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*Honoring Achievements*

*Preparing Leaders*

*Inspiring Generations*

THE ATTLEBORO WOMEN AT WORK MUSEUM PRESENTS...

# The Visionary

## Another Successful Year!

Thanks to our creative staff, dedicated volunteers, amazing Board of Directors, and the generosity of our members, the Women at Work Museum (WAW) is celebrating another fantastic year! Fresh off our fifth anniversary, we hit the ground running, planning new and innovative programs to engage the community on the topics of women's history, science, engineering, and math.

Drawing on the inspirational power of a real woman's story, Lynne McKenney Lydick read

Civil War nurse Clara Barton's letters for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Clara Barton Tea. After the performance, audience members had a chance to talk and take pictures with Ms. Lydick in costume as Clara.

Always striving to engage the community, WAW participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> annual Expo for the Senses in downtown Attleboro. This marked

the kick-off for our Summer of Science, an interactive series classes about racecars, bridges, and much more. Kids also had a chance to join our Dice Doodlers Club while playing fun games



WAW Board President Nancy Young (left) and VP Kelly Fox (far right) pose with actress Lynne McKenney Lydick (center).

## The Vision: Past, Present, and Future

WAW strives to take a holistic approach to women's history by incorporating the past, present, and future in our programming. We always try to remember the stories of

women in history, with past exhibits highlighting women in the military, and women astronauts. Moreover, with exhibits like "Women & Work in Rural India," we tell the poignant stories of

women today. And with programs like "Career Exploration Day" and "Envision Engineering" we try to provide young women with the tools and inspiration to shape a bright future.

## Dream to Reality: What We've Accomplished

Since 2003, WAW has had 7 major exhibits and over 100 events that were free and open to the public. Museum events include:

- Financial Advice Webcasts
- Clara Barton Teas
- Kids' Summer of Science
- Career Exploration Day



A touching image in the "Women & Work in Rural India" exhibit.

- Envision 2020
- Women Engineers Forum
- NASA Design Challenge
- Leadership Seminars
- Aeronauts & Astronauts

For more information on these programs, visit our website.

**We want to hear from you!**

If you have questions or suggestions, let us know!

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# Active in the Community: WAW at the Expo for the Senses



At the Women at Work Museum, we always strive to be involved in the Greater Attleboro community. This summer, we took part in the exciting 1<sup>st</sup> annual Expo for the Senses.

At the Expo, our volunteers helped kids make simple but colorful spun-yarn bracelets to take home. The bracelets were a hit and lots of kids (and grown-ups!) came back to make second and even third bracelets for themselves and for friends.



College students Anu Khan (Princeton), Nick DiCola (NYU) and Jess Mazzone (Northeastern) man the WAW table at the Expo, making bracelets and quizzing visitors for our raffle.

We also ran a “Do You Know Your Women’s History?” raffle to win a Chamilia bracelet, generously donated by the Attleboro Jewelry Makers Outlet.

We’d like to thank Attleboro Mayor Kevin Dumas for his vision and Expo Committee members Dianne Thurber, Mim Fawcett, Raymond Norman, Jim Jones, Josh Perry and Nancy Young for making this event possible!

## Moving Forward: Every Woman’s Story

We believe that every woman has an important message to share with the world. All too often, however, these stories go unrecorded and are eventually forgotten.

By *rediscovering* the stories of brilliant women of the past and *recording*

the inspirational lives of successful women today through videotaped and transcribed interviews, we can help young women *realize* a brighter future.

If you have a story to share or would like to recommend someone to interview, please contact us.

*"You gain strength, courage and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing which you think you cannot do."*

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

## Museum Mystery: “Whodunit?” Dinner

Ever wondered what it would be like to step into the shoes of Agatha Christie? Find out on October 17 at WAW’s first Murder Mystery Dinner, an interactive “Whodunit?” that gets din-



ner guests out of their seats and into the fun. During a delicious catered dinner, guests will help our detective solve the evening’s mystery. The best detective wins a great prize, but everyone can take part in our raffles.

## New Initiatives: We’re Going Green!

As the leaves turn orange this fall, WAW is going green. Our Green Initiative is an opportunity to make our programs more environmentally friendly and a chance to engage the community on climate change.

This initiative fits our mission perfectly. The founder of the modern environmental movement was a woman, Rachel Carson, and environmental engineering is an important part of modern engineering, as seen in our popular “Envision Engineering” exhibit.

As part of our effort to be more eco-friendly, we’re trying to reduce paper mailings and focusing on e-mail alerts.

If you’d like to be added to our e-mail list, let us know by phone or e-mail.



On display this fall, the Envision Engineering exhibit.

### SHARE THE VISION

#### Join the Team

The success of our mission depends on the generous support of volunteers and donors that make our vision into reality!

How can you help continue a tradition of quality, engaging programming in the Greater Attleboro Community?

#### Become a Member

Memberships are available at multiple levels, from individuals to organizations. Youth and Senior Citizen memberships are also available.

#### Volunteer

Interested in donating time? We’re always looking for volunteers for events and help with daily Museum operations.

### VISIT US!

*Easily accessible from downtown Attleboro, the museum is open Saturday from 11am to 4pm.*