



Old Lyme Historical Society -Scavenger Hunt

UNPLUGGED WEEKEND Walk along Lyme Street and match the pictures with the clues, and name the places. Email us for the answers.



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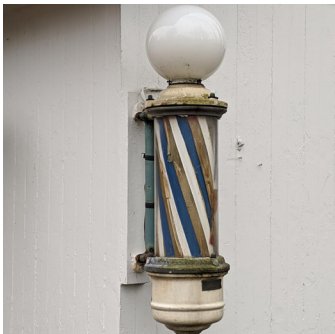
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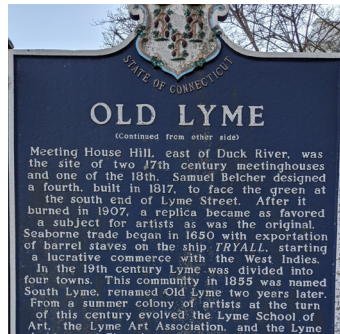
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Here are a few historical clues to the locations pictured above. There is one clue that matches each picture/location. Can you match words, pictures, and places?

1 When it started in the 1920s this organization was housed at Town Hall, but got a new home nearby some forty years later in 1961.

2 This building is a 1910 copy of the original version, built in 1818. Both the 1818 version and the 1910 version were replacements for a building of similar purpose destroyed by fire. Hint: Although no original plans of the 1818 building were ever found, the (re-)builders did have a great number of paintings and drawings to work from.

3 From the Civil War to 1975 this was a succession of hardware stores, then a men's clothing store, and is now a very cool art gallery.

4 Lafayette and Washington both stopped here on their way. Lafayette's troops were camped on the nearby town green. (It was larger then.) Today the green is on the other side of a road named for the former owner of this house, though the house's address is on Lyme Street.

5 Built, in part, as a public works project in the Great Depression, it saw Old Lyme Seniors say "farewell" each spring for several decades.

6 The Old Lyme Post Office was downstairs, and the *Pictorial Gazette* had its offices here, but a secret society met upstairs to keep their rites from prying eyes and ears.

7 Its central part is the oldest house on Lyme St. today, but it started out at the far end of the street where the Florence Griswold house now stands. A former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court lived here in the 19th century and enjoyed summer visits from his friend, President Rutherford B. Hayes.

8 Via the former Lyme-New London Turnpike (1807), this little stone says New London is only five hours away—at a normal walking pace of 3 miles per hour. Hint: look across the street from Memorial Town Hall.

9 What better place to rehearse our town's history than in front of Memorial Town Hall?

10 Maize was the staple of the Native Americans. They used a large mortar and pestle to crush and grind it into meal. The wooden pestles are long gone, but the stone mortar remains—now set in a place where all that old-time pounding noise might prompt a "shush!" from the nearby windows.

11 The Old Lyme Grange (#162) rented this building from the Gun Club for years, then bought the building and moved it to Lyme Street where they added a stage and a basement dining hall. Today it is under new management by... guess who? Hint: the dining hall has been replaced by a climate-controlled archive.

12 Men come here to spruce up and share the latest news, as they've done for many years.

13 Once a gas station, then Bill Steeves' frame and art shop where local kids took art classes; today it is a cool, sweet treat for young and old.

14 When our friend was a young girl she attended Mass here and would sometimes daydream about how to turn the building into a private house. Voila! Today it is just that. (Not *her* house, of course, but....)

15 Anna James was a trained pharmacist in the early 20th century. That was unusual for a woman, and especially so for a black woman. Her main shop was in Old Saybrook, and her brother ran the James Pharmacy here on Lyme Street. Immediately next door were Woodie Griswold's IGA Grocery and Clara Griswold's toy museum. Today the site of the former James Pharmacy on Lyme Street is still a sweet spot for kids of all ages.

16 This 19th-century house is now the home of a very 21st-century organization dedicated to helping young people.