continue the conversation with other attendees and have a chance to meet Dr. Thorson over light refreshments. He will also have a special display of objects to accompany the story that further brings to life the history of the hill!

Hosted by the Museum and the Institute of the Environment at UConn.

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