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## BLOG: MILLYARD MUSEUM & SEE SCIENCE CENTER TOUR

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View photos of our day here: <https://picasaweb.google.com/106223888636619321110/TourManchesterHistoricMuseumSEEScienceCenter>

We had such a fun day at the *Manchester Historical Association Museum* and the *SEE Science Center*! Read what some of the GSAs who attended had to say about their experience:

The Manchester Historical Museum has proven to be an extremely enlightening experience. Being a resident of another New Hampshire city (a little south), I had spent some time learning about its history but somehow neglected to do the same for our Queen city. A tour of the Manchester museum will provide you with Manchester's role from prehistoric through the industrial revolution and today. The trials of the mighty Merrimack River are detailed and how it was used by its native people for fishing and then how we used (and abused) it and its role in helping us to become a world leader in the production of fabrics (especially Gingham). Wonderful exhibits with historic photos keep your attention but do not miss the opportunity to have a tour as it totally adds to the experience. You will walk away knowing you have gained knowledge that changes your image of this great city.



A political room has been added to highlight New Hampshire First in the Nation status. So many photos with the candidates you remember to those that didn't quite make it. John has included many famous Manchester citizens so if you are a local it becomes a wonderful game identifying the players. There is a wall of political pins that provide an interesting read. J.F K has his own feature section too. There is so much to see here you just have to go and check it out for yourself before it's too late.

We had a quick lunch in the back of the See Science Center with a short presentation from Pete. He explained that the center exhibits are designed to demonstrate various theories from physics and math. He also said they have a shared membership with many other science centers including Boston, Christa McAuliffe, Woods Hole, Huntsville, Mount Washington and the list goes on. By buying an annual membership you can visit over 100 museums throughout the US. We then were set loose in the museum to enjoy the exhibits for ourselves. I think many of us reverted to our childhood years. Such fun. But not to be missed is the absolutely outstanding Lego replica of the Millyard district. Mind boggling. They are still adding to it.



An excellent day that has taught me a lot which I enthusiastically share with all who want to learn and have a good time doing it.

Katherine S

I enjoyed the Manchester Historic Museum. John Clayton is very passionate about Manchester and the history of Manchester's primary. He was very informative and I enjoyed seeing all the pictures regarding Manchester. Seeing all the primary buttons was amazing! Also Suzanne gave a great history lesson about Manchester. I never knew Manchester's original name was Derryfield.

I enjoyed the SEE science center. The Lego display was magnificent of Manchester's Millyard. Also all the hands on exhibits are great! Kids would love to spend a day trying all those exhibits and seeing the Lego display.

I am definitely going to recommend both places to people who want to see something great in Manchester. Sometimes people who are at the airport want to do something close by and only have a couple of hours to see something. This would be a great idea to send them to.

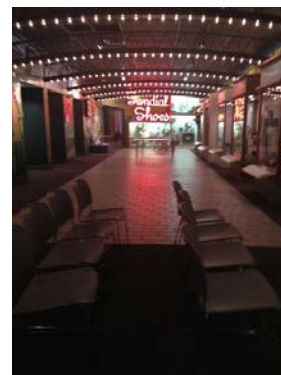
Diane L



I had visited once when it first opened many years ago and loved it then. Wow, has it grown. It's even better now! The downtown storefront stroll is a treat, evoking many memories, and the historical development from Amoskeag to Manchester is a great refresher to local history and culture. And I am particularly happy to have seen the First in the Nation Primary exhibit which really reminded us why NH – and Manchester – goes crazy with politics every four years. Happy 100th!

John is certainly the right person to lead the museum as is evidenced by how successful it has become. You can count on me to sing its praises to all the visitors I meet.

Pat S



I enjoyed hearing about what happens in Manchester at the "Primary Exhibit" when the Granite State Ambassadors toured the Millyard Museum. Seeing photos of Manchester residents at local establishments with potential future Presidents was fascinating. It must have been fun for John to put all this together especially since he perhaps knows everyone in the photos. Loved the entire exhibit especially the George Naum connection as well as seeing Joe McQuaid in the photos and, my friend, Nancy Meerman's front page article. I must be getting old because I knew/know a lot of those Manchester people.

