



August is a busy time at the Frances Willard House Museum! Read on for upcoming tour dates, new digital resources, and updates from the Gardens and Archives.

- During the coming weeks, you can...
1) Join us for Summer Travel and Women's Equality Day Tours of the Museum
2) Explore our new digital resources, including Collection Close-Ups about the Drew & Sons Traveling Tea Set and the Bilhorn Portable Organ, as well as a new Story Map about Anna Gordon and the International Reach of the WCTU
3) Learn about the re-creation of the historic gardens surrounding the Museum, which has entered its seventh year
4) Read a glowing review of Dr. Christopher Evans's "standard biography of Frances Willard"
5) Connect with our blog, digital exhibits, YouTube channel, and social media profiles on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram

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Pack your bags for our final travel tours of the Frances Willard House Museum! This summer, tours have been highlighting stories of women's mobility and international organizing. The Willard House, which Frances Willard nicknamed "Rest Cottage," offered temporary rest and relaxation for a woman whose organizing and lecturing career required touring the country and the globe.

Whether you're visiting from afar or live down the street in Evanston, we'd love to see you! Our final travel-themed tours will be held on Thursday, August 10 at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm.



In honor of Women's Equality Day on August 26th, our second round of August tours will shift focus to the connections between the temperance and woman's suffrage movements. Women's Equality Day tours will be held at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm on the following dates:

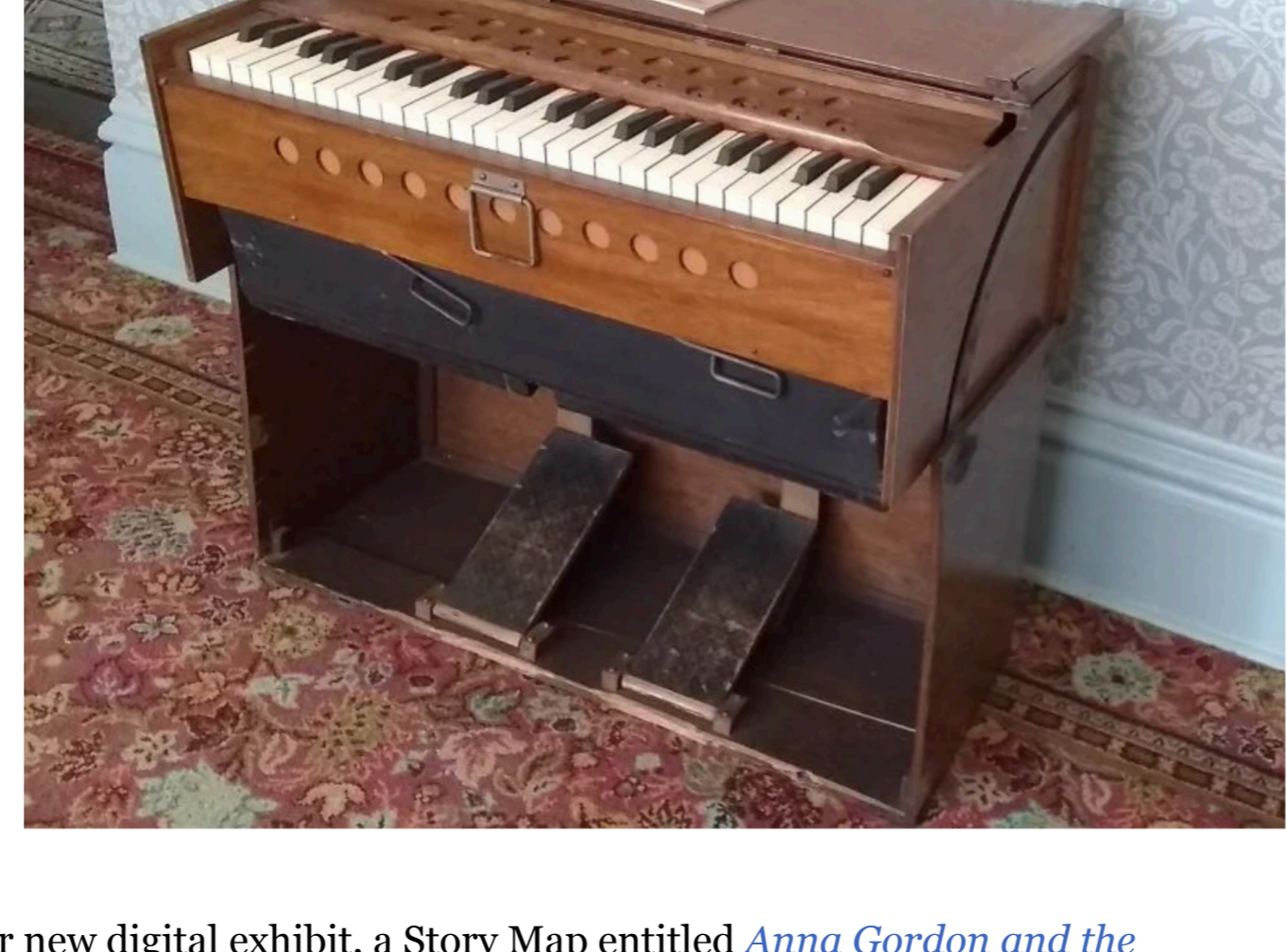
- Sunday, August 20
Thursday, August 24
Sunday, August 27

