

2010 Victorian Handcraft Demonstrations at the McLoughlin House, Oregon City, OR

This ongoing demonstration series features a variety of Victorian needlework and handwork techniques. Experience for yourself this important aspect of the lives of women in the 1800s! All programs are free of charge.

Netting Saturday, February 13, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
This delicate form of knot work was used for making everything from gloves to purses to market bags.

Botanical Art Saturday, March 13, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Botany was a science considered most suitable for girls and ladies. Come and learn how to draw and paint botanical specimens.

Needlebooks Saturday, April 10, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
You can't sew without needles, so you needed a special place to store them. Learn how to fashion your own needlebooks!

Tatting Saturday, May 8, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Have you always wondered how dainty tatted lace is made? Come and try your hand at a delightful craft that was very popular in the Victorian era.

Antique Dolls (display/lecture) Saturday, June 12, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Join us for a fascinating display and lecture about dolls of the 1800s.

Dorset Buttons Saturday, July 10, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Come and learn how to make lovely buttons out of thread!

Fish Scale Embroidery Saturday, August 14, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Yes, really! Fish scales were used as sequins in embroidery! Learn how to incorporate fish scales into embroidery designs.

Pincushions Saturday, September 11, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Pincushions may be plain or fancy, but they're always needed! Make a Victorian novelty of your own.

Moss Work Saturday, October 9, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Nature crafts were both artistic and educational. Learn how to create a lovely picture using Nature's bounty!

Victorian Mourning Traditions (display/lecture) Saturday, November 13, 12:00-4:00 p.m.
Join us for an intriguing look at the mourning customs of the 1800s.

The McLoughlin House is a unit of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site.
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