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University Hosting Heritage Collection Exhibit

BOILING SPRINGS, N.C. — Gardner-Webb University serves a region steeped in a history of textile production. Pieces of that rich history are on display through Oct. 8 in a heritage exhibit on campus.

Selected collections from the “Common Threads” exhibit are being showcased in the Tucker Student Center Gallery.

Earlier this year, the nearby Kings Mountain Historical Museum displayed “Common Threads,” an original exhibit that celebrated the textile traditions of the surrounding region. The show highlighted textile technology as a commonality that connects every generation of residents throughout the decades.

The GWU showcase of “Common Threads” will coincide with the upcoming Southern Appalachian Culture Series conference at the University. Kings Mountain Historical Museum Director and Curator, Adria L. Focht, will present a lecture about the exhibit during the conference.

This year's Southern Appalachian Culture Series, carrying the theme “Threads That Connect: Cotton Mill Culture,” is set for Oct. 3-4 at Gardner-Webb. Every two years, GWU hosts a conference celebrating Southern Appalachian culture, focusing on a theme or featuring a nationally renowned writer.

For more information on the culture series, visit soappculture.com.

For more information about “Common Threads,” email director@kingsmountainmuseum.org, or call 704-739-1019.

Located in Boiling Springs, N.C., Gardner-Webb University offers a comprehensive academic experience that introduces students to the diverse world of ideas and to the people who think them, preparing them for professional success and for productive citizenship.

This spinning wheel once belonged to Grace Neisler Page, a namesake of Margrace Mill.