Tours are available by reservation only. Masks are optional. Visitors should request a tour by emailing info@franceswillardhouse.org or calling (847) 328-7500. Tour fees are \$15 per person. Admission is free for students at all levels.

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New Digital Resources

Our new Collection Close-Up blogposts explore the history and context of two travel-related collection items on display at the Frances Willard House Museum: the Drew & Sons traveling tea set and the Bilhorn Portable Organ. Both artifacts reflect the extent to which WCTU members were on the move, traveling from town to town to organize new Unions and hold annual conventions.



Our new digital exhibit, a Story Map entitled Anna Gordon and the International Reach of the WCTU, uses WCTU President Anna Gordon's 1921 trip through South America to explore the cross-cultural interactions initiated by the National and World's WCTU. By spreading awareness of the danger of alcohol and advocating for the rights of women and children, WCTU leaders hoped to create a more peaceful world.



Anna Gordon at far left with temperance leaders in Peru, 1921

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Garden Update



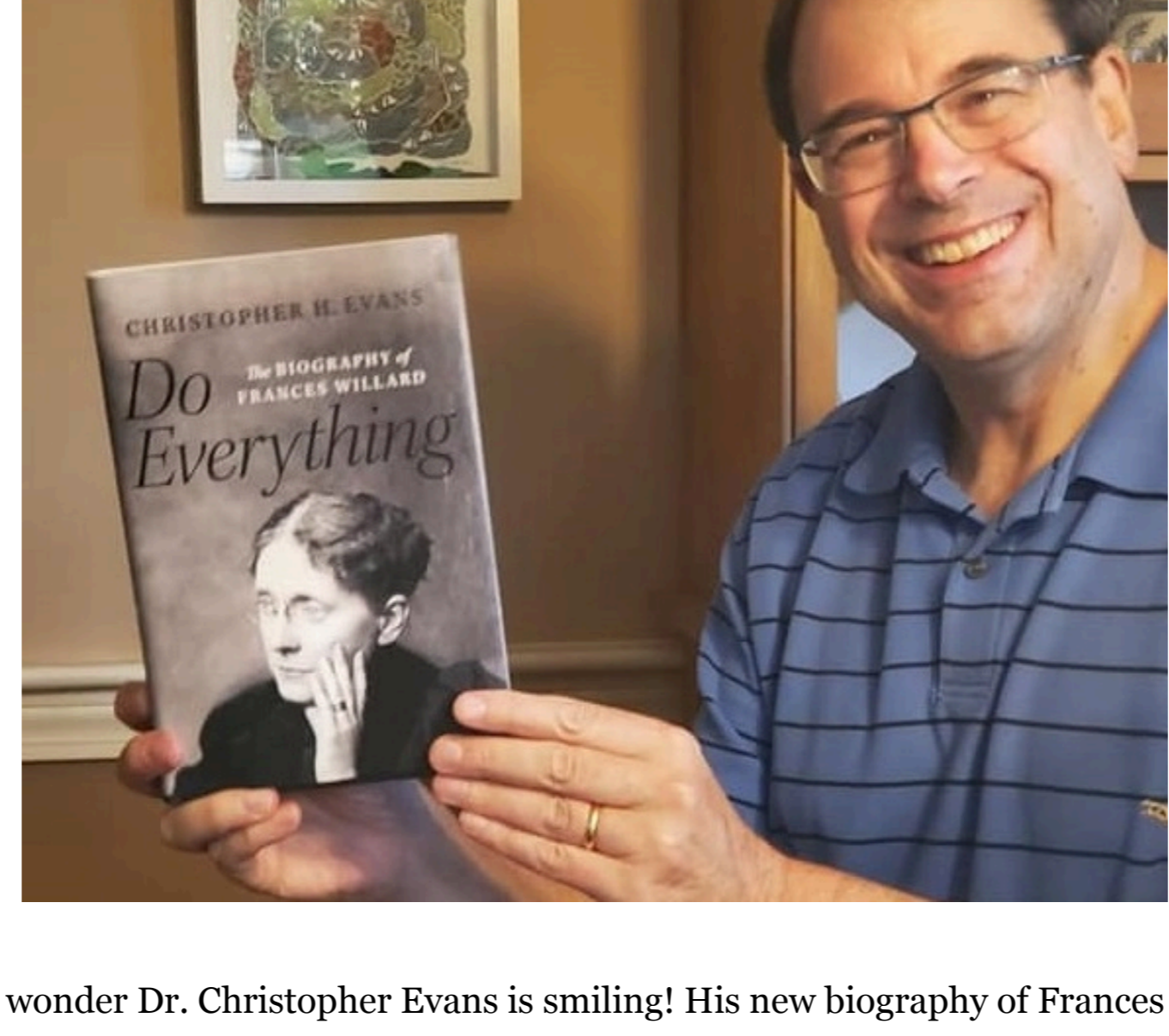
The re-creation of the historic gardens surrounding the Frances Willard House Museum is now into its seventh year. We are currently in a phase of finalizing plant selections, plant replacement, and editing. There is not much space for new plants in the garden, but there is always an opening or two.

