



Crane Museum and Center for the Paper Arts





STEEP YOURSELF IN THE RICH HISTORY OF PAPERMAKING

At the Crane Museum and Center for the Paper Arts, you can see how paper is and was made, over more than two centuries of history of the oldest paper company in America. Housed in what was the rag room of the company's 1844 Old Stone Mill, the museum is located in the little town of Dalton - nestled snugly in the Berkshire foothills. No visit to the Berkshires would be complete without a tour of this little, but immensely fascinating place. Take a wondrous trip back in time, and learn how skilled artisans craft raw materials into paper of such fine caliber.

Steep yourself in the rich traditions of papermaking, which has been such an important part of our nation's history. Since 1879, Crane & Company has manufactured the paper on which our currency is printed.

“Everybody carries a little of our product, but they know so little about it.”

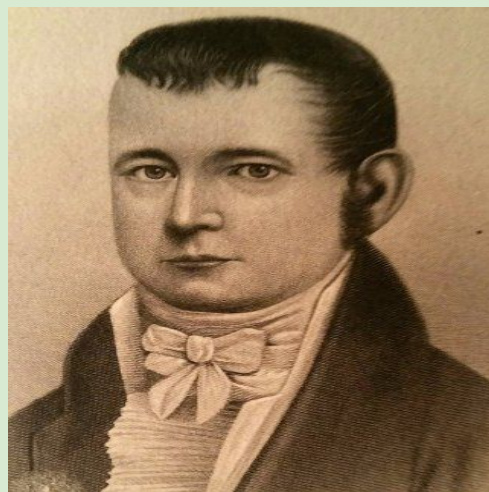
-Peter Hopkins, Museum Director



You'll get an inside look at how paper is made for not only our own nation's currency, but the currency of many other countries as well. You can get wildly creative in our exciting new paper-making facility. In this area, you can make your own paper out of anything that has cellulose in it. Previous guests have made paper out of wedding dresses, army coats, and baby blankets - the only limits are your own imagination. Do something that has lasting sentimental value, and be as inspired as you want. You'll leave the museum with a new appreciation of what

papermaking has meant to our country.

See the tools that Zenas Crane, the founder of the company, used from 1801 to 1831. You can gaze upon the ledger that Paul Revere himself signed -back in 1776, he was the first purchaser of currency paper upon which the dollar bills for our brand new country was printed. You'll gasp at the exquisite craftsmanship of the stunningly beautiful wedding invitations the company has designed kings, queens, and other heads of state. See the intricately detailed miniature model of the vat house from the very first Crane mill.



Crane & Company has a well-deserved

reputation as the "Champagne of Stationery." It is even listed on the National Register of Historic Places. So much to do...so much to see. Stimulate your creativity... use your

imagination, and create some great stuff. There is even a retail store to purchase the company's fine products at amazing discounts.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Crane Museum and Center for the Paper Arts
West Housatonic St., Dalton MA. 01226 (look for signs)

PHONE (413) 684-6380

HOURS 1:00 PM - 4:45 PM, June - October

