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Chapter Meeting at Springfield Mill
Morris Arboretum, UPenn
100 Northwestern Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19118

At the invitation of Bob Anderson, members of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter met at the Morris Arboretum on Saturday, August 19th. Refreshments and the business meeting were held at the former stable and carriage house of the estate, now the Visitor Center.

This was followed by a Powerpoint presentation in the Center's meeting room by Ron Bane of CINTEC America, Inc. This UK-based firm has a patented anchoring system used to stabilize structures; from walls to chimneys and even

(The before and after shots of the mill above were "liberated" from clip art on the web & not identified.)

Meeting (cont'd) Name that object

facades and decorative elements. In addition to passing around samples of their product, Ron showed examples of its application including multi-story Chapman's Mill, Manassas, Virginia.

After a lunch break, kindly provided by the Arboretum, participants toured the restored pump house, styled as a mill and then moved across the road to the mill proper. The staff is in the process of developing plans to restore Springfield Mill and to assist with inventorying the interior, SPOOM members were provided with tags and asked to identify the various components. An arboretum T-shirt was the prize for the person labeling the most elements. As a finale, participants were welcome to stay and tour the grounds and gardens.



CINTEC rep Ron Bane



Springfield Mill



Pump House



Name that object

(Photos this page, & Bus. Mtg. next pg., are courtesy of Steve Spring; others are from Susan Langley)



Visitor Center



Mill Interior



Date stone



Mill Interior

Business Meeting



Upcoming Events

Sept. 30 11 am - 7 pm – The 1st Maryland Microbrewery Festival at Union Mills, and actually does have a mill-related side to it. Larry Hitchcock, a Home Brewer, is going to have Ivan grind some grain on the day of the festival, and then they will demonstrate how to use the product for brewing. There will be tastings of the various microbrews (8 brewers will be there), music and entertainment, plus food and craft vendors. The tickets are \$18 for those who wish to sample the beer, and \$12 for the non- drinkers! It should be a terrific day, and we will keep our fingers crossed. The Union Mills Homestead is located at 3311 Littlestown Pike, Westminster, MD 21158.

Oct. 20 - 22 Pancake Breakfasts at the Burnt Cabins Grist Mill. Burnt Cabins Grist Mill is located at 131 W. Market St., Burnt Cabins, PA 17215. This is part of the Fulton Co. Fall Folk Festival. For times and additional information: info@historicmillandcamping.com.

Nov. 3-4 Second Annual Tide Mill Conference at the Dorchester Historical Society (near Boston), MA. Contact Bud Warren: bwarren@gwi.net.

Nov. 11 8:30 am-4:30 pm The Fairfax County Park Authority will host Preserving and Documenting Our History, a conference on historic preservation. There will be one session on the preservation of historic mills. The meeting is open to the public at the Visitor Center at Frying Pan Park, 2739 West Ox Road, Herndon, VA 20171. Admission: \$25.00, Breakfast & Lunch included. Register by October 15, 2006 with Michael Rierson, FCPA 12055 Government Center Pkwy, Suite 936 Fairfax, VA 22035-1118

Mar. 3 The Colvin Run Mill and the Friends of Colvin Run Mill will host the next meeting of the SPOOM Mid-Atlantic Chapter. The meeting will be held at Colvin Run Mill. 10017 Colvin Run Road. Great Falls. VA 22066.



A 'WHEEL' DISCOVERY IN PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA



An interesting article was published in the recent issue of the Virginia Historical Society Note Magazine about the discovery of an unknown mill site. During December of the year 2003, Danny Ricketts and his son Bobby discovered a large timber located in the muddy east bank of Sandy Creek in Pittsylvania County Virginia.

Being curious they began digging around the timber and much to their surprise they uncovered fragments of a water wheel. The wheel, when completely excavated, was sixteen feet wide and eight feet in diameter---a very large and impressive wheel.

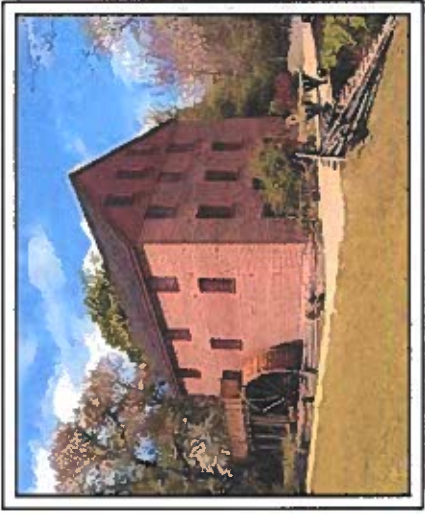
They began to do some research on mills in this area. They learned that in 1792 Major William Beavers, a Revolutionary war veteran, had built a mill on the site where the water wheel was discovered. When the mill burned in 1812, the water wheel probably fell into the creek and settled into the clay bed of the creek. The wheel, being encased in clay, was preserved for over one hundred and ninety years.

The water wheel has been donated to the Virginia Historical Society. The wheel is part of the exhibit "Virginians at Work" that opened July 22nd of this year. The exhibit is located in the society's new wing and illustrates the early American efforts at mechanization and the use of water power. If you happen to be in this area, plan to visit this new exhibit. The Virginia Historical Society is located at 428 North Boulevard, Richmond, Virginia. --Bob Lundegard

Mill Passport for School Children

The "Passport" has been completed, coordinated with the eleven participating mills, and distributed to children who have visited Colvin Run Mill. A "flyer" advertising the passport program has been prepared. A copy is attached. The purpose of the passport is to introduce regional mills to our students through a brochure that identifies these mills and offers a prize to children who visit several of these mills during the school year. The Friends of Colvin Run Mill mission emphasizes the education of our children. Our focus is the history of our community and the role of milling in the life of the community. The Passport has been prepared in coordination with the eleven participating mills. These mills are in northern Virginia and eastern Maryland. One mill is a windmill, the Spocott mill on the Maryland eastern shore. The Passport will be distributed to schools and is available at the Colvin Run Mill Historic Site general store. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to stop by the store and pick up a Passport and participate in the program during your family travels in the region. Help us make this a successful program.

-Bob Lundegard



Colvin Run Mill