We hope you will consider making a donation to fund the purchase of next year's plants and the necessary maintenance items for 2023 and future years. Thank you for your support - and please come visit during the flowering season if you are nearby!



A semi-effective deterrent...

From the Archives: "The Standard Biography of Willard"

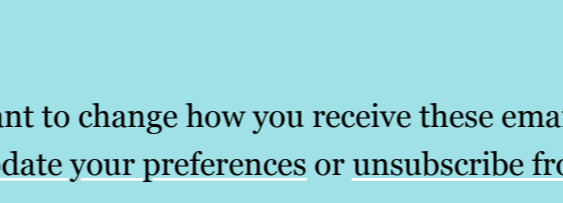


No wonder Dr. Christopher Evans is smiling! His new biography of Frances Willard was recently reviewed in a national publication for librarians, Choice magazine, by Charles H. Lippy, Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies (retired) at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga:

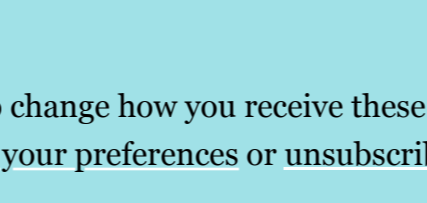
"Evans... draws on hitherto unused primary materials to craft a biography of Frances Willard... Evans's Willard is a far more complicated an influential figure than is customarily thought... Of interest to students and scholars of American religion, women's history, and social reform, this is now the standard biography of Willard. Highly recommended [for]... undergraduates through faculty; general readers."

All those years of research in the WCTU Archives were worth it! Congratulations to Dr. Evans on the first of many publications that you can find Do Everything: The Biography of Frances Willard at your local library, at your local independent bookseller, or on Amazon - and we also have copies for sale at the Frances Willard House Museum.

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