A CENTER FOR COMMUNITY
The Belknap Mill hosts year-round community and civic events including concerts, craft fairs, networking socials, town hall forums and gala events. Whatever your age or interests, there are always exciting opportunities to gather at the Belknap Mill.

Weddings and Private Event Rentals
The Belknap Mill offers a charming, historic setting with amenities for weddings and special events. The adjacent Riverside Gazebo at Rotary Park can be reserved through the City of Laconia for indoor/outdoor gatherings.

Contact us for reservations and information.
email: programs@belknapmill.org
phone: (603) 524-8813

A CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Join our community of artists-in-training. Our Artist-in-Residence leads instructional classes for people of all ages, including seasonal “en plein air” outdoor painting sessions. Visit our Riverside Gallery and see art created by professional and aspiring artists from New Hampshire’s Lakes Region. Grab a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy free summer concerts in Rotary Park.

VISIT THE BELKNAP MILL
“The Nation’s Most Important Textile Mill”
– Dr. Richard Candee, Professor Emeritus of Preservation Studies, Boston University

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VISIT US
The Belknap Mill is located in New Hampshire’s Lakes Region—an area renowned for its beautiful rivers, lakes and mountains.

The museum and gift shop are open year-round.

Tuesdays and Thursdays
Noon - 6 p.m.
Free admission

Please call ahead for additional hours.

Up-to-date information about events and schedules is available on our website and on Facebook.
JOIN US!
The Belknap Mill attracts 10,000 visitors every year. As a nonprofit organization, we depend on our members and donors to support the preservation of the Mill and our award-winning educational and cultural programs.

Learn about member benefits online. Contact us to join the Belknap Mill Society or to make a donation.

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A CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL HISTORY

Witness the evolution of textile manufacturing in the United States...

Original knitting machinery, turbines and power wheels provide real-life demonstrations of the inner-workings of an industrial-era textile mill. Exhibits and interactive artifacts explain how the Mill operated and tell stories about the men and women whose ingenuity and hard work contributed to the development of the region.

A CENTER FOR EDUCATION

The Industrial Heritage Program invites elementary grade students to experience a day in the life of a mill worker at the advent of World War I.

Since 1997, this program has provided an unforgettable learning experience for nearly 20,000 NH students. Its innovative presentation and attention to historical detail have earned it a national award from the American Association for State and Local History.

THE NATION’S HISTORIC TEXTILE MILL

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