I can remember from my youth the Dewey newspaper headlines that he'd won only to find out his sad news the next day and was thrilled to see his campaign button along with all the others displayed at the exhibit. Great job! Wish I had a video to show my family and others that grew up in Manchester who have moved away and didn't get to see the exhibit.



You brought the past alive by explaining the Amoskeag Manufacturing company's history through photos and items displayed at the museum and how the workforce was made up of mostly French Canadian immigrants and their descendants. It was the largest ethnic group in Manchester for many years.

I enjoyed seeing the photo of the spinning room workers, Abernaki artifacts, early period furniture, the Amoskeag Manufacturing company rifle muskets made during the Civil War, the Boston Fire Department Amoskeag Steam Fire Engine built by Manchester Locomotive workers, just to name a few of what is on display at the museum. I enjoyed everything I saw and heard.



I love Manchester and it's proud history and I thank you for giving the GSA's the opportunity to walk through the museum with you. Excellent job!

Sally C

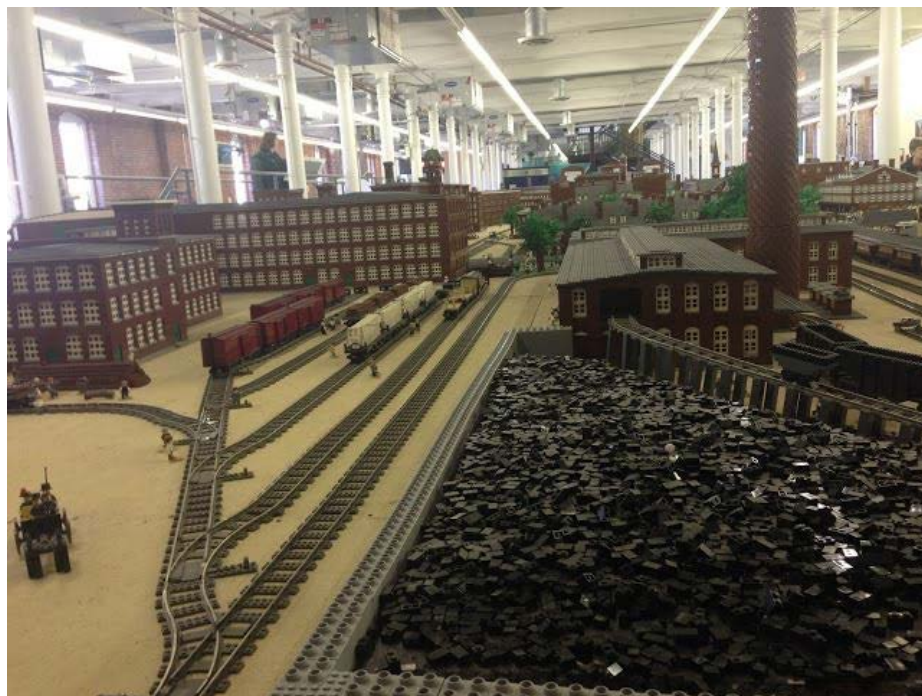
My Mom worked at the newer Verney Mills across the river while in my teens, I have good memory of the systems and how they worked, even had curtains made from the materials brought home from her factory (she worked in the spinning room). Also bought materials myself from the Amoskeag Mills area as well, sure wish we had the PANDORA Store back! John and Suzanne did a fine job with their tour experience and I'm afraid I am old enough to remember many of the Politicians and local popular faces in the multitude of photos, but of course I can no longer bring up the "instant recall".... good thing my eye site memory is good!

I think the SEE Museum gets more interesting each time I see it, and the LEGO building increased as well.

Thank you for our tour, and the good weather for the day!

Norma A





We had a family membership for a few years to take our grandchildren when they visited us. I had a very difficult time getting my husband out of your center. He was really able to try all of the attractions as long as he wanted. Unlike when we were with the grandchildren! Just proves that it's good for all ages! Other than Kelly and Naomi, I believe we were the last GSAs to leave. Fun!

Anita and Dan M

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