



## Join Haverhill in a “Shoe-la-bration” Community, Art & History Come Together!

With a history once dominated by shoe manufacturing, Haverhill, once known as “Queen Slipper City of the World,” launched a community-wide public art festival with the unveiling of fourteen giant sculptures in the form of a high-button shoe this past summer. Each shoe has been placed at various sites around Haverhill to be discovered and enjoyed by all.

**Make it an adventure...**and share your love of art and history by taking your children on a treasure hunt to find all fourteen painted shoes. Plot a map and search out each shoe like a buried treasure. Your children will not only enjoy the adventure, but learn a little local history.

Each shoe has a sponsor and a non-profit organization that it represents. Crafted by local artisans, each shoe reflects an important piece of Haverhill. Some are simply fun, others are symbolic, but all are clever in their artistic representation. From the amusing “Merry Mac, Haverhill’s Rollicking River Monster” created with the help of fifth-graders from Discovery Club afterschool program to “Sole Sisters,” a noteworthy tribute to all the women that worked in the shoe factories, each shoe will give you pause for thought and greater insight into Haverhill’s past and present.

One hidden treasure I discovered during this “Shoe-la-bration” is **The Haverhill Firefighting Museum**. The shoe placed at the *foot* of the museum is titled “Phoenix, 1882.” Created by artist Mimi Johnson, the shoe depicts the skyline of Haverhill amongst the red flames of the historic fire of 1882. The back of the shoe depicts a Phoenix to represent the reconstruction of downtown Haverhill. Open to the public every Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., the museum is free (donations welcome) and will indulge your child’s curiosity in fire engines...bells and whistles included!

Don’t wait to plan your adventure because this Shoe-la-bration will come to an end with a gala auction on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Haverhill Historical Society’s Buttonwood Museum to benefit local non profit organizations and future cultural endeavors.

This unique event is an initiative of Team Haverhill, an independent, non-partisan, citizen action group dedicated to making Haverhill a better place. Their volunteer efforts are inspiring a community and igniting pride in an old city with new character. To learn more about Team Haverhill and the Shoe-la-bration visit [www.teamhaverhill.com](http://www.teamhaverhill.com) or [www.solesofhaverhill.org](http://www.solesofhaverhill.org).

A Weitzman Family Affair"--Three Generations	40 Locke St., Hamel Mill Lofts Atrium
Ya Gotta Haverhill	122 Kenoza Avenue
Pentucket, Place by the Winding River	One Merrimack Street
The Pursuit of Fashion	100 Washington Street, Tap Restaurant
Haverhill's Music History	Downtown Location TBD
Shoetown	2 Water Street, Haverhill Central Plaza Branch
Through the Looking Glass	Washington Square, Across from Post Office
Merry Mac, Haverhill's Rollicking River Monster	Columbus Park, 109 Washington St.
Phoenix, 1882	75 Kenoza St., Haverhill Fire Fighters Museum
Who Lives in the Shoe?	750 Main Street
If the Shoe Fits...	86 Washington Street, Garabaldi Club
A Vibrant Sole	26 White Street
Sole Sisters	395 Lowell Ave, Pentucket Bank Westgate