



The American Mural Project & Whiting Mills Artist Studios & Shops Sunday, September 20, 2026

9:00 am – Meet and board the bus at the South Lot of the Naismith Hall of Fame.

9:10 am sharp – Depart for pick up location at the Longmeadow Adult Center, 211 Maple Rd., Longmeadow.

9:20 am – Meet and board the bus at the Longmeadow Adult Center.

9:30 am – Depart for Winsted, CT.

10:30 am – Our day begins at Whiting Mills, a vibrant hub of creativity and community located next door to the American Mural Project (AMP). This historic mill complex has been thoughtfully transformed into a dynamic destination for artists, makers, and small businesses. Enjoy a self-guided tour of working studios and distinctive retail shops featuring handmade goods. With more than 50 tenants—including artists, photographers, and craftspeople—Whiting Mills offers a fascinating glimpse into a thriving creative community, along with plenty of opportunities for a little “retail therapy.”

12:15 pm – We’ll gather at a designated location for a boxed lunch before heading next door to AMP. Founded in 2001, the American Mural Project is a nonprofit dedicated to honoring the dignity of work while inspiring young people to dream big. At its center is an extraordinary achievement: the largest indoor collaborative artwork in the world—a breathtaking three-dimensional mural stretching 120 feet in length and rising five stories high. During a 90-minute docent-led tour, we’ll experience the mural through engaging stories about the artwork and insights into the creative process behind its creation.

The vision for AMP began in 1999 with artist Ellen Griesedieck, inspired by the immense scale of Boeing’s 747 fabrication plant during a visit connected to her series celebrating American workers. As her idea evolved, so did her mission—not only to depict the spirit of work, but to actively involve others, especially young people, in bringing the mural to life.

This remarkable tribute captures a century of American history through the lens of its workers—from heart surgeons to steelworkers, farmers to athletes, and assembly-line workers to aerospace innovators. Through partnerships with organizations such as NASA, Boeing, Habitat for Humanity, and HealthCorps, AMP has engaged more than 15,000 students and adults nationwide in hands-on artistic collaboration.

3 pm – Depart for return with estimated arrival by 4-4:30 pm. Bottled water is provided on the return.

Cost: \$76, Members; \$89, nonmembers; With lunch add: \$15; includes guided tours, admissions, boxed lunch option, bus travel and driver gratuity. *Boxed lunch includes sandwich, beverage, chips, side salad and a cookie.*



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