

Architect Charles A. Platt designed Lyman Allyn's elegant neo-classical granite structure, similar to the one he created for the Addison Gallery of American Art .



Lyman Allyn Art Museum was founded in 1926 at the bequest of Harriet Upson Allyn. She was a life-long New London resident and the youngest of Captain Lyman Allyn's six children. The museum opened in 1932, displaying a collection built by the first Director, Winslow Ames, which famously consisted of only 13 works! Today, the permanent collection consists of over 17,000 objects from ancient times to the present.