



WILLAMETTE HERITAGE CENTER

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Willamette Heritage Center Announces New Hours of Operations and Services

SALEM, OR – The Willamette Heritage Center (WHC) continues to modify services to meet the community's needs and fulfill our mission while following the COVID-19 health and safety guidelines set by the state and dealing with economic realities for business like ours that rely on people coming through the doors. The museum will be closed to the public August 31 – September 7, 2020. On Tuesday, September 8th, the Center will reopen with our new hours of operation and services. Beginning that date, the site and our retail partners will be open to the public Tuesdays – Saturdays, 10 am to 4 pm.

Our new services plan for each department is as follows:



Visits look a little different, masks are required on the grounds!

Visiting the Museum:

Starting in September, the WHC will be requiring advance booking for access to the museum. While you'll still have the opportunity to view the grounds, feed the ducks and check out our introductory overview to Mid-Valley history in our orientation center during the opening hours listed above, access to the exhibits in the historic houses and Thomas Kay Woolen Mill will require a timed admission ticket. Entrance tickets are for self-guided tours and are limited to Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays between 10 am and 4 pm. Tickets must be purchased one week in advance and are available on the Center's website at: www.willametteheritage.org/hours-and-prices.



Our Research Library and Archives mascot Maude A. Spider in our Social Distancing Learning Resources program "Couch Historian Web Courses."

Research:

Due to social distancing guidelines and reduced staff, the WHC Research Library is closed to drop-in visitors until further notice. However, the public can still access collections through appointments, email, and some new fee-for-service options. The WHC is currently putting a hold on accepting collections at this time. Learn more here: www.willametteheritage.org/research.

Event Rentals:

Following the CDC and state guidelines for COVID-19, the event rental spaces continue to be utilized by community members at the WHC as well. Several events are already planned this summer and new reservations are being made. Be sure to take advantage of the outside space or large event rooms, like the Spinning Room, for an intimate gathering this fall, while still maintaining social distancing. Found out more at: www.willametteheritage.org/event-reservations/



Photo by Tekoa Rose Photography.

The Willamette Heritage Center, unification between Mission Mill Museum (1964) and Marion County Historical Society (1950), 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. As a private non-profit association, for more than sixty years WHC 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 group tours, speakers, living history, children's programs, hands-on activities, special events, publications, the museum store and rental facilities. For more information call 503-585-7012 or visit www.willametteheritage.org.

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