



Fall Into Family Fun! Fall Family Festival: Celebrating a Season of Change at the Willamette Heritage Center

For Immediate Release

The Willamette Heritage Center (WHC) is pleased to announce a new event: Fall Family Festival: Celebrating a Season of Change.

WHEN: Saturday, September 24, 2011- 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
WHERE: Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill, 1313 Mill Street, SE, Salem, OR, 97301
COST: \$3 per person. Admission includes entry to the festival and museum
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Fall into Family Fun! Activities include the following:

- Meet live hawks: Cheyenne and Fawkes from Turtle Ridge Wildlife Center
- Join in the music and Irish dancing with the Ceili of the Valley Society
- Create yummy seed treats for winter birds
- Learn to appreciate the wet and windy fall weather
- Make wind pinwheels and rain gauges to make the fall rain measure up
- Piece together the quilt floor puzzle on the lawn
- Take home tips from Marion County Master Recyclers at our "Working toward ZERO waste" event
- Watch a blacksmith demonstration
- Be part of fun conservation activities with PGE

A kid-friendly menu is available at the Mission Mill Cafe. This event is generously sponsored by MAPS Credit Union. WHC partners for this event include Ceili of the Valley, Turtle Ridge Wildlife Center, Marion County Master Recyclers, Ducks Unlimited, and PGE.

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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.missionmill.org>.

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