



WHAT: **29th Annual Sheep to Shawl Family Fun Festival!**
WHERE: The Willamette Heritage Center *at The Mill*, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR, 97301
WHEN: Saturday, May 11, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
COST: **FREE, Donations Suggested**
INFO: 503-585-7012, <http://www.willametteheritage.org>

Come join us for a fun day of family activities at our *Sheep to Shawl Family Fun Festival*.

Bring your friends and family to The Willamette Heritage Center and explore Salem's rich heritage!

Attend the grand opening of the exciting new exhibit *Shaping Salem's Identity* at 11:00 am in the Methodist Parsonage.

Explore the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill and marvel at the complex machinery.

Enjoy sheep and sheep-shearing, cashmere goats, specialty Swedish sheep, Shetland sheep, alpacas, rabbits, and little baby lambs.

Enjoy fascinating demonstrations of spinning, weaving, knitting, rug hooking and lace making by local fiber artists.

Watch throughout the day as demonstrators take raw wool and turn it into fabric.

Learn from a blacksmith demonstration.

Listen and enjoy a wide variety of music from area performers.

Purchase a plant from the Salem Area Garden Club plant sale.

Eat at the Café Venae.

Purchase area vendor wares such as hand-dyed yarns or browse through the wonderful shops: Max Marbles, Bookbinder, Teaselwick Wools, and Bella Hill.

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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.willametteheritage.org>. *The Willamette Heritage Center is a private not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization. It is not managed by city, county, state or federal agencies.*

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