



The Windham Textile and History Museum

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May is full of activity and American Thread exploration!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Willimantic, CT. April 14 2023 – The Mill Museum has several fun opportunities for the public.

Present - August 13: **The “Here All Along” exhibit.** It is included with admission to the Mill Museum at the regular price. Mill Museum members may attend for free. This exhibit will explore the African American experience in northeastern Connecticut (with an emphasis on Windham and Willimantic) from the 1600s to 1910, with an additional section relating to the 20th century. Learn the stories of Jo, Eliza, Job and Jesse Leason, Lyman and Clarissa Jackson, Ceasar and Julia Hall, and others who experienced Connecticut, its rural communities and mill towns, and the meaning of freedom in different ways than their white neighbors.

Fri., April 21: **Earth Day Plant Sale.** This event is a presale of plants and a chance to socialize from 4 - 8 p.m. with light refreshments in the Dugan building at 157B Union Street. This is a pre-event to the plant sale. This event is more of a social gathering for plant lovers. There is no admission fee for this event.

Sat., April 22: **The Drop-in Spinning Bee with Peggy Church,** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in person at The Mill Museum, second floor, Willimantic. Bring a spindle or wheel and join us at this free event. Beginners are welcome. We are still requesting that you be COVID vaccinated. Please let us know that you plan to come, and if you have questions, contact Peggy Church at peggychurch2@gmail.com.

Sat., April 22: **Earth Day Plant Sale.** This sale will occur from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Dugan building at 157B Union Street. This event will include light refreshments and several moments to chat about plants. There is no admission for this event. When you purchase the plants please pay with cash, but check and credit card will be accepted too.

Sun., April 23: **Town Wide Town Pride.** Thanks to Eastern Connecticut State University for this day. The Mill Museum shall have several students from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. to assist with painting and yard clean-up projects.

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Sun., May 7: **Mother's Day or Mother's Figure Day Craft.** Dan Thomacos will have some vacuum formed flower portraits for children to paint and give out the next weekend. This event will take place in the Dugan building at 157B Union Street at 2 p.m. \$12 for members and \$15 for the public. The ticket price includes paint, paint brushes, and smiles. Please purchase your ticket in advance through our website, by PayPal, or at the Museum Gift Shop, cash or credit card. Please purchase or reserve your spot for this craft by May 2.

Thurs., May 18: **Third Thursday,** 6 p.m. - 9 p. m. on Main St., Willimantic, CT. The Mill Museum and the CT Eastern Railroad Museum will be handing out flyers. Provide your name and contact information for a chance to win free tickets to the Mill Museum in a drawing. When you visit make an Irish flag craft.

Sat., May 20: **The Drop-in Spinning Bee with Peggy Church,** 10 a.m.-1 p.m., in person at Dugan Hall, 157B Union St., Willimantic. Bring a spindle or wheel and join us at this free event. Beginners are welcome. We are still requesting that you be COVID vaccinated. Please let us know that you plan to come, and if you have questions, contact Peggy Church at peggychurch2@gmail.com.

Sun., May 21: **Willimantic's American Thread Merger: A Model of Incorporating Connecticut?** Donald Rogers will lecture about this legacy company at the Dugan building at 157B Union Street. Rogers' lecture will be at 2 p.m. \$12 for members and \$15 for the public. Please purchase your ticket in advance through our website, by PayPal, or at the Museum Gift Shop, cash or credit card.

Fri., June 2: **Justice - Michelle Thomas Art Opening.** On June 2 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. The Mill Museum will have a free opening. She will give an artist's lecture to pair with her exhibit that will run with "Here All Along," the ongoing exhibit that explores the African American experience in northeastern Connecticut from the 1600s to 1910. She creates artwork in her Artpeace studio. She is a professor at Pratt.

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