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Willamette Heritage Center to launch virtual Magic at the Mill with countdown starting Dec. 1



SALEM, OR – For 20 years the Willamette Heritage Center's (WHC) Magic at the Mill celebration of lights, family friendly activities, entertainment, and history has been a family and community tradition. With restrictions on large gatherings and the health and safety of our community at the forefront of our minds, we are trying a new tradition this year.

We will be counting down to a virtual Magic at the Mill by lighting up the holiday season with local history. "Countdown to Magic" will provide opportunities for families to come together nightly from Dec. 1 – 18 to experience holiday and light-themed history and activities. At the end of the countdown on Dec. 19 we will launch a virtual Magic at the Mill experience with videos, music, lights, and activities.

Magic at the Mill will be available for free (donations welcome) on our website. Families will be able to navigate a map that includes tour "stops" with volunteer hosts via recorded videos. Enjoy lights, living history, weaving, caroling, Santa, and more!

Join us for Countdown to Magic here: <https://www.willametteheritage.org/countdown-to-magic/>
Learn more about Virtual Magic at the Mill here: <https://www.willametteheritage.org/magic-at-the-mill/>

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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