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Willamette Heritage Center will remain closed until further notice



SALEM, OR – The Willamette Heritage Center (WHC) will remain closed to the public per government safety requirements until further notice out of an abundance of caution for the safety and well-being of our community.

This closure is for the WHC museum tours, exhibits, textile learning center, and event rentals. The Research Library and Archives are also closed to visitors, but will continue to accept research requests online at www.willametteheritage.org/research/. The WHC retail partners, Bella Hill and Teaselwick Wools, remain open Tuesday–Saturday, 11am–4pm. Check Taproot's website at www.taprootloungeandcafe. com/#eat for updates and revised hours of our on-site restaurant.

We will miss greeting our guests on-site and encourage our visitors to

stay in touch with us online. We have several learning resources available on our website at www.willametteheritage.org/, including a video tour of the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill led by 4th generation owner Tom Kay at www.willametteheritage.org/tom-kay-walking-tour/. Our monthly online speaker series will resume in February at www.willametteheritage.org/tom-kay-walking-tour/. Our monthly online speaker series will resume in February at www.willametteheritage.org/zooming-back-to-history/. Sign up for our e-newsletter and follow us on social media @ www.willametteheritage.org/zooming-back-to-history/. Sign up for our e-newsletter and follow us on social media @ www.willametteheritage.org/zooming-back-to-history/. Sign up for our e-newsletter and follow us on social media @

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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