



# Loom and Spindle

WINDHAM TEXTILE & HISTORY MUSEUM  
THE MILL MUSEUM OF CONNECTICUT

## COMING EVENTS:

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Nov. 24, 3 pm, Tea and desserts from many countries will be served at beautifully decorated tables representing holidays in other countries. Included will be the Netherlands, Canada, Italy and more. This event honors the ethnic diversity of the twenty-six nationalities that worked in the mills of eastern Connecticut. \$8 per person in advance; \$12 at the door. For reservations call 860-456-2178, or e-mail [themillmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:themillmuseum@gmail.com).

**Gift Wrapping at the Eastbrook Mall: Nov. 29th and 30th, Dec. 1, 7, 8, 14, 15 and 19-24.** Volunteers from the Windham Textile and History Museum will be wrapping gifts again this year at the East Brook Mall. We plan to be at the Mall Nov. 29 and 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 7 and 8, Dec. 14 and 15, and Dec. 19-24. For a donation (we know people will be generous) you can have your holiday gifts wrapped. Want to volunteer to wrap? Call Kit Eves at 860-617-4364, or drop us an e-mail at [themillmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:themillmuseum@gmail.com).

## MILL OF THE MONTH



This year's Mill of the Month has just two programs remaining. On Saturday, Nov. 23, participants will meet at the old Kirby Mill in Mansfield Hollow at 10 AM for what promises to be a fascinating indoor tour with owner Sam Shifrin. Then, on Saturday, Dec. 28, we will be heading up to Lowell, MA, to tour Lowell National Historic Park with historian Bev York. Lowell was the fabled "City of Spindles," created out of pastures and woods in the

early 1800s as the center of the New England textile industry. The Lowell National Historic Park has rebuilt boardinghouses and weaving rooms, recreating the working and living conditions of a century ago. There are also traditional museum exhibits, as well. This is a trip not to missed! Meet at the Windham Textile and History Museum at 9:00 AM - we have two vans, and others may car pool. For more information, call us at 860-

456-2178, or e-mail us at [themillmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:themillmuseum@gmail.com). There is an \$8 per person charge for each tour.

2014 - The Mill of the Month program - where participants tour an old mill site each month - has been so popular that Bev York will be leading a completely new set of monthly mill tours in 2014, too. We should have more information about next year's Mill of the Month programs on our web site

Check our website for more information on the Mill of the Month  
<http://www.millmuseum.org/>



Nov. 23, 2013 - 10 am - Kirby Mill, Mansfield Hollow

## Kids Club and Gingerbread Houses

Sat., Dec. 14, at

1:00 PM - The Museum winds up the 2013 Kids Club with a Gingerbread Holiday. Kids Club is designed for school-aged children from age 5 to 12.



Younger children are welcome to participate with their parents. The programs are planned by Bev York, the Museum's Director of Education. Kids Club membership is only \$10 per year, and includes a newsletter mailed to the child's home address, a name badge, and free admission to all Kids Club events. Events are open to non-members at a small fee. The Gingerbread Holiday does have a small, \$5 materials fee added, to cover

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**Latino Migration Exhibit:** Sun. Dec. 8, will be the last day of the Latino Migration Exhibit. Anyone who has not yet seen this terrific exhibit on the Latino experience in Willimantic, CT, from the mid-1950s to the present, should make sure to drop by before it's gone.

**Kids Club Activity – Gingerbread Houses:** Sat., Dec. 14, at 1:00 PM – The Museum winds up the 2013 Kids Club with a Gingerbread Holiday. Materials provided to make a take-home gingerbread house. Kids Club is designed for school-aged children from age 5 to 12. Younger children are welcome to participate with their parents.

**Historic Christmas Exhibit:** Dec. 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23, The Museum will have an exhibit on History and Christmas and the Winter Holidays in New England. Trees, wreaths, decorations, vintage toys, and other visual delights. Free for children 15 and under, when accompanied by an adult.

**Museum Closed for maintenance:** Dec. 25 through Jan. 31.

**Mill of the Month: "Lowell National Historic Park"** - Sat., Dec. 28, 9:00 AM. \$8 per person (no charge for those who have attended 10 other MOTH gatherings). Meet at the Textile Museum we will have two vans and others may car pool.

**The Snow Ball:** Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014 at 8:00 PM - at the Bruce Bellingham ballroom at the Windham Town Hall. Tickets are \$60 per person. For reservations, contact the Museum at 860-456-2178 or email: [themillmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:themillmuseum@gmail.com)

**Main Street Willimantic:** exhibit opens Saturday, Feb. 1. If you missed the Long timers Backyard Block Party in September (or even if you were there and want to see it again, indoors), the Museum will recreate Willimantic's Main Street in 1963, fifty years ago.

**"Jenny's Way" Book Reading:** Sat., Feb. 22, 2 pm. Reading and presentation by Diana K. Perkins.

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## Andrew Wyeth Painting



Mr. Andy Wyeth is our living-local artist who has long supported the museum. He shared with the museum a new painting of the head race at Mill Number 3. Looking up-river from the Rec. Park bend. This is the 4th in a series of paintings he's shared with us. We are planning to have prints made. Proceeds will be donated to the WTHM.

### WEBSITE

Check our website, It's always chock full of great information about events and local history:  
<http://www.millmuseum.org/>  
 Join the Facebook group "You know you are from Willimantic if" to see photographs of former Willimantic scenes or to ask questions.



## PAINT THE MUSEUM

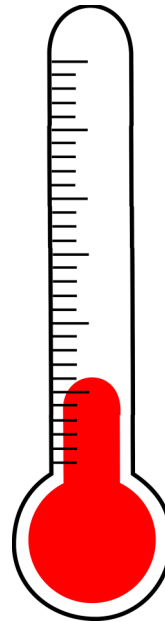
Total raised so far for the paint-the-museum fund: \$7,178.00.

Estimated cost of project: around \$25,000.

We are making progress, hoping to begin serious

work (scraping, wood repair, priming) in the spring. If you wish to contribute to this fund specifically, you may send your tax deductible check to WTHM, 411 Main Street, Willimantic, 06226

And we thank you.



## The Snow Ball is Back!

Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014  
at 8:00 PM

The Windham Textile and History Museum's popular black-tie optional fundraising event, the Snow Ball, will return in 2014, at the Bruce Bellingham ballroom at the Windham Town Hall.

This year's theme is... BLIZZARD! Light refreshments and beverages, Silent Auction Tickets are \$60 per person. It is not to be missed!

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## Special Thanks

Thank you to Edith Prague, Susan Johnson, and the Eastern Connecticut State University Foundation for making the Longtimers Back Yard Block Party in September such a success. The event raised more than \$3,000 for the Paint the Museum Fund.

Thank you, Willimantic Waste, for donating temporary storage space for items we have to move in order to continue renovations on the Dugan building.

Thank you, ECSU rugby team for helping to move the items. As always, thank you to Miller Brothers for donating free long-term storage.

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Please cut out and mail with your donation.

*If you have already renewed your membership, thank you!*

Kids Club (1) - \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Cotton (1) - \$25 \_\_\_\_\_

Wool (2) - \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ Silk (4) - \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

*We are a 501(c)3 organization. Your donations are tax deductible.*

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