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Needle Felting Workshops at the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden

Series continues with Caroline's Pony



Bethlehem, CT- Connecticut Landmarks' Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden will host its third needle felting workshop this season on Sunday, July 25th at 2:00 pm. The class is designed to guide the beginner through a simple project to create a needle felted pony. Cost of workshop is \$30 which includes barbed needles, foam, wool roving and instructions. The needle felting series will conclude on Sunday, August 22nd with a workshop that will teach participants to make Caroline's Dog. To register please call the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden at (203) 266-7596, or email bellamy.ferriday@ctlandmarks.org.

The workshop is taught by Artist Dianne Parmalee who will provide an introduction to an exciting and easy method of creating fiber art. Needle Felting is a simple, fun craft that uses only loose wool roving material and a felting needle to create whatever the mind can imagine. Wool roving, a form of wool that is made right before it is spun into yarn, is a completely organic

material from a local sheep farm. Dianne will present her Stillwater Shetland Sheep as part of the workshop and will be using their fleece. The craft requires no glue, thread or other binding materials, making them safe for children to play with, and also adorable "natural" looking creatures.

The Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden, located at 9 Main Street North, Bethlehem is open May 1st through October 11th. Hours are as follows: May-August, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 11am-4pm; September-October, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 11am-4pm. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$6 for students, teachers and seniors; \$4 for children age 6-18; children under 6 and Connecticut Landmarks' members are free. Families, 2 adults and children, are \$15; groups of 10 or more are \$5 each. For group tours, special curriculum-based programming or to rent the facility, please contact the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden at (203) 266-7596, or email, bellamy.ferriday@ctlandmarks.org.

About the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden

The Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden embodies the dramatically different passions of two extraordinary individuals. Bethlehem pastor Rev. Joseph Bellamy, a renowned leader of the Great Awakening, the emotional religious revival of the 1740s, built the house in two stages, beginning in 1754. The 100 acre farmstead with numerous outbuildings remained in the family until 1868. In 1912, New Yorkers Henry and Eliza Ferriday acquired it as a summer residence. Around 1915, Mrs. Ferriday and her daughter, Caroline, designed a formal parterre garden, introducing a wide variety of trees, shrubs, and perennials, sweeping lawns and evergreens to provide more privacy from the road. Today the garden still displays these beautiful features.

About Connecticut Landmarks

Founded in 1936, Connecticut Landmarks, formerly known as the Antiquarian & Landmarks Society, is the largest state-wide heritage museum organization in Connecticut. The historic landmark properties include: the Amasa Day House, Moodus; the Amos Bull House, Hartford; the Bellamy-Ferriday House & Garden, Bethlehem; the Butler-McCook House & Garden and Main Street History Center, Hartford; the Buttolph-Williams House, Wethersfield; the Hempsted Houses, New London; the Isham-Terry House, Hartford; the Nathan Hale Homestead, Coventry; and the Phelps-Hatheway House & Garden, Suffield. Connecticut Landmarks' mission is to inspire interest and encourage learning about the American past by preserving selected historic properties, collections and stories and presenting programs that meaningfully engage the public and our communities. For more information, please visit www.ctlandmarks.org.

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