



**The Willamette Heritage Center Presents Our 8th Annual  
Family Festival: *Victorian Valentines Day & Mad Hatter's Tea Party*  
and *Victorian Valentines Day Poetry Contest***

**For Immediate Release**

**WHAT:** *Victorian Valentines Day Poetry Contest*  
**WHEN:** **Deadline for all entries is Friday February 1, 2013 at 4:00 pm**  
**WHERE:** 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR 97301  
**COST:** **FREE to enter the contest;** \$3 admission for everyone, including our Victorian Valentines Day & Mad Hatter's Tea Party on February 9 from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm, when winners will be announced.  
**CONTACT:** Kathleen Schulte, The Willamette Heritage Center *at The Mill*, 503-585-7012, email: [Kathleens@willametteheritage.org](mailto:Kathleens@willametteheritage.org)

Calling all poets between the ages of 5 and 18! Our poetry contest opened January 1 and ends February 1 at 4:00 pm. All entries will be posted at our Victorian Valentines Day & Mad Hatter's Tea Party Celebration on February 9, posted on our website, and printed in our newsletter.

Poems will be entered and judged in four age categories: 5-8, 9-12, 13-15, and 16-18 years. Poems may follow any style or theme. Entries must be **no more than one page in length**. Authors are limited to one entry each. Judges will be selected from the Willamette Heritage Board and the community. First and second places will be awarded in each age category. Winners will receive a gift basket. An entry form is available at: [www.willametteheritage.org/events\\_and\\_programs.html](http://www.willametteheritage.org/events_and_programs.html).

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**WHAT:** *Victorian Valentines Day & Mad Hatter's Tea Party*  
**WHEN:** **February 9, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
**WHERE:** Dye House, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR 97301  
**COST:** \$3 admission includes entry into all events, activities, historic structures and exhibits.  
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Come join us for our first Family Festival of 2013, celebrating Victorian Valentines Day!

Enjoy our Mad Hatter's Tea Party - hats required. Create your own original hat with us or wear a special one of your choice. Tea and Victorian treats will be served as part of our family celebration of Victorian life and Valentine fun. Enjoy Celtic music and dance with our partners from the Ceili of the Valley Society.

All entries in our 8<sup>th</sup> annual poetry contest will be posted and winners are invited to read their poetry. An entry form is available at: [www.willametteheritage.org/events\\_and\\_programs.html](http://www.willametteheritage.org/events_and_programs.html).

This event is generously sponsored in part by Ceili of the Valley.

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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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