The Women and their Sewing Machines: From the picket line to the middle class

A celebration of International Women’s Day.

Saturday, March 28 at 2 pm
at the Blum House in Collinsville

Presented by the Collinsville Library, the Collinsville Historical Museum, the Mother Jones Museum at Mt. Olive, and the Italian Cultural Association of Southern Illinois.

Join us as we present the stories of their courage and honor their place in history.

Generations of immigrant women used their labor and organizing skills to achieve economic independence.

Angela Little, Collinsville Historical Museum historian, will discuss her research and exhibit on the dress factories during the period that Collinsville was a center for the manufacture of women’s hats and dresses.

The Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire March 25, 1911 that killed 146 workers inspired International Women’s Day around the world

Presented by Joann Condellone, the Italian Cultural Association of Southern Illinois

Mary Harris “Mother” Jones, the legendary Labor activist who is buried at the Union Miners Cemetery in Mt. Olive, Illinois. Mother Jones was a dressmaker, advocate for factory workers, coal miners and crusader to end child labor.

Presented by actor Loretta Williams, the Mother Jones Museum at Mt. Olive

The program is free and open to the public at the Blum House, 414 Main St., Collinsville, next to the Collinsville Library.

Refreshments will be served after the presentation.
Join us for a tour of the Collinsville Historical Museum exhibit of the Dress Factories after the presentation.

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