



FORUM

Ireland: Where Stones Speak



**Saturday, April 13
2:00–5:00 pm (PT)**

**In-Person only, Concord Hall,
1407 Chapala Street,
Santa Barbara, CA**

**Presenter:
Colette Kavanagh, Ph.D.**

The Burren, in the west of Ireland, is a landscape like no other and is one of the most bio-diverse ecosystems on the planet. At first glance, these 140 square miles of flat limestone look barren and unforgiving; however, this stone is a mass grave of billions of ancient sea creatures that are

more than 360 million years old. Between the cracks plants grow that survived the ice age, and beneath the surface are vast, unexplored caves. It also has the greatest concentration of megalithic tombs in Europe.

***NEW EVIDENCE:* Ireland's Burren is changing the ecological, archeological and genetic history of northern Europe, and evidence now shows, among other things, that there was human habitation in Ireland and in The Burren some 30,000 years ago.**

Colette, a former documentary maker with RTE (Irish television), will show a beautifully photographed video which reveals the ecological, archeological and genetic discoveries being made in this vast landscape, and highlights its remarkable capacity for adaptation in nature and its enduring human spirit.

More information: <http://www.worldculture.org>