



Victorian Valentines Day A Fun Event for All at The Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill

The Willamette Heritage Center kicked off its first 2011 Family Fun Festival with Victorian Valentines Day on February 12. An additional three quarterly seasonal celebrations will take place on May 21, September 24 and all five nights December 19 - 23 of Magic at the Mill.

Over 160 attendees explored fashion, food, music and dance from this period of grace and class. Crafts and activities for all family members included making cards and paper flower 'tussie-mussies', playing with period toys and games and a Victorian tea ceremony hosted by Holly Miles in historic dress. Live music and Irish folk dancing were provided by the Ceili of the Valley Society.

The winners of the annual Poetry Contest were announced: McKale Walker for ages 5-8, Jackie Curtis and Amy Amato for ages 9-12, Emma Roles and Deserie Balbaneda for ages 13-15 and Jordan Teeney for ages 16-18.

"Our first Family Fun Festival was a huge success," said Kathleen Schulte, Education Coordinator. "Thank you to our attendees and all of our community volunteers who helped to make this event possible. We are looking forward to our next Family Festival on May 21."

For more information, please contact Kathleen Schulte, 503 585 7012 or email kathleens@missionmill.org

The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, a unification between Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, is a stroll through the history of the Willamette Valley. Its 5-acre campus is home to the 1841 Jason Lee house (arguably the oldest wooden framed house in Oregon), 1841 Willamette Mission Parsonage, 1847 John Boon home, 1858 Pleasant Grove Church and the 1896 Thomas Kay Woolen Mill, named an *American Treasure* by the National Park Service. Since its founding in 1964 as a private non-profit association, Mission Mill Museum has established a reputation as a leader in the preservation and interpretation of Oregon's history. The museum's histories are shared with visitors through daily and group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit <http://www.missionmill.org>. *The Willamette Heritage Center is a private not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. It is not managed by city, county, state or federal agencies.*

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