



WHAT: **28th Annual *Sheep to Shawl - Family Fun Festival!***
WHERE: The Willamette Heritage Center *at The Mill*, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR, 97301
WHEN: Saturday, May 12, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
COST: **FREE, donations suggested**
INFO: 503-585-7012, <http://www.willametteheritage.org>

The Willamette Heritage Center *at The Mill* is pleased to present its 28th Annual *Sheep to Shawl Family Fun Festival!*

Bring your friends and family to The Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill and enjoy sheep and sheep-shearing, animals, Grand Ronde weaving demonstrations, and special activities. This year's event will include the opening of "The Canoe, The Cross and The Chalkboard" exhibit in the Lee House.

Explore the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill and marvel at the complex machinery.

Enjoy sheep and sheep-shearing, cashmere goats, specialty Swedish sheep, Shetland sheep, a horse, alpacas, rabbits, and little baby lambs.

Enjoy fascinating demonstrations of spinning, weaving, quilting, knitting, rug hooking and lace making by local fiber artists.

Learn from a blacksmith demonstration.

Listen and enjoy a wide variety of music from area performers.

Discover contemporary basket weaving with Grand Ronde Elder, Margaret Mathewson and Native weavers Connie Graves, Stephanie Wood and others.

Purchase a plant from the Salem Area Garden Club plant sale.

Eat at the Mission Mill Café.

Purchase area vendor wares like hand-dyed yarns or browse through the wonderful shops.

Volunteer for Sheep to Shawl:

Volunteer times: 9:30 am – 1:00 pm, and 12:30 pm- 4:15 pm. Volunteers can help with: kids' activities, greeters, volunteer hospitality, tours, and general.

Check out the Sheep to Shawl coloring contest for children ages 4 through 12 and download an entry form online at http://www.willametteheritage.org/events_and_programs.html. All entries are due by 3:00 pm on Friday, May 11.

This event is generously sponsored by a grant of Transient Occupancy Tax from the City of Salem, Mills Jacobson Halliday, PC and South Salem Rotary.

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.willametteheritage.org>

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