



West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail Winter Newsletter

Annual Conference Registration

The Conference Staff is gearing up for the annual conference in Dalton at the Crown Gardens and Archives on March 19th and 20th. Please check out our [conference page](#) for detailed information and the [early registration brochure](#) as well. Call the Center at (678) 839-6141 or email the Trail at wght@westga.edu for all of your conference-related questions, and we'll see you in the spring!

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Annual Conference**

Thursday and Friday • March 19 and 20, 2015
Crown Gardens and Archives • Dalton, Georgia



Conference Schedule

Thursday, March 19	
11:00-3:00	Theater Workshop
1:00-2:30	Preservation Tools Workshop
3:15-4:00	Fundraising Workshop
4:00-5:00	Hamilton House Tour
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:15-9:00	Mill Town Music

Friday, March 20	
8:00-8:30	Refreshments
8:30-8:40	Welcome
8:40-9:30	Keynote
10:00-11:00	Connecting with the Arts
11:15-12:00	Marketing Workshop
12:00-1:00	Networking Lunch
1:00-1:30	Trail Updates
1:45-4:00	Dalton Textile Tour

Wearing Stories Through the Arts
Join us March 19-20, 2015, in historic Dalton, the "carpet capital of the world," for our third annual conference of the West Georgia Textile Heritage Trail. This year, our theme focuses on using the arts to tell our textile stories.

Conference attendees will explore Dalton's history with programs at the Crown Gardens and Archives, our conference host; the Dalton Little Theatre; the historic Dalton Depot and Trackage Towers; and tours of the Hamilton House, Shaw Industries, and Prater's Mill.



For more information about the conference, please contact the West Georgia Textile Trail staff at the Center for Public History.
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Jacking beam workers in the twisting department of the Goodyear plant, Cedartown, Georgia, 1951. Courtesy of the Polk County Historical Society.

Arcadia Book Update

This semester, research interns Mollie and Heather and photography intern Kemberli are joining our team of graduate students and faculty on the project. The team has determined the book's key themes, selecting images that represent each community along the Trail, and preparing to write image captions.

New Members of the Trail

Join us in welcoming our newest members, the [Polk County Historical Society](#) and [Barlow History Museum](#)! Both the historical society and museum are contributing to the Arcadia book, and a photograph from Bartow (right) is featured on our conference brochure and poster and the museum's [Facebook page](#).



Roadside chenille stand, Adairsville, Georgia, date unknown. Courtesy of the Bartow History Museum.