



### This is far from your run-of-the-mill museum.

An affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, the American Textile History Museum in Lowell, MA has dedicated more than 50 years to preserving the past and shaping the future, telling America's story through the art, history, and science of textiles. In addition to our core exhibit showcasing the the Industrial Revolution to today through the lens of textiles, we offer rotating special exhibits on topics ranging from the Civil War to Hollywood costumes to space exploration. And you'll enjoy our family-friendly interactive centers for hands-on fiber arts for all ages.

Experience it all at the American Textile History Museum.

### Collections

ATHM houses one of the world's largest and most significant collections of its kind in the world, including flat textiles, spinning wheels, millions of textile samples, hundreds of looms used in textile manufacturing, and a growing clothing collection.

The Museum is an unparalleled resource for the study of textile history in the United States. The **Osborne Library**, available by appointment, contains more than 90,000 books, manuscripts, postcards, trade literature, images, and periodicals. The **Chace Catalogue** provides online access to our artifact collections at [www.athm.org](http://www.athm.org).

### Programs, Classes and Education

ATHM offers family events, lectures, classes, and workshops throughout the year. Our education and scout programs encourage personal growth and discovery through America's diverse textile heritage. Our new expanded series of textile arts classes and programs, from crocheting and knitting to spinning and weaving, offer a fun learning experience for students of all levels and ages.

See all of our current and upcoming programs at [www.athm.org](http://www.athm.org).

### Museum Hours

Open 10:00 am – 5:00 pm, Wednesday through Sunday  
(Closed Mondays, Tuesdays and major holidays)

### Admission

- \$8 for adults 17 and older.
- \$6 for seniors (65 and older)
- \$6 children 6 – 16 & college students with ID.
- Free for members and children under 6.

### Museum Shop

Visitors can find the perfect gift to remember their visit at the Museum Shop. From items by local artists to toys and crafts for kids, we have plenty of gifts that you won't find anywhere else, including our line of heirLOOMS™ products, created by skilled weavers on vintage looms at the Museum. Proceeds from the Museum shop help support ATHM's special exhibitions, education programs, and collections.

### Membership and Support

ATHM is a private, non-profit museum that relies on the generous support of our friends. When you become a member of the American Textile History Museum in Lowell, you become a part of preserving the past and shaping the future – as well as getting free admission to a world-class affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and invitations to special behind-the-scenes tours and VIP events. Visit [www.athm.org/join-support](http://www.athm.org/join-support) today.

*The Museum is wheelchair accessible.*



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# Museum Guide



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## FITTING IN

Clothing (women, men, children)  
Undergarments  
Accessories

## WOOLEN MILL

Watts Water Technologies Water Works  
Fulling Room and Carding Room

## ART AND DESIGN

Harwood Steiger Screen Printing Studio

## TECHNIQUES AND INNOVATION

Chace/Zopfi Textile Techniques Gallery  
Deborah S. Pulliam Knitting Center  
Innovation Station

## LOWELL SUN CHARITIES GALLERY

Rotating special exhibitions

## MODERN TEXTILES

Theodore Edson Parker Gallery  
Synthetics  
Performance  
Transportation  
Advanced Materials  
Baseball Research Center

## SECOND FLOOR

WOOLEN MILL

FITTING IN

ART & DESIGN

INDUSTRIALIZATION (RAMP)  
American Textile Hall of Fame

Weave Shed: Textile  
Techniques Gallery

TECHNIQUES & INNOVATION

Sun  
Charities  
Gallery

MODERN  
TEXTILES

NATURAL  
FIBERS

RAMP TO SECOND FLOOR  
INDUSTRIALIZATION

## RAMP LEVEL

## INDUSTRIALIZATION

The Mills: Labor, Machinery & Architecture

## NATURAL FIBERS

Hugh W. Crawford, Jr. Flax Barn  
Flax, linen & wool  
General store circa 1820  
Silk & Cotton

TRADE &  
COLONIES

Roller Printer

## FIRST FLOOR

Stevens Gallery

Textile  
Learning Center

Webster  
Education  
Center

Raymond E.  
Caffray Reception  
Center

Family  
Activity  
Area

## STEVENS GALLERY

Rotating special exhibitions

## EDUCATION CENTER

Weston B. Howland Textile Learning Center  
Dean K. Webster Education Center  
Family Activity Area

## TRADE AND COLONIES

Native American  
Import Warehouse  
Colonial Home Production  
Professional Weavers  
Timothy P. Horne Family Theater



Emergency Exit



Elevator



Stairs



Restroom



Cafe



Information



Gift Shop

ENTRANCE