

Flax & Linen

2026 SYMPOSIUM

AUGUST 21-23, 2026

Where: National Museum of the American Coverlet in Bedford, PA

When: Friday August 21-Sunday August 23, 2026

Registration: will open in Spring 2026

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We're happy to announce that the **National Museum of the American Coverlet** will be hosting a 3-day symposium focused on flax and linen **NEXT YEAR** from Friday, August 21st through Sunday August 23rd, 2026.

The symposium will offer workshops, demonstrations and presentations with participation from flax & linen experts including Cassie Dickson, Andrea Myklebust, Cindy Conner, Brenda Bobb Page, Gina Gerhard, Ron Walters, Michelle Parrish, Justin Squizzero, and museum director Melinda Zongor.

- The symposium will start on Friday with a day of optional workshops, such as hands-on flax processing, dressing a distaff, coarse & fine linen spinning, tape loom weaving, natural dyeing, and textile identification.
- Saturday and Sunday will feature presentations and rotating hands-on sessions covering: preparing for planting, flax seed varieties, retting methods, sustainable fiber movements & hemp initiatives, expert linen weaving techniques and tips for success, and projects to use your handspun linen, flax papermaking, tape loom weaving, close-up look at various linen collections, and curated tours of the gallery.
- Evenings will feature Q&A with the experts, group spin-in, how to make flax tools, curated tour of special linen gallery exhibit, and an extensive marketplace offering tools, supplies, books and other items for sale.

More details about the program will be provided later this year and registration will be open in Spring 2026.

To be added to the symposium mailing list or for questions, please email flaxandlinen2026@gmail.com.

