

WINTERTHUR NEEDLEWORK CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD IN OCTOBER

Lectures, Workshops, and Tours Examine the Work of Women of Time

WINTERTHUR, DELAWARE—WHAT: Winterthur Needlework Conference: *“The Diligent Needle: Instrument of Profit, Pleasure, and Ornament”*

WHEN: Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25, 2014

WHERE: Winterthur Museum, Garden & Library, 5105 Kennett Pike, Winterthur, DE 19735

BACKGROUND: For centuries, instruction in needlework was an important part of women’s education. Afterwards they might use their skill to generate income, to give pleasure to friends and family through their artistry, or to embellish textiles and clothing in their home.

Please join us for this unique offering of lectures, workshops, and tours. View the conference brochure for more information on lecture times, workshops, and registration.

Call 800.448.3883 for more information or to register. Registration opens June 19, 2014.

Related Exhibition: The Diligent Needle: Instrument of Profit, Pleasure, and Ornament

Saturday, August 23, 2014—Sunday, July 5, 2015

East Gallery

Both plain sewing and fancy embroidery are skills that take considerable time and effort to acquire, and as a result, many women took great pride in their work. Women might use their skill to earn a living through teaching or sewing, to create objects of beauty for themselves and for others, or to embellish clothing and household furnishings.

This exhibition showcases the evolution of needlework and the prominent role it played in women’s lives during the 17th through 19th centuries. It opens with the diligence and skill required to learn and excel at needlework and delves into the various applications of the skill with sections on diligence, profit, pleasure, and ornament, featuring stunning visual examples.

On view in the East Gallery.

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Museum hours

10:00 am- 5:00 pm, Tuesday- Sunday.

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