



WHAT: **Mission Mill Museum Announces 24th Annual Sheep to Shawl Event**
WHERE: Mission Mill Museum, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR, 97301
WHEN: Saturday, May 17, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
COST: **FREE**

Mission Mill Museum is pleased to announce its 24th Annual Sheep to Shawl Festival Event.

Bring your friends and family to Mission Mill Museum and explore Salem's rich heritage!

Wander through the Mill and marvel at the complex machinery.

Enjoy sheep and sheep-shearing, goats, rabbits, and other interesting animals!

Meet and learn about local heritage organizations at this event's Heritage Expo, including the Marion County Historical Society.

Journey through the historic mill building as guides introduce you to the sights, sounds, smells and stories of the 19th century factory. Listen to living history presenters as they transport you into the past with their fascinating tales of yesteryear.

Watch the fascinating demonstrations of spinning, weaving, quilting, and lace making by local fiber artists.

Learn from a blacksmith demonstration, listen and enjoy a wide variety of music from area performers, including Dan Lowe, Luann Ritts, 2 Licks 2 Many, and Riders of the Western Range.

Riders of the Western Range, prior performers at Sheep to Shawl, are a versatile, four-member Portland-based band that plays traditional cowboy music like Gene Autry, Roy Rogers, and Sons of the Pioneers; and modern favorites from artists such as Riders in the Sky and Sons of the San Joaquin. The group prides itself on keeping cowboy music alive.

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

Eat at Tucker's at the Mill, purchase area vendor wares like baskets or hand-made soap, or browse through the wonderful shops in the old warehouse building.

As this event is FREE, event attendees are asked share the Mill's generosity by helping the hungry: please bring a can of food for donation to Marion-Polk Food Share.

Mission Mill Museum is a non-profit, five acre, historical museum that preserves and interprets two homes from the 1841 Methodist Mission Station in Salem, the 1847 home of the Oregon Trail traveling John D. Boone Family, the oldest Presbyterian Church in the Pacific Northwest, and the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill established in 1889. 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 please call 503-585-7012 or visit the Mission Mill website at <http://www.missionmill.org>.

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