



Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework
Convention 2011

CREATION & CREATIVITY

November 6-8, 2011

Doubletree Hotel, Westboro, MA

Tuesday, November 8, 2011 – Day Trip

Our trip will begin after breakfast with a brief ride to Lowell, Massachusetts. Lowell is a mill town located on the Merrimack River. Many American girls earned their first money working in the Lowell Mills. First, we will visit the American Textile History Museum (www.athm.org), located in an old mill building. The Museum contains both textiles and textile-making items. A member of the staff will act as docent for our group -- we will be the only patrons in the building. There are wonderful archives in the library and much can be learned on this stop.

The second stop will be at the New England Quilt Museum, (www.nequiltmuseum.org) a museum created by local quilt guilds. The exhibit will be "Patience to Raise the Sun: Art Quilts and Their Power to Change Women's Lives". The exhibit includes quilts from women from seven communities in Haiti who support their families by making colorful and poignant art quilts for sale abroad. There are also rooms of quilts from the Museum's permanent collection. We will have our own docent at this stop as well. The Museum also includes a fabulous gift shop that sells handmade items, books and fabric.

We will end our day at the Western Avenue Studios (www.WesternAvenueStudios.com), a mixed arts community housing more than 90 artists. The artists have been informed that we will be there and will be present to show how they work and make their work available for sale. Please check the web site and let us know if there are specific artists you want to visit. There is a yarn outlet store in the building as well as jewelry makers who have items perfect for embellishments. Kosher box lunches can be ordered on the Registration Sheet from our Kosher Caterer, G&T, for \$10, or there is a café in the studio building as well as others in the neighborhood. We will plan to leave Lowell by 3:00 and be back in Westboro in less than an hour.

If you would like to join us for a fun day of exploring the arts and artists of Lowell please indicate it on the Registration sheet. We will book a bus and/or carpool to Lowell as the numbers dictate. Don't miss this trip! For information please contact Marla Richmond, Marla.Richmond@comcast.net, or 978-692-6252.