



Do Everything 2021: Virtual Program and Special Tours

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Although the Frances Willard House Museum is best known as the private home of its most famous resident, the house was also a unique site for women's work. This year the Frances Willard House Museum is exploring Willard's *Do Everything* leadership model by looking closely at the way women activists like Willard accomplished their work through connection, collaboration, and organization. The 2021 theme is taken from a quote by Willard:

"Alone we can do little. Separated, we are the units of weakness; but aggregated we become batteries of power. Agitate, educate, organize – these are the deathless watchwords of success."

Two upcoming Museum events – one virtual, one on-site – will dig into the history and significance of women's work at the Willard House – the original site of *Do Everything* leadership.

On Sunday, September 26 at 4pm Central Time, join us for a virtual exploration of the Willard House's office spaces. Rare nineteenth-century photographs from our collections will be placed alongside images of the recently restored rooms. We will discuss what it means to interpret – and currently work in – a historic women's workplace, as well as how Willard's *Do Everything* approach can be applied today. **RSVP for this free online program [here](#).** A Zoom link will be sent shortly before the event to everyone who registers.

Then, on Tuesday September 28 – Francis Willard's birthday – experience the office spaces first hand by taking a special *Do Everything* tour. Tours will be held at 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm and are available by reservation only. For more information and to schedule a tour, visit our [online reservation form](#) or call 847-328-7500.

Our programs will remain free this year, but we are encouraging those who can to support our work by making a donation. Donations of any size make our work possible - thank you!

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New Blog Post: Frances Willard and Women's Oratory

"Look up and off, and on and out; it is the curse of life that nearly everyone looks down." –Francis Willard

Public speaking was a key part of Frances Willard's "Do Everything" model for women's leadership. In a world where women speakers were expected to "look down," Willard inspired them to "look up and off, and on and out." A [new blog post](#) by Fiona Maxwell, Director of Museum Operations and Communications, uncovers how Willard encouraged women to face their audiences and make their voices heard.



Fall Program Preview 🍂

The Frances Willard House Museum is excited to announce the return of two program series: **Views** and **Handicraft Hour**!

Views highlights new research and writing in women's history. This year will feature a series of conversations with scholars whose work considers the intersections between women's faith and activism. **Our first Views event of the season will take place on November 7 at 4 pm. Louise W. Knight will preview her forthcoming book, *American Sisters: Sarah and Angelina Grimké and the First Fight for Human Rights*.** Originally from a slaveholding family in Charleston, South Carolina, during the 1830s the Grimké sisters rejected slavery, converted to Quakerism, and became key figures in the abolition and women's rights movements.

As part of the broader **Arts at the Willard House** initiative, our monthly **Handicraft Hours** explore the connections between women's creativity, community building, and social change. Bring your craft project of choice to these participatory meetings as we share relevant items from our collections and other stories related to women's handicraft. Dates and presentation themes are as follows:

- **Archives Month – October 17 at 4pm:** Handmade quilts from our collections
- **Thanksgiving – November 21 at 4pm:** Women and the culinary arts
- **Winter Holidays – December 12 at 4pm:** Holiday show window displays

Both series will continue to be held virtually on Zoom.



Back to School: Virtual and On-Site Field Trips 🍎

Calling all students, teachers, and parents! School is back in session and so are field trips at the Frances Willard House Museum. We have a range of options for classes and student groups of all levels:

- **On-site group tours** for ages 12 and up
- **Participatory virtual field trips** for all ages
- **Guest speakers** for lectures and talks

The Museum and Archives staff are happy to tailor the nature and content of our programs to suit your group's needs. Past topics have included:

- Frances Willard's life and work, including her childhood, schooldays, and career as a teacher
- Woman's suffrage
- Women and public speaking
- WCTU history and temperance
- [Truth Telling Project: Frances Willard and Ida B. Wells](#)
- [Inner workings of the Museum and Archives](#)

For scheduling and pricing information, email info@franceswillardhouse.org or call 847-328-7500.



Frances Willard's bedroom desk, complete with giant dictionary and slate.



September print from the Willard House Dining Room

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