



**Mission Mill Museum Announces Special Opportunity
Share Stories of Our Past: Volunteer**

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WHAT: Volunteer Open House
WHEN: Saturday, February 21, 2009 between 11:00 am to 1:00 pm
WHERE: Mission Mill Museum, 1313 Mill Street SE, Salem, OR, 97301
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Hidden behind the vibrant red tulips--amongst the grease, the lanolin and sweat from many men and women's brows—are stories of early Salem, stories that Mission Mill Museum needs to share with our community's youth and visitors from around the world.

Salem has always been a tightly-knit, hard working community, from the early backbreaking labors of the missionaries to the employees of the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill. These stories resonate throughout Salem and teach us much about our community's heritage.

Now, Mission Mill Museum is seeking help from volunteers to share these stories.

Museum docents are needed to give tours of the Early Settlement Homes and the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill. Volunteers are needed to help in the museum store and greet visitors. By volunteering at Mission Mill Museum, you can learn new skills, meet fascinating people, inspire young minds and continue your education through our volunteer field trips around the Northwest.

"Working at the Mission Mill Museum as a volunteer guide has been a valuable and exciting experience. Not only do I have the opportunity to meet interesting folks from both Oregon and other states and countries, I'm also in a position to teach others about our unique Oregon history," says Museum Docent, Claire Fuller, when asked about her experience.

Curious, but not sure if volunteering is right for you? Stop by our Volunteer Open House on Saturday, February 21st, between 11:00 am and 1:00 pm to learn more about the volunteer program and chat with our current volunteers. For more information contact Jennifer Senner, Volunteer Coordinator, Mission Mill Museum at 503-585-7012 or jennifers@missionmill.org.

Mission Mill Museum has been designated an official Oregon 150 Partner by the State of Oregon and an American Treasure by the National Park Service. 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. Boon 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.

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