

# Lowell Women's Week 2009

"Women Leading Change in our Hearts, Homes and World."



Lowell Women's Week 2009 celebrates women – from the women who have come before us to the women of today who guide our city and our communities forward, to the young women who represent a future

Our 14<sup>th</sup> annual celebration takes place during March, proclaimed by a joint resolution of Congress in 1987 as Women's History Month. At the center of the celebration is International Women's Day, celebrated worldwide on March 8<sup>th</sup>. We urge you to join us for the week's many and varied events, taking place at locations throughout Lowell. Through these programs, events and exhibits, we will celebrate women – past, present and future!

## Lowell Women's Week 2009 Planning Committee includes representatives from the following organizations:

Alternative House  
American Association of University Women  
American Textile History Museum  
Community Teamwork, Inc.  
Cultural Organization of Lowell  
Girls' Incorporated of Greater Lowell  
Lowell Alliance for Families and Neighborhoods  
Lowell General Hospital  
Lowell National Historical Park  
Middlesex Community College  
    Center for Community Engagement  
    Multicultural/International Student Office  
    Out of School Youth Development Program  
    Work Readiness Program  
New England Quilt Museum  
Saints Medical Center  
University of Massachusetts Lowell  
    Center for Women and Work  
    Gender Studies  
    Protestant Campus Ministry  
    Psychology Department  
Visiting Nurses Association of Greater Lowell  
Western Avenue Studios  
YWCA of Lowell

*All Lowell Women's Week events are open to all and free, unless otherwise noted.*

**Sunday, March 1st  
through  
Sunday, March 8th**

Public Art: *Tomorrow's Leaders*

### Ongoing

Look for artwork at various Downtown Lowell locations.

**Info:** Please contact Rhonda Galpern at (978) 452-4207 ext.17, or [outreach@nequiltmuseum.org](mailto:outreach@nequiltmuseum.org)

### Sunday, March 1st

#### **Greater Lowell Interfaith Forum on Homelessness**

**2:00pm – 4:00pm**

Please join Lieutenant Governor, Tim Murray, and WBZ's Liz Walker for an informative and empowering event for people of all faiths looking to find ways to end homelessness.

*Christ Church United*

*180 E. Merrimack St., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Brent Rourke 978-459-0551 ext. 219

#### **Elizabeth A. DeWolfe "The Murder of Mary Bean"**

**2:00pm—3:30pm**

Historian Elizabeth DeWolfe tells the story of textile operative Mary Bean whose 1849 death captivated New England in newspapers and sensational fiction. Bean's murder revealed how wage-earning mill girls were not only in danger, but themselves were a threat to society.

*Lowell National Historical Park, Visitor Center  
246 Market Street, Lowell MA*

**Info:** [www.nps.gov/lowe](http://www.nps.gov/lowe)

### Monday, March 2nd

#### **Lowell Women's Week Breakfast Celebration**

**7:30am – 9:00am**

Celebrate the beginning of Lowell Women's Week with a sumptuous breakfast and inspiring network of women. In case of inclement weather, listen to WCAP 980AM

*Holy Ghost Park, 65 Village St., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Maria Cunha, 978-656-3104 or

[cunham@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:cunham@middlesex.mass.edu)

Tickets are \$20 (\$15 for students)

### Tuesday, March 3rd

#### **Women, Pop Music and Pornography**

**10:30am—11:45am**

Through various narratives surrounding women in popular music this multimedia presentation explains why images of women are hyper-sexualized. The slide show will present the facts about the companies that financially benefit from this type of entertainment.

**Presenter:** Meredith LeVande

*MCC, Federal Building, Assembly Room  
50 Kearney Square, Lowell MA*

**Info:** Rebecca Newell, 781-280-3763

Tuesday, March 3rd (continued)

**A Special Film Screening of "Girls Rock!"**

**6:30pm – 8:30pm**

"Girls Rock!" traces the powerful journey of four 8-18-year-old-girls who seek to change their lives at the renowned *Rock-n-Roll Camp for Girls*. Come partake in their inspiring transformation!

**Presenter:** The Lowell Film Collaborative  
*Lowell National Park Visitor Center Theater*  
246 Market Street, Lowell MA

**Info:** Suzzanne Cromwell, 617-306-7556 or visit  
[www.lowellfilmcollaborative.org](http://www.lowellfilmcollaborative.org)

Wednesday, March 4th

**I Still Smell the Fire in My Grandma's Hair**

**10:30am - 11:45am**

Middlesex Community College (MCC) presents theatrical vignettes highlighting women's issues that raise questions and create awareness. Powerful stories of sexuality, health, discrimination, relationships and the fight for equal opportunity will be shared.

*MCC, Cafeteria- 33 Kearney Sq., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Jean Trounstine, 978-656-3121 or Karen Oster,  
781-280-3939

**Behind the Scenes Tour of the New American Textile History Museum!**

**12:00pm - 1:00pm**

Bring your brown bag lunch and visit the NEW American Textile History Museum's (ATHM) education area, our newly built costume storage area, and our scholars' library. During lunch, hear about our NEW core exhibit and then take our special behind-the-scenes tour.

**Presenters:** Sue Bunker, Jim Coleman, Claire Sheridan  
*American Textile History Museum*

491 Dutton St., Lowell MA

**Info:** Sue Bunker, 978-441-0400 ext. 250 or [sbunker@athm.org](mailto:sbunker@athm.org)

**MAPS First Annual Open Door**

**4:00pm – 6:00pm**

MAPS will hold its first Annual Open Door network of Professional Portuguese speakers. All Lowell area Portuguese speakers working in Health and Human Services are invited. The "Clothesline Project" and the "AIDS Quilt" will be displayed and traditional food and drinks served.  
*MAPS- 11 Mill St., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Osvalda Rodrigues, 978-970-1250 or [www.maps-inc.org](http://www.maps-inc.org)

Thursday, March 5th

**Our Hearts and Homes**

**10:30am—12:00pm**

Learn how to sew simple heart and house quilt block patterns. New England Quilt Museum (NEQM) staff and volunteers will share basic hand and machine techniques. Sewing experience NOT required!

*NEQM– 18 Shattuck St., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Rhonda Galpern, 978-452-4207 ext. 17 or  
[outreach@nequiltmuseum.org](mailto:outreach@nequiltmuseum.org)

**Braided Streams: Women of Faith Speak**

**11:30am - 12:45pm**

Women student panelists from diverse faith traditions reflect on their experiences of the intersection between religion and gender.

**Presenter:** Imogene Stulken & panelists  
*UMASS Lowell, Olsen Hall, Rm. 408*  
One University Ave., Lowell MA

**Info:** Imogene, 978-934-5014 or [Imogene\\_Stulken@uml.edu](mailto:Imogene_Stulken@uml.edu)

**MCC's 4th Annual Women in STEM Luncheon**

**12:00pm - 1:30pm**

Women who are studying in STEM majors at the undergraduate level at area colleges will share their stories. Reservations are required. Co-sponsored by the MCC's STEM Club, Cultural Connections, and the Center For Community Engagement  
*MCC, Multicultural Center*

33 Kearney Sq., Lowell MA

**Info:** Prof. Margie Bleichman, 781-280-3825 or  
[bleichmanm@middlesex.mass.edu](mailto:bleichmanm@middlesex.mass.edu)

**CTI SuitAbility Image Consulting Workshop**

**12:00pm – 2:00pm**

Community Teamwork, Inc.'s SuitAbility Image Consultants will demonstrate recession proofing ideas for your wardrobe. Raffle prizes include a free consult and "dressing" by an expert. Healthy refreshments served by CTI's WIC Nutrition Program.

*536 Pawtucket St., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Sharon Shelton, 978-459-0551 or  
[sshelton@comteam.org](mailto:sshelton@comteam.org)

**The Traditions of Hearts and Homes in Quilts**

**12:30pm—1:30pm**

Women began designing their quilts in the 19th century with patterns of hearts and houses in both patchwork and appliqué. See how traditional two colored bed quilts evolved into contemporary wallquilts.

*New England Quilt Museum– 18 Shattuck St., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Rhonda Galpern, 978-452-4207 ext. 17

**Safe at Home**

**1:30pm - 3:00pm**

Make your home a safer and more relaxing place for you and those you love by learning simple strategies for preventing falls, accommodating the elderly, and preparing for emergencies. Bring your family, friends and questions! Refreshments. *Spanish, Khmer and Portuguese interpreters will be available.*

**Presenter:** VNA of Greater Lowell

*Lowell General Hospital, Clark Auditorium*

295 Varnum Ave. Lowell MA

**Info:** Irene Egan, 978-805-2641 or [community@vnalowell.org](mailto:community@vnalowell.org)

**Our Hearts and Homes in contemporary Quilts**

**1:30-2:30pm**

Join New England Quilt Museum (NEQM) staff and volunteers for afternoon tea and learn how every quilt has a story. Participants are invite to share one of their own quilts and discuss who inspired them to begin, continue or complete the project.

*New England Quilt Museum– 18 Shattuck St., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Rhonda Galpern, 978-452-4207 ext. 17

**Book Party Celebration**

**4:30pm - 6:00pm**

Celebration of the new volume of papers from UMass Lowell's Center for Women and Work: *Working WISE: Intergenerational Voices Advancing Research and Policy for Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*, a National Science Foundation sponsored project.

*UMASS Lowell Provost Office*

*Trustees' Room, Cumnock Hall,*

*1 University Avenue, Lowell MA*

**Info:** Jody Lally, 978-934-2727 or [Jody\\_Lally@uml.edu](mailto:Jody_Lally@uml.edu)

Visit [www.lowellwomensweek.org](http://www.lowellwomensweek.org) for a complete and up-to-date listing of events.

Thursday, March 5th (continued)

### **Hispanic Women Moving Forward**

**8:30am - 10:30am**

Join us in celebrating Hispanic women who inspire and challenge us. The featured speaker is Giovanna Negretti, Executive Director of Oiste whose mission is to promote and advance the political, social, and economic standing of Latinos and Latinas in the state.

*MCC, Federal Building*

*50 Kearney Square, Lowell MA*

**Info:** Darmery Montoya, 978-937-8921, Maria Vejar, 978- 937-8908 or Maria Lopez, 978-459-8490

### **YogaFit**

**6:00pm - 7:00pm**

Come practice yoga poses, work on your breathing, and release some tension! Be prepared to move with comfortable clothing and an open mind and heart. There is no competition or judgment, modifications for all levels!

**Presenter:** Carolyn Gregoire and Girls Inc.

*Girls Inc.—220 Worthen St., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Jennifer Demers, 978-458-6529 x103 or

[jdemers@girlsinclowell.org](mailto:jdemers@girlsinclowell.org)

### **Celebrate Women at Saints: An Evening of Wine, Cheese, and Chocolate Tastings**

**6:00pm – 9:00pm**

Saints Medical Center invites you to a festive evening dedicated to women. Participate in a variety of both stimulating and relaxing events or attend one of our engaging short lectures while enjoying complimentary wine, cheese, and chocolate. Admission is free but pre-registration is required.

**Presenter:** Saints Medical Center- Women's Services

*Saints Medical Center*

*One Hospital Dr., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Lynne or Michele, 978-446-2725,

[www.saintsmedicalcenter.com](http://www.saintsmedicalcenter.com)

Friday, March 6th

### **Making Fused Glass Pendants**

**6:30pm - 8:00pm**

Celebrate International Women's Week by spending an hour or so with other women creating a fused glass pendant. Projects will be fired in a kiln Friday night and ready to pick-up on Saturday or Sunday. Materials donation appreciated.

**Presenter:** Barbara Guilmet

*Western Avenue Studios, Studio 413*

*122 Western Ave., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Barbara Guilmet, [barb.guilmet@gmail.com](mailto:barb.guilmet@gmail.com)

### **Working Stories: An Audio Documentary**

**7:00pm - 9:00pm**

Revolving Museum Reception featuring interviews with individuals in the sex trade. Admission 18 years or over (tickets \$7, \$2 for museum members). For more info please visit

[www.revolvingmuseum.org](http://www.revolvingmuseum.org)

*Revolving Museum, 22 Shattuck Street, Lowell MA*

**Info:** Elaina Bates, 978-937-2787 or

[ebates@revolvingmuseum.org](mailto:ebates@revolvingmuseum.org)

Visit [www.lowellwomensweek.org](http://www.lowellwomensweek.org) for a complete and up-to-date listing of events.

Saturday, March 7th

### **Evelyn Longman Batchelder: Forgotten Master Sculptor of the Twentieth Century**

**10:30am—12:00pm**

Sculptor Evelyn Longman studied under Daniel Chester French and contributed to the Lincoln Memorial. During this lecture and walking tour you will see her two works in the Lowell Cemetery: the Louisa Wells Memorial and the Storey Memorial.

*Lowell Cemetery- 77 Knapp Ave., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Joann Marcos, 978-275-1779 or [joann\\_marcos@nps.gov](mailto:joann_marcos@nps.gov)

### **Painless Portraits with Powerful Women**

**12:00pm - 5:00pm**

Who's the powerful woman in your life? Could it be you? Come in for a fast, free, painless portrait at Megpix Photography. Free sitting— print available for purchase.

**Presenter:** Meghan Moore

*Western Avenue Studios, Studio 513*

*122 Western Ave., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Meghan, [Meghan@megpix.com](mailto:Meghan@megpix.com)

### **Women of the World: Their Faces and Places**

**12:00pm—5:00pm**

Fine art photographer, Wilda Gerideau-Squires, will exhibit her body of work entitled "Women of the World: Their Faces and Places". The works in this exhibition were accumulated during Gerideau-Squires' worldwide travels over the course of approximately eight years. This event will also be available on Sunday, March 8th.

*Western Avenue Studios, Studio 417*

*122 Western Ave. Lowell MA*

**Info:** [wgsgallery@comcast.net](mailto:wgsgallery@comcast.net)

### **Papermaking Demo**

**1:00pm – 3:00pm**

Come see the wonderful world of papermaking first hand. Paper is one of those art materials that can really stretch your imagination. Paper can be collaged, sculpted, cast, stamped, glazed and embellished to create wonderful art.

**Presenter:** Barbara Fletcher

*Western Avenue Studios, Studio 303*

*122 Western Ave., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Barbara, [paper3d@hotmail.com](mailto:paper3d@hotmail.com)

### **Flowers and Women**

**1:00pm – 3:30pm**

Journey through the fascinating life stories of Victorian women artists who made tremendous contributions to the art and science of botany. Tea and floral arranging instructions will follow. Each participant will take home their self-created floral arrangement. All materials provided.

*Lowell General Hospital*

*20 Research Pl., North Chelmsford MA*

**Info:** Julie Handy, 978-788-7078 or [jhandy@lowellgeneral.org](mailto:jhandy@lowellgeneral.org)

### **The Forgotten Women of Lowell:**

#### **"The Boardinghouse Keepers"**

**1:30pm—2:30pm**

Learn about the daily lives of the Boardinghouse Keeper. Gain insight into these women, the nature of their work and the challenges they face every day. Visit a working weave room and learn about the relationship between the workplace and the keeper.

**Presenter:** Tess Shatzer

*Patrick J. Mogan Cultural Center- 40 French St., Lowell MA*

**Info:** JoAnn Marcos, 979-275-1779 or [Joann\\_marcos@nps.gov](mailto:Joann_marcos@nps.gov)

Saturday, March 7th (continued)

**Spirit Dolls**

**1:00pm—3:00pm**

Deb Dixon will demonstrate how to make a Spirit Doll – a wonderful memento and gift for a sister, friend, mother or daughter.

*Western Avenue Studios, Studio 402,  
122 Western Ave., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Deb Dixon, [ddixonstudio@covad.net](mailto:ddixonstudio@covad.net)

**Lowell Mill Girl Music Concert**

**2:30pm—3:30pm**

Learn about the daily lives of the mill girls through music. Join Lowell Park Ranger, Alex Demas, and hear some wonderful mill girl songs performed with his banjo, guitar, fiddle, and mountain dulcimer. Gain insight into these women, the nature of their work and the challenges they face every day.

**Presenter:** Alex Demas

*Lowell National Historical Park, Boot Cotton Mills Museum Event Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 115 John Street, Lowell MA*

**Info:** JoAnn Marcos, 979-275-1779 or [Joann\\_marcos@nps.gov](mailto:Joann_marcos@nps.gov)

Sunday, March 8th

**Posh Purses**

**12:00pm – 3:00pm**

Celebrate International Women's Week by making a posh purse, for yourself or for another woman you love and admire. Work with expert seamstress and fabric artist to come up with a unique accessory. Machine sewing skills necessary. Material donation of \$5-10 suggested.

**Presenter:** Cathy Granese

*Western Avenue Studios, Studio 512  
122 Western Ave., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Cathy, [cag721@earthlink.net](mailto:cag721@earthlink.net)

**Celebrating Ourselves As We Age**

**3:00pm-5:00pm**

Croning is a revival of an ancient ritual honoring women's passage into older age. Women of all ages are invited to participate by sharing stories. The ritual offers support, insight, power, courage. Wear comfortable clothing. Bring snacks or sweets to share.

**Presenters:** Anne Mulvey & Margot Stage

*Western Avenue Studios, Studio #513  
122 Western Ave., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Anne, 978-934-3965 or [anne\\_mulvey@uml.edu](mailto:anne_mulvey@uml.edu) or Margot, 978-621-9345 or [mestage@comcast.net](mailto:mestage@comcast.net)

## POST WOMEN'S WEEK EVENTS

Thursday, April 2nd

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual CWW Gathering at the Well Forum:**

**“Working Against Gender Based Violence:  
Coordinating Community Change”**

**8:30am – 12:30pm**

This forum features keynote speaker, Rebecca Campbell (Michigan State University), a performance by InterACT (Cal State University, Long Beach), a panel discussion, and interactive components. Lunch provided. Presented by UMASS Lowell's Center for Women and Work.

*Lydon Library, Alumni Hall  
One University Ave., Lowell MA*

**Info:** 978-934-4380, [www.uml.edu/centers/women-work](http://www.uml.edu/centers/women-work)

Tuesday, April 28th

**Take Back the Night**

**6:00pm - 9:00pm**

As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month & National Crime Victims' Rights Week, Greater Lowell's annual *Take Back the Night* will be held on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a night of marching, powerful words and food!

*City Hall (375 Merrimack St., Lowell MA 01852)*

**Info:** Laurie Myers, [lmeyers@communityvoices.net](mailto:lmeyers@communityvoices.net).

Sunday, May 17th

**“Free for ALL” at the American Textile History Museum**

**10:00 am- 5:00pm**

Help us celebrate our re-opening! Enjoy our interactive new exhibition *Textile Revolution: An Exploration through Space and Time*, hands-on activities for families, and our special exhibitions. Free admission.

*American Textile History Museum  
491 Dutton Street, Lowell MA*

**Info:** 978-441-0400, [www.athm.org](http://www.athm.org)

Saturday, October 10th

**Girls With Goals: Me Inc.**

**9:00am—3:00pm**

This conference gives girls in grades 3-8 an exciting opportunity to take part in fun-filled workshops covering health and fitness, goal-setting and empowerment, and career options. Lunch will be provided

*Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell  
220 Worthen St., Lowell MA*

**Info:** Jennifer Demers, 978-458-6529 x103

Lowell Women's Week would like to thank the following partner organizations:

**Enterprise Bank  
Jeanne D'Arc Credit Union**

**Holy Ghost Park  
Lowell General Hospital**

**Saints Medical Center**

Thanks also to the many volunteers and organizations not listed here who have supported Lowell Women's Week in many ways!