



# HISTORY DETECTIVES

HISTORY NEWSLETTER for YOUNG PEOPLE

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## SOMETHING TO DO

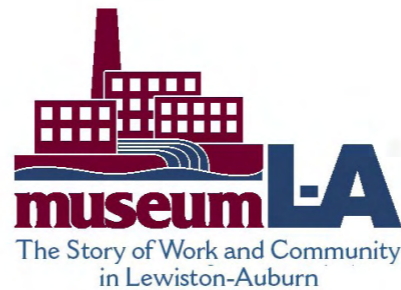


The museum Gallery now has a '**Kids Korner**' where young visitors can relax in cushion-chairs. You'll find hands-on weaving and yarn activities. **Kids Korner** is sponsored by Pediatric Associates of Lewiston. It features a mini-library with books about child mill workers, life in a mill town, or the basic technology needed to operate the earliest mills. There are also colorful board books for the youngest visitors. **Kids Korner** is visible to parents who are enjoying the exhibit, so you can keep an eye on each other. Come visit us! There is no extra fee to visit the **Kids Korner**. Parents need to be sure their young ones are using **Kids Korner** appropriately. Museum L-A is open Tuesday—Saturday, 10am to 4pm. Bring your family, soon!

## PLAN AHEAD!



- Nov. 19 **Whirling Water Wheels**, Science Discovery Workshop, 4:00 to 5:30, Wed.
  - Dec. 6 **Cotton to Dye For!**, Science Discovery Workshop, 2pm to 3:30pm, Saturday
  - Dec. 29 **Game Day at Museum L-A**, 2pm to 4pm, Monday
- Call to sign up & for more information .



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If you have an idea or some news, let me know ! If you want to be on the mailing list to get **History Detectives** on a regular basis, your mom or dad or grandparent needs to let me know. They should call 333-3881, or send an e-mail to me: [adorey@museumla.org](mailto:adorey@museumla.org)  
Remember: "Ask an Expert" is a place for your local history Questions and Answers. Watch for future issues of **History Detectives**.



## Whirling Water Wheels at Work

### Science Discovery Workshop

- An afternoon of hands-on science at **Museum L-A**
- EXPERIMENT building your own water-wheel
- DISCOVER the history of water-wheels in L-A
- EXPLORE the physics of water-power

Nov. 19, Wednesday, 4:00 to 5:30  
Free Admission! Snacks, too  
Call 333-3881 to sign up

Get your **HISTORY DETECTIVES** punch card – earn points on your Journey of Discovery! each time you come to investigate!

**PARENTS:** We hope your child enjoys *History Newsletter for Young People*. This issue is going to youth who have participated in programs so far. If you wish your child to receive future *History Detectives*, **parents** need to call or email and let me know. If you have an idea or some news, let me know that, too! Call 333-3881, or email: [adorey@museumla.org](mailto:adorey@museumla.org)  
 Editor, Annette

**READ:**



**Working Cotton**, by Sherley Anne Williams, is an *award-winning* book that tells the story of a young girl & her family who work hard to pick cotton in the fields. Great illustrations!  
**Mill**, by David Macaulay, is another book with *amazing* illustrations and drawings that show older readers how different types of waterwheels were built and used to power the early

**THINK:**



Use *History Detective* code-breaking skills to solve the cryptogram by filling in the letters for the matching numbers (A=1, B=2, etc), then answer the questions.

- (1) What do we call a cylinder on \_\_\_\_\_  
 which we wind yarn or thread?    2    15    2    2    9    14
- (2) What were mill workers called  
 who replaced full bobbins \_\_\_\_\_  
 with empty bobbins?    4    15    6    6    5    18    19

Sometimes they were also known as . . .

\_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_  
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**ASK AN EXPERT:**

This spot in *History Detectives* is a place to share answers to Questions. I notice that students (of any age) ask really good Questions. So, when I hear one, I will put the **Q** and the **Answer** right here so everyone can learn more. If you need some information for a project you're working on, let me know. I'll get an expert Answer for you. Here's one:

**Q:** Why do the children in old pictures of child laborers look so dirty?

**A:** Everyone—including children—who worked in factories and textile mills years ago worked in very dirty and dangerous conditions. All the machines needed grease and oil regularly to run smoothly—often it was the Oil Boy's job. Then, the cotton lint stuck to the grease on their clothes and bodies.

Annette Vance Dorey, *Maine Detective* and Museum L-A Educator

**MEET: William P. Frye**

— Powerful Politician from Lewiston  
 William Pierce Frye was born in Lewiston, ME in 1830. He studied law at Bowdoin College. He became a lawyer in Rockland, ME then moved back to Lewiston where he helped found Bates College. Frye served in the Maine House of Representatives and the US House of Representative. He was the Mayor of Lewiston from 1866 to 1867 and also the Attorney General of Maine before he was elected to the US Senate where he served for 30 years. His successful political career ended with his death in 1911. The former Frye Elementary School is named after him, and Frye Street too.



**INVESTIGATE:**  
 Find other streets named for important citizens of Lewiston and Auburn!

**FOLLOW THE LOCAL HISTORY TIME LINE**

1845  
 Lincoln Mill, first big textile mill, is built by powerful Lewiston Falls; later it is named Libbey Mill.

1849  
 Railroad tracks come to Lewiston—raw materials & finished goods move faster now.

1868	1871	---	---	---	---	---
? What	will	happen	next ?	?	?	?

