



**Willamette Heritage Center at The Mill Announces Speaker Series  
in Conjunction with *Willamette Women: Our History is Our Strength -  
2nd Heritage Invitational Extravaganza***

*Willamette Women: Our History is Our Strength - 2nd Annual Heritage Extravaganza* opens January 20 and runs through March 20. The exhibition gives Mid-Valley heritage, cultural and history museums and organizations the opportunity to shine a light on women from their communities.

The Willamette Heritage Center *at the Mill* (WHC), in conjunction with this exhibition, is offering the following speaker series in February and March 2012:

***Views on the Fight for Women's Voting Rights in Oregon - Panel Presentation,*  
Moderated by Dr. Kim Jensen**

**Saturday, February 18 - 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm**

The Willamette Heritage Center celebrates 100 years of Oregon women's right to vote! Join Dr. Kim Jensen and a panel of Western Oregon University honors students as they share a variety of views on Oregon's Woman Suffrage. Dr. Jensen will facilitate the panel presentations that address some major themes, people, groups and events in the movement for woman suffrage in Oregon. The students' presentations are based on the work they did for The Century of Action's website ([www.centuryofaction.org](http://www.centuryofaction.org)), which was developed to celebrate the centennial Oregon women's right to vote and advances the understanding of women's citizenship in Oregon's history. Fee: \$2 for Students; \$3 for Center Members and for participating Heritage Extravaganza organization members; \$5 for Non-Members.

***The Secret Garden: A Family Portrait of Landscapists Lord & Schryver - Art Historian, Carmen Lord***

**Thursday, March 1- 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

Elizabeth Lord and Edith Schryver were the first women Landscape Architects in the Northwest. Based in Salem, they designed many important and influential gardens in Washington, Oregon and northern California, over a forty-year professional collaboration, and helped create today's public garden spaces in Salem, including Bush Park. This presentation, by Elizabeth Lord's grand-niece, will address the family roots, life and character of the two pioneering career women, and ways in which their private background acted as a formative influence on their remarkable professional life. Fee: \$2 for Students; \$3 for Center Members and for participating Heritage Extravaganza organization members; \$5 for Non-Members.

***Those Amazing Aurora Quilters - Author Jane Kirkpatrick***

**Monday, March 5 - 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm**

The Aurora Colony, south of Portland, was the only communal society to survive west of the Mississippi in the mid 1800's. Their story was kept alive in part because of their great craftsmanship and the textile artistry of the women. Emma Wagner Giesy was one of those women and her quilt is a part of the exhibit. Award-winning author Jane Kirkpatrick will tell the Aurora story in PowerPoint images of exquisite quilts and the stories of the women who quilted them. Fee: \$2 for Students; \$3 for Center Members and for participating Heritage Extravaganza organization members; \$5 for Non-Members.

For more information, visit [www.willametteheritage.org](http://www.willametteheritage.org) or call 503 585 7012.

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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 [www.willametteheritage.org](http://www.willametteheritage.org).

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