

## 160 reasons we love the Mid-Valley: Willamette Heritage Center at the Mill

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**What it is:** The organization that merged Mission Mill Museum and Marion County Historical Society, 1313 Mill St. SE, Salem

**Why we love it:** Willamette Heritage Center preserves and promotes the history of Salem and Oregon.

Mission Mill Museum, founded in 1964, is a 5-acre site that interprets the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill and Jason Lee's Methodist Missionaries who founded Salem. The mill has been designated an American Treasure by the National Park Service and features the original water-powered turbine.

Marion County Historical Society was established in 1950 to promote historical research and education. The organization collects, preserves, studies and exhibits historical artifacts, manuscripts and photographs